

Minutes of the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Meeting
Community Meeting Room, Sechelt, February 17, 2009

PRESENT: Elise Rudland, Chair
Al Jenkins
Barry Smith
Terry Hind
Burns Matkin
Lanny Matkin
Rob Corlett
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Kevin Davie
Tony Greenfield
Tom Dolker
Jim Smith

STAFF: Brian Smart, Professional Forester
Warren Hansen, Operational Forester

GUEST: Garry Nohr, Sunshine Coast Regional District

PUBLIC: One

1. Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Agenda
MOVED by Barry Smith, SECONDED by Al Jenkins
THAT "The CFAC agenda be approved as circulated."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. Delegations
There were no delegations.
4. Minutes
The minutes were amended with a name correction on page 4, "Larry" to "Lanny".
MOVED by Barry Smith, SECONDED by Rob Corlett
THAT "The January 20, 2009 Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting minutes be accepted as amended."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
5. Business Arising
There was no business arising from the minutes.
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1. SCPI Consultation, Roles and Responsibilities
MOVED by Rob Corlett, SECONDED by Burns Matkin
THAT "The February 10, 2009 brief entitled Operational Management Procedures and Consultation be tabled until CFAC receives confirmation that the SCPI Board approves and supports the content of the document."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2. SCPI Minutes, January 8, 2009

The SCPI Board Minutes were received for information only. Elise Rudland clarified the interpretation of a statement in item 9.1 2) and reported the SCPI board is now at full strength.

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Recreation

Al Jenkins reported that despite the heavy snowfall, most of the trails had GPS measurements. There was a discussion about trail inventory and strategies for use, signage, conflict management and the Federal funding available for the forestry sector. It was noted that a trail specialist at Capilano University had offered to facilitate the process.

MOVED by Rob Corlett, SECONDED by Burns Matkin

THAT "SCPI, in partnership with local industries, access senior government funds to provide employment for forestry works in clearing up the slum areas of the Community Forest."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was a discussion about Jason's Silverstone's next Recreational Map and a request from the Recreation Committee that the boundaries of the Sechelt Community Forest be included on the map. Brian saw no reason why this should not occur.

Further discussion centered on recreation in Hidden Grove, including trails, interpretation and educational opportunities.

7.2. Value Added

Lanny Matkin reported the proposed Value Added Forum would connect wood users with sawmill and overseas markets, although there were concerns about how small local industries could compete with the larger off shore companies. Michael MacLaughlin will be the consultant on this project. The next Value Added meeting will include all the members and they will provide further information for review by CFAC.

Brian Smart announced that during his recent forest inventory walks, he noted the availability of lodgepole pines that may be of use to local industries such as cabinet-makers.

MOVED by Burns Matkin, SECONDED by Rob Corlett

THAT "SCPI advertise the availability of lodgepole pine and other specialty woods to the local markets."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SCPI Report

Elise Rudland reported that the SCPI Board had attended a policy workshop where they developed global policy statements on education, old growth, recreation and the watershed.

9. SCPI Management Report

9.1. Operation Manager's Report

The January 2009 CFAC report was received.

9.2. Walkabout Notes WS065

These notes reflect the Thursday, January 29, 2009 walkabout to the Trout Lake area and blocks WS065, WS065A and WS064. Further comments included:

- Ditching will help with runoff on steep sections of the trail
- CF markets are local, provincial, Canadian and then export
- Cut block fast tracked because of potential oversea market
- What would be the value to CF if harvested in two or three years
- Still don't have the timber analysis
- In the five year plan, support cutting block now
- Educational opportunity as site is on the boundary of the watershed
- No information and always catching up with what is happening in the field
- Markets changing daily
- WS065A added and amended into cutting permit
- Gone through due diligence.

Warren Hansen provided a brief snapshot of the planning process, which included engineering, site plans, cutting permits and the ability to respond to markets. At one time, operational plans were available to the public but now due to new regulations, companies are keeping their plans internally.

9.3. Walkabout Notes AN008/AN009

These notes reflect the Tuesday, January 13, 2009 walkabout to Hidden Grove and blocks AN008 and AN009. Further comments included:

- Block AN008 is marginal with a good growing site
- Design incomplete on this site
- Include recreational values
- Could be a strong interpretative cut
- Waiting for geotechnical survey around the creek
- What about the markings on the trees?
- Clean up needed, retain veterans
- Root rot could not spread to Hidden Grove
- Need interpretative signage on trails to explain the symbols
- Stay away from Hidden Grove entrances.

MOVED by Burns Matkin, SECONDED by Rob Corlett
THAT "SCPI place appropriate interpretative signage at all their sites to educate the public using the trails."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. New Business

10.1. Next Walkabout

It was recommended that the next walkabout be later in the Spring when walking conditions have improved.

- 11. Next Meeting
The next regular CFAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7 pm in the Seaside Centre.**

- 12. Public Comments
Rupert Clark requested clarification on the tree markings, their size, definition of a 'slum' forest and the recreational values of feature trees.

- 13. Adjournment
The regular Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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Elise Rudland, Chair

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Date

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CFAC Member

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