

PRESENT: Terry Hind, Chair  
Elise Rudland  
Al Jenkins  
Burns Matkin  
Lanny Matkin  
Barry Smith

GUESTS: Len Pakulak, SCPI President  
Gary Nohr, SCRD Director, Halfmoon Bay  
Jamie Killackey, Silverculturalist  
Brian Smart, Professional Forester  
Kevin Davie, SCPI Operations Manager  
Jacquie Cunliffe, SCPI Administrative Assistant  
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary

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1. Call to Order  
Chairman Hind called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. Wormy Lake Recreation Plan

Al Jenkins identified the location of Wormy Lake on the Peninsula and proceeded to present a verbal report on the Wormy Lake Recreation Plan. His comments included:

- Mining rights around the Wormy Lake recreation corridor
- Recognized area of conservation, recreation and harvesting
- Major amendment to the Community Forest retention spaces
- Improved view scapes
- Improved road access is the largest concern as lakeshore road is useable
- Concerns regarding increased traffic and parties.

The CFAC has formulated some plans for Wormy Lake and these include:

- Blocking road
- Limiting access to walk or bike traffic
- Creating a parking lot at the top of the hill with approximately 600 metres to campsites
- Go slow, monitor and adjust the plan as necessary
- Create six primitive camp sites for backpacking tents
- Maintain minimum development
- Consideration of a pit toilet, possibly handicapped accessible, although maintenance may be an issue
- Link trails for walking purposes with interpretative sites in logged areas in order to appreciate the varied flora and fauna
- Boat access possible at the north end of the lake
- Consider moving parking lot to a second location identified near Landing #1
- Area offers quality back country camping.

Q: Why does Rudy want people to stay out?

A: Concerns about mining issues in his area, wants to keep the place clean and safe so tents and toilets are a red flag.

Q: Is there an obstacle with a SCPI contract with the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts?

A: Toilet would require a permit. Frank Ullman, Recreation Officer for Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Arts, is knowledgeable about developing recreation sites and he is cooperative and would provide guidance, once SCPI has approved the plan.

Q: Does the toilet have to be wheelchair accessible?

A: Requires that building be square with the door opening outwards, no big deal and we need to explore all possibilities.

Q: Do we have an idea of costs?

A: A toilet would be around \$5,000 and we would need to consider signs, gate and gravel.

Q: Can we put a gate on a forest road?

A: Not a forest road, it is a mining road. The area has never been gated; although one was installed on Mason Road, it is now left open.

Q: The Sechelt Indian Band has some requests?

A: They requested that the area be kept open and accessible, wanted wharf upgraded.

Q: More than now?

A: Whatever goes in there will be better than it is now. The plan will have to go back to the Band.

Q: Is SCPI willing to sign on with the Ministry to help split the liability issue? Does SCPI want this to be a recreation site?

A: This is a multi-step package to SCPI; paths are easy, good options, small infrastructure changes. An agreement with the Crown will take on some of the liability. Need to get logistics on paper so it can be taken to the Board.

Four items were identified for the Wormy Lake Recreation Plan:

1. Limit use
2. Block access
3. Simple campsites
4. Build toilet.

Further comments included:

- CFAC to make a motion for the Board
- Paths would meet provincial standards
- Surface drainage issues would need to be addressed
- Trail leading to other campsite at the north end of the lake as the whole lake has value
- Fire access must be maintained
- Mine site heavily used so if recreation site open, people will use it
- Could move in large rocks to restrict vehicle access
- Mine road needs filling at the top of Mason Road.

Al Jenkins proceeded with his PowerPoint Presentation and the slides showed:

- Wetlands provide diverse aquatic habitat and bird sanctuary
- Beaver Lodge
- Views to the east and Mt. Richardson
- Other campsite which is outside the Community Forest
- Vehicle access to campsite at the north end of the lake
- North end boat access
- Existing float south site
- Bird nesting sites
- Previous 4x4 access
- Excellent bird watching
- Good forest mix
- Good riparian buffers
- Bog area
- Possible biking/hiking trails, boardwalk would be an expensive option
- Endless opportunities
- Campsites would get used by larger mountain bike groups.

Q: When does the road get deactivated?

A: Area needs to be replanted, designated for full deactivation, six foot for trail with cross ditches and culverts.

Q: How would you make it into a trail?

A: Will check into it.

Q: Chipping cheaper than gravel for the trails?

A: Concerns regarding fire hazard. Cedar chips smolder and drain well, however, chips can turn to mush so needs to be well drained.

Other comments included:

- Wildlife tree saved
- Old growth in area
- Mineral rights require consideration
- Road to Wormy Lake not private
- Built to provide access not built to logging standards
- Rudy not the owner
- Sechelt Indian Band involved
- Back country recreational sites are usually user maintained
- Reference made to Terminal Forest Products Stewardship Plan.

Plan and Concerns:

- Improving access can be good and bad
- Place rocks as a minimum measure
- Don't install a gate until needed
- Protecting ecological and recreational values
- Augment recreational use with six primitive campsites
- Monitor use
- Adjust to suit the need
- The more mainstream and inclusive the site, the more it will encourage good use
- Willingness of SCPI to undertake a meeting with the Ministry.

Kevin Davie requested a motion from the Committee, along with a well thought out report and recommendations, including all the items necessary for a good recreational site, taking into account silviculture requirements and fire access. Include all options, including design and costs, as they may need to be phased in as funds become available.

### 3. Operational Report

Kevin Davie provided a verbal report on current activities which included:

- Snow and ice has created hauling delays
- Ministry of Forest inspections provide good oversight
- 2<sup>nd</sup> block spacing is underway
- 3<sup>rd</sup> block ready and sent to SIB and SCR D for comments
- Planting tender will be issued next week
- Tours are available to view the current logging
- UBC & BCIT Grads in the forests last week
- Environmental Management System under review
- Safety Program under review
- Analysis of Inventory Mapping will be undertaken after receiving data
- BC Community Forest AGM, May 30 – June 1, 2008; looking for volunteers as there is a lot of interest and participation, expecting 120 – 150 guests. For the Spousal Program, Elise offered to provide a garden tour and Gary offered to assist with the golf tournament. Possible pine beetle presentation. Wood Expo with demonstrations, booths
- SCR D Watershed Meeting on February 21, 2008 at 10 am.

Kevin Davie explained SCPI was looking at:

- New blocks
- Assessment and values of high altitude timber
- Survey of cypress so they will see if it is solid, mark and tag as appropriate
- Single stemming and selective logging
- Anticipating 15,000, subject to approval, starting in September
- Local customers' needs and volumes, i.e. George Blast and West Coast Log Homes.

Q: Is Spani's gravel pit intending to expand?

A: Yes and apparently he may be applying for a permit.

Other comments included:

- Cut needs to be acceptable to community; CFAC has looked at most
- Identify patches to be retained, i.e. cedar and fir
- Rest is mature timber, 120 years old.

### Operational Plan

Kevin explained the Operational Plan was a living document and an ongoing process as SCPI assess what they did well and what we can improve upon. He reviewed the activities at Trout Lake, including windfall, retention zones and single tree retentions.

Q: How is Kevin going to get the information?

A: Through CFAC and workshops where he will receive input and make assessments on it.

Kevin continued with explanations about adjacency, cost development, sales, balancing timber profiles, policy issues and engineering. The draft plan will require input and suggestions from the CFAC before it goes to the Board and then to the public. Kevin also commented on the guidelines incorporated into the plan, i.e. ten metre buffer on streams, retentions on roads, deactivations and cross ditching.

It was also noted that firewood piles would be available again at Trout Lake and that several loads of firewood would be delivered to the Scouts and Sechelt Indian Band.

Further CFAC comments on the Operational Plan included:

- Concerns about the high country logging and potential damage to wetland covers
- Small draws or patches considered as well as single tree removal
- Issues with reforestation and clear cutting
- Going to look to see what is the value of the timber in the high country and the long term impact, maybe less than 5% of the stands
- It takes 20 years to reforest these areas and SCPI has to consider those timelines
- Selected helicopter logging may be a consideration for the high value stands.

Kevin requested comments from the CFAC on the document entitled “Draft Operational Plan, August 2006” after it has been read and discussed. There was a brief conversation around how this process might work with specific workshop, meetings or sub-committee level discussions. Kevin advised that Brian Smart would work with CFAC to review the 2006 Operational Plan and receive their comments and concerns.

4. Walkabout

The next walkabout was scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 9 am, meeting at the Daily Roast. It was requested that this information be posted on the “community message board” page of the website once the page is available.

5. New Business

5.1. Forest Fertilization

Jamie Killackey announced that he would be meeting with the Project Coordinators from the Ministry this week to discuss the aerial fertilization of specific stands in the Community Forest. There was no cost involved and it would be on stands in the 25-50 year age range. The product is a urea fertilizer designated as 49-0-0, an organic base, all nitrogen.

Q: Is it harmful to humans?

A: There is poor public relations going on regarding the fertilizing and the issues have been identified but there is nothing to hide.

Q: Is the fertilizing done by helicopters?

A: Yes.

- Q: What are the requirements around the watershed?  
A: Buffers will be established and the public will be requested to keep out of those areas being sprayed.
- Q: What are the downsides?  
A: Don't see any.
- Q: How often do you need to fertilizer these areas?  
A: Narrow windows of opportunity to fertilizer, usually three times over a sixty year period.

5.2. Local Buyers

There was a brief discussion concerning the challenges of dealing with several local businesses that want timber supplies but will not complete the sale for whatever reason. Kevin explained the current process of supplying West Coast Log Homes first then inventory goes to the broker for handling ensuring the community does have first access to the timber.

5.3. Office Records

Elise Rudland requested that the Dan Bauman report and the Hidden Grove historical document be given to the SCPI office for filing and safe storage as CFAC documents.

5.4. Motion on Tetrahedron

Elise Rudland requested clarification on the response from SCPI requesting that SCPI forward the CFAC motion to the District of Sechelt to support, when appropriate, the enhancement and maintenance of Gray Creek Road to the Tetrahedron. Kevin agreed to double check this information.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9.25 pm.

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Terry Hind, Chairman

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