

Minutes of the CFAC meeting held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Community Meeting Room, District of Sechelt Building, Sechelt, BC

PRESENT: Tony Greenfield
Barry Smith
Jacquie Cunliffe, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Terry Hind
Jim Smith

STAFF: Kevin Davie, Operations Manager
Brian Smart, Professional Forester

GUESTS: Elise Rudland, SCPI Director
Len Pakulak, SCPI Director
John Allen, Eng.

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Discussion:

Due to the absence of a quorum, it was agreed that the members would continue with the CFAC meeting as scheduled and any actions required by the members will be ratified by a later meeting at which a quorum is present.

1. Call to Order

Tony Greenfield, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

2. Agenda

The Circulated agenda was amended to included:

Item 3.2 - Report by Elise Rudland, Chair of the Halfmoon Bay Citizens Association.

3. Delegations

3.1 Joel Bellerive, representative of the Sunshine Coast Snowseekers

- Joel provided a brief summary on the Sunshine Coast Snowseekers.
- Use Community Forest roads in Gray Creek quite a bit and hoping to use that area as an alternate to Dakota Ridge;
- They have made an application to put a cabin on Mount Crucil;
- Looking for input from CF regarding snow mobiling in Community Forest tenure area;
- This plan will extend the circuit throughTetrahedron Park up and around the cabin and down through the Crucil;

- Large cross ditches and pulled out bridges are the biggest problem; Have been putting pallettes into the cross ditches but they are looking for a better way to access the cross ditches;
- Looking for funding for signage; outhouses at parking lot and cabin;
- BCSF – Snow mobile federation; they are insured through the federation; all snow mobilers are required to have liability insurance;
- Joel presented some maps which outlined the areas the Snowseekers are referring to;

In summary, building the cabin is the main goal at this time. The size will be approximately 16 x 16 and is not intended for overnight use. It would be located inside the Community Forest boundary.

The Snowseekers are looking for support in principle from the Community Forest and First Nations.

Legally the Snowseekers would have to go through Ministry of Lands for the cabin for an SUP (Special Use Permit) and the Ministry would consult with the First Nations. An application has already been sent to Frank Ullman, Recreation Officer, South Coast Recreation District in the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts.

There are no impacts to the Community Forest as it is a multiple use forest.

Any work in creeks would have to be approved by DFO.

Tony Greenfield reported that the Recreation Committee has heard various reports from the Snowseekers and stated that the Community Forest Advisory Committee supports them.

3.2 Halfmoon Bay Citizens Association

Elise Rudland reported that the Association together with SCR D is erecting trail signage; 1/3 of the trail is through the Community Forest at the Big Tree recreation site that the SCR D is managing; The signs are now erected at Homesite Creek.

4. Minutes

The Minutes of September 15, 2009 will be ratified separately in a later vote when a quorum is present.

5. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for receipt.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Recreation

Elise Rudland reported that the Trail Strategy Report that was being prepared by Mark Schmidt of IMBA Canada has not yet been submitted. It was agreed that Tony Greenfield would contact Mark Schmidt directly to determine the status of the report. The data gathered at the Recreation Strategy Workshop will be submitted to the Community Forest.

8. SCPI Report – Timber Supply Report, Brian Smart

Brian Smart provided a verbal report on the status of the Timber Supply Analysis process and the guiding standard.

There is a possibility to partner with SCRD in a Lidar mapping project. This process is very accurate and will enable the Community Forest to better plan operations.

9. SCPI Management Report

Kevin Davie submitted a written report of December, 2009 and briefly reviewed the following topics:

- Engineering is progressing with the new cutting permit by the end of January, 2010;
- Most of the Community Forest selective logging in Fall, 2009 was for local sales;
- A spacing project was completed by Coastline Forest Management, a local company;
- The Community Forest Operating Guidelines update will commence in January with preparation to consult with CFAC and the public in February and March;
- Community Forest Licence replacement will be processed in 2010;
- The Community Forest is working with the Hidden Grove Group in planning to create a demonstration and interpretive forest and will be actively participating in excavation of the road area at the Hidden Grove approved parking lot.
- Walkabouts will be scheduled over the next two months highlighting post harvesting and new blocks.

9.1 Walkabout Summary

Brian Smart submitted a written summary of the walkabout held on November 22, 2009.

10. New Business

10.1 New Members

Tony Greenfield asked for everyone to recruit members for the Advisory Committee;

10.2 Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that CFAC meetings would now occur quarterly. A motion to be brought forward at a future date when a quorum is present.

10.3 Ministry of Forests and Range tree falling

Brian Smart reported and provided a brief background on the details of the tree falling within the CF boundary;

MoFR advised that they were dangerous trees that required an arborist and certified climber;

MoFR has no plans of falling any more dangerous trees in the near future and has committed to consult with the Community Forest in the future.

10.4 Watershed boundary signage

Currently there is no policy dealing with signage around the watershed boundary access point and no specific guidelines exist.

There is some merit in putting signs such as on the trail heads, etc.

Should only be erected if they are useful;

Community Forest could do a test sign at Crowston Lake at the Big Tree area.

10.5 Truss Plant

Possibility that an application for a development permit has been submitted for a truss plant;

Truss Plants use engineered wood so would probably not be much synergy with the Community Forest;

10.6 Sunshine Coast Natural History Society (SCNHS) Funding

Tony Greenfield spoke about the "Checklist of Birds of the Sunshine Coast", a 1997 publication of the SCNHS. Since 1997, 3000 copies of the Checklist have been distributed for free at various locations, including local tourism information centres, where it is a popular resource for both residents and visitors to the Sunshine Coast. SCNHS has updated the Checklist to the end of 2009 and is seeking a sponsor for printing the new edition.

SCNHS directors recently voted to offer the Community Forest first refusal on sponsoring the new edition as the Community Forest & SCNHS are both seen as caretakers of the local environment. (The 1997 edition was sponsored by the Shell Environmental Fund).

Len Pakulak, SCPI Director, suggested that SCNHS set out the request in writing to the Board of Directors for review.

11. Next Meeting

The next regular CFAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7 pm at the Community Forest office.

12. Adjournment

The regular Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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