

Minutes of the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Meeting  
Community Meeting Room, Sechelt, January 20, 2009

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PRESENT: Elise Rudland, Chair  
Al Jenkins  
Barry Smith  
Tom Dolker  
Burns Matkin  
Lanny Matkin  
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Tony Greenfield  
Terry Hind  
Jim Smith

GUESTS: Kevin Davie, SCPI Operations Manager  
Brian Smart, Professional Forester

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1. Call to Order  
The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Agenda  
Kevin Davie requested that the SCPI Operation Manager's Report be moved further up the agenda as he had to attend an Official Community Plan meeting at 7.30 pm.  
  
MOVED by Al Jenkins, SECONDED by Barry Smith  
THAT "The CFAC agenda be approved as amended."  

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. Delegations  
There were no delegations.
4. Minutes  
The December 16, 2008 Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting minutes were accepted as presented.
5. Business Arising
  - 5.1. CFAC Action List  
Each action on the list was reviewed and updated as necessary.
  - 5.2. CFAC Motions List  
The motions list was tabled until the next meeting as further work was required on the document.
6. SCPI Operation Manager's Report
  - 6.1. Staff Report – December 2008  
Kevin Davie reported on his activities for December 2008, noting this report did not include items for the first two weeks of January 2009.

Kevin discussed the following topics:

- Cut block AN007 and harvesting of hemlock
- Weigh scaling maintained at the 1:4 ratio
- Timber Supply Analysis
- Value Added Forum and consultant Michael McLaughlin
- Government Funding for trail building
- Current market conditions
- Stumpage costs
- Site plan being developed for old Equestrian Centre site (AN008)
- Requirements for local contractors.
- Multiple entry harvesting would begin on EW008B, Friday January 16 to supply local demand.

## 7. Correspondence

### 7.1. Hidden Grove News Release and Letter

Elise Rudland briefly reviewed the contents of the news release and the January 11, 2009 SCPI letter to Mr. Robert D'Arcy, Chairman of the Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee regarding the designation of Hidden Grove as a high value recreation area along the urban interface.

Further comments included:

- Pleased with the strong support and to have the area allocated
- Sets in stone the boundary of Hidden Grove
- Clears up the details
- Great opportunity for CFAC to work with Hidden Grove Committee on interpretative trails with signage, demonstration area and designated walking areas, similar to Cathedral Grove
- Further walkabouts needed in AN008, AN009 and AN010 to talk about alternatives.

Kevin Davie left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

### 7.2. Bill Ellis Resignation

The resignation of Bill Ellis was accepted by CFAC.

### 7.3. Rob Corlett Application

MOVED by Barry Smith, SECONDED by Tom Dolker  
THAT "Robert Corlett be accepted as a member of the Community Forest Advisory Committee."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Corlett was congratulated and invited to join the table for the rest of the meeting.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1. Recreation

Al Jenkins provided a brief summary of the meetings and documents being prepared, including GPS data of the forest trails. It is anticipated this information will be available in the early spring.

8.2. Value Added

Lanny Matkin reported he would attend the Value Added Forum meeting with Kevin and the consultant once the budget was established.

9. SCPI Operation Manager's Report

9.1. January 13, 2009 Pre-harvest walkabout

This item was tabled as the notes from this walkabout were not available, however, Kevin had agreed to circulate them to CFAC members on January 21, 2009. The public would have access to the walkabout notes via the website.

**ACTIONS**

- a) **Kevin agreed to circulate walkabout notes to CFAC by January 21**
- b) **Kevin agreed to post them on the website.**

9.2. Process for Block Approval

This item was also tabled as Kevin was not available.

Comments included:

- Need public information signage on the trails when blocks are being surveyed
- Cannot surprise the community with CF activities
- Post a site plan on the website for public information
- Other forest tenures post their site plans
- At what point should the public and user groups be notified?
- Be proactive to ensure transparency
- CFAC members need to know in advance, especially in red flag areas
- Keep information current on the website and in the newspapers
- There should be no barriers to getting information
- Use outreach techniques to obtain input from user groups
- Recommend that SCPI put potential cut blocks in the newspaper before the areas are worked
- Give the public the opportunity to know what is happening
- Use the Operations Plan and newspapers
- Find a balance between recreation and business needs.

MOVED by Rob Corlett, SECONDED by Al Jenkins

THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee be notified before any planned cut blocks;

AND THAT SCPI utilize the newspapers and website to let the public know about potential cut blocks before the block is laid out."

CARRIE UNANIMOUSLY

10. New Business

10.1. Newspaper Advertisements

Elise Rudland led a discussion about whether CFAC needed weekly newspaper advertisements.

Comments included:

- Cost and frequency
- Not using the advertisements to our advantage
- Walkabouts need to be announced.

MOVED by Lanny Matkin, SECONDED by Rob Corlett  
THAT "SCPI consider using the Classified and Announcement sections of the local newspapers, on an 'as needed' basis, to provide information on Community Forest activities."

10.2. Next Walkabout

Brian reviewed some possible options but a date and location was not decided. There was a brief discussion about the mistletoe and root rot infestations in the various stands and the need to educate the public why these areas should be cleaned up. Brian reported these infestations were not enough to warrant intervention at the moment.

11. Next Meeting

The next regular CFAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7 pm** in the Sechelt Community Meeting Room.

12. Public Comments

There was one comment about fire and liability issues in the Hidden Grove area and it was reported that a fire would be managed the same way it would be managed in the remaining CF chart area (the Tetrahedron is managed by BC Parks).

13. Adjournment

The regular Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm.

All staff and public left the meeting room as an In-Camera Meeting followed the adjournment of the regular meeting.

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Elise Rudland, Chair

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CFAC Member

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