

PRESENT: Elise Rudland, Vice Chair
Al Jenkins
Jim Smith
Barry Smith
Tony Greenfield
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Len Pakulak, SCPI Chair
Claudia Ferris, SCPI Director
Rob Corlett, SCPI Director
Kevin Davie, SCPI Operations Manager
Brian Smart, Professional Forester
Gary Nohr, SCR D Director, Halfmoon Bay
Public x 3

1. Call to Order
Vice Chair Rudland called the meeting to order at 7.05 pm and announced the regrets of Chairman Hind.

2. Minutes
Jim Smith requested an amendment to the circulated draft minutes citing omissions of conversations regarding the reporting of incidents to the SCPI Board.

Amendment to Page 3 of 5, Item 5 Cut-Block EW-007A, second paragraph will include the statement “*Terry Hind did not report any incidents to the Board or to Operations.*”

MOVED by Tony Greenfield, SECONDED by Al Jenkins
THAT “The minutes of the July 15, 2008 Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting be approved as amended.”

CARRIED
Al Jenkins ABSTAINED

3. Operations Plan
Kevin Davie stated there had been no operational activities in the last month and he was in the planning function for the Operating Plan. Servicing of local industries included:

- Howe Sound Pulp & Paper received two loads
- Sunshine Coast Forest Products received one load and has indicated that he may purchase another ten loads
- West Coast Log Homes will require more cedar in October.

The updated Operational Plan, which included input from the community, will be presented to CFAC as a workshop meeting on September 9, 2008.

Q: No operations at the moment? When I was on the Highland Ridge, I saw a jet ranger and large helicopters with slings, any connection to East Gray Creek?

A: No. Hans Penner complained to the SCR D about SCPI logging in Gray Creek. SCPI’s well documented policy states no logging in the Gray and Chapman Creek watersheds until the end of the probationary period.

Gary Nohr confirmed there had been a forest fire and the crews were pulled out today.

Kevin requested direction from the CFAC about how to deal with misleading information going out into the community, e.g. logging trucks going past the elementary school. Kevin was already in consultation with the principal in West Sechelt both before and after hauling. This was reported in my monthly report during that time. Mr. Penner was contacting the SCRDC alleging we were heli-logging in East Grey creek rather than calling the Community Forest. Reference was also made to a statement in a newsletter that was incorrect.

Further comments included:

- Was this the responsibility of CFAC as it was not in their Terms of Reference?
- CFAC seeks and listens to community information to pass onto the Board but has no mandate to respond to publicly inaccurate statements.
- Nothing to hide and the public process should be transparent
- Public should be getting more information
- If something is incorrect then correct it and keep the record straight
- Agree with transparency
- CFAC has responsibility to balance truth with credibility

Chair Rudland confirmed Kevin had received sufficient direction on this topic.

Kevin reference a letter from the Sunshine Coast Regional District requesting the attendance of the Community Forest at a SCRDC meeting. Len Pakulak reported there was no substance to the request and after listing six points, SCPI declined the invitation to attend the meeting.

Brian Smart offered two verbal reports on the recent walkabouts:

July 27, 2008, Trout Lake

- Identified a number of stands that were spaced sometime ago
- Different values present, good values
- Selected harvesting within the Trout Lake watershed
- Extended rotation management
- Beaver pond into Wakefield Creek
- New biking trail, named Easy Street
- Low value stands with poor form and species
- Mushrooms and riparian areas identified
- Good discussions
- Poorly attended.

August 10, 2008, Wilson Creek

- Stands in the Wilson Creek area were of various shapes and forms
- Stands within Wilson Creek watershed
- Stand of single selection for cedar
- Wetland walk
- Sitka spruce, under represented species
- Area where paintball games had left a mess
- Negative impact from unregulated recreation
- No liability issues, just litter and it looked horrible

- Dumping on old equestrian trail
- Operation of the paintball business on Crown Lands
- Very educational and worthwhile walkabout.

4. Wormy Lake

Elise Rudland showed two slides which demonstrated the recent messy activities and cut tree stump at Wormy Lake.

There was a brief discussion about the availability to access grants for this type of clean up, blocking off access for vehicular traffic and discussions with the SCR D about dumping and garbage on the trails outside the Community Forest areas.

ACTION:

(a) Kevin agreed to clean up the area around Wormy Lake immediately.

5. Yellow Cedar Harvesting

Al Jenkins offered a PowerPoint presentation on what was going on up in the East Gray Creek area. His slide headings included:

- Viewpoint above Porpoise Bay
- Community Forest boundaries overall
- Recognized East Gray Creek Headwaters
- Watershed vs Watershed Reserves*
- What's special about yellow cedar?
- Value Added
- GPS track into upper area
- East Gray Creek Headwaters
- Pooling water provides for life
- Pooling water at ponds
- Old growth represented by dark green
- Old growth forest at 1,000 metres
- Bridge removed
- Rock work to prevent slope slippage
- Riparian strip between cuts
- Evolution is slow when winter lasts eight months
- Age class eight-nine forest
- Upper elevation
- Typical mix
- Log piles at activated culverts
- Openings allow soils to dry
- Regeneration is slow
- Next harvest in 500 years
- Fragile wetlands
- 7 km from here to cross over road
- Road beds
- Ditches to culverts
- Submission from John Defoe
- It's up to you.

* Gary Nohr stated that legislative changes in 2002 changed the permitted use within the watershed reserves.

Brian Smart confirmed the lake areas were not areas for CF operations and this would be shown clearly in the updated Operations Plan.

ACTION:

(b) Al Jenkins will circulate a copy of the slide containing the John Defoe statement to all CFAC and SCPI members.

6. Background Report on EW007A

Kevin reported that Warren was getting to this request and that it would be presented to CFAC before it was posted on the website.

7. Meeting Protocol

Barry Smith requested that CFAC follow the Roberts Rules of Order for their meetings. Chair Rudland reminded the committee that there would be an election of a new Chair at the next meeting and that if Roberts Rules of Order were adopted the meetings would be more structured.

MOVED by Barry Smith, SECONDED by Jim Smith

THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee alters its Terms of Reference to reflect that it will follow the Roberts Rule of Order for its meetings."

Comments included:

- Will stop the rambling and unfocussed discussions
- It won't solve those discussions
- Chair does not have the authority at the moment
- Chair runs the meeting as they see fit
- Roberts Rules follows some structure
- Different way of running a meeting.

Barry Smith decided to withdraw his motion and announced he would make a presentation at the next meeting.

Chair Rudland TABLED the motion until the next meeting.

8. Public Allegations

Jim Smith referenced threats uttered at a CFAC meeting, stating liability and credibility issues and the need to stop dealing with individuals who are not speaking the whole truth.

9. Recreation Plan

Tony Greenfield presented an overview of the first meeting concerning the Recreation Plan for the Community Forest. He circulated a document which outlined the recreational user groups in the Community Forest:

Non-Motorized

- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Cross country skiing/snowboarding
- Camping
- Equestrian

- Kayaks, canoes
- Nature Study

Motorized

- Motorcycles
- ATV
- 4x4
- Snowmobiles
- Power Boating

Other

- Hunting
- Fishing

Further comments included:

- Formation of a Community Forest recreation inventory database and user groups
- Discuss areas of interest with organized groups, including contact names
- Lack of a map detailing the basic trails
- Current maps do not identify the names of these trails
- Add this information to the website for reference
- Mapping company and consultant on the coast could provide final maps
- Consensus to pull together to develop this resource
- Create standardization for trails and signage like the Whistler trails.

Brian Smart questioned whether a CF trails map would undermine the local businesses that are already producing a recreational and hiking map. He also cautioned the electronic size of such a map. It was suggested that it could be divided into the three areas of the Community Forest and available in a pdf format for individual printing purposes.

Len Pakulak encouraged CFAC to take the initiative to map these trails and campsites offering to consider some financial support to assist the process.

Further comments included:

- Many trails beyond the Community Forest boundaries
- What are the SCR D interests in mapping these areas?
- What about the Section 55 requests?

Clarification was received on the Section 55 designation which sets up the level of trail classification, liability and maintenance issues. Two Section 55 trails were identified within the Community Forest boundaries, the trail from the parking lot to the Big Tree at Curston Lake and on the Hidden Grove trail.

Len Pakulak referenced a July 2, 2008 email to Terry Hind concerning the priorities for CFAC, noting that priority number three was to prepare a proposal for a recreational plan for the three areas within the Community Forest.

Elise Rudland reiterated the need for a map, followed by facilitated meetings in the fall with user groups and advertising in the newspapers. She stated the work would be completed internally by CFAC. Brian Smart agreed to provide four basic topographical maps that would allow CFAC members to begin the process of identifying and writing down the names of the trails before it went to a consultant for final production.

ACTIONS:

- (c) **Gary Nohr will follow-up again with the SCRД about their trail maps.**
- (d) **Brian Smart will provide four copies of a topographical map.**

10. Value Added
Item tabled until next meeting.

11. New Business

11.1. Newspaper Articles
Len Pakulak expressed his disappointment at the recent newspaper articles concerning the Community Forest. Chair Rudland announced this matter was between SCPI and certain individuals and not a matter for discussion at the CFAC meeting.

11.2. Gray Creek Watershed Reserves
This matter was raised again by a member of the public, Hans Penner who stated he had a letter from the government confirming the existence of the watershed reserves and that the area was covered by a moratorium. John Bebbington also referred to an active government database which detailed these watershed reserves.

Gary Nohr reiterated his understanding that legislative changes had occurred in 2002 that had altered the permitted use within the Watershed Reserves. Rob Corlett requested confirmation that Mr. Penner was willing to provide a copy of his letter to CFAC and SCPI.

ACTION:

- (e) **Hans Penner will forward a copy of the letter referring to watershed reserves to SCPI and CFAC.**

12. Next Meeting
The next regular CFAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7 pm in the Sechelt Community Meeting Room.

13. Adjournment
The regular CFAC meeting adjourned at 8.50 pm.

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Elise Rudland, Vice Chair

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CFAC Member

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