

PRESENT: Tony Greenfield, Chair
Terry Hind
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Barry Smith
Jim Smith

STAFF: Kevin Davie, Operations Manager
Warren Hansen, Professional Forester

GUESTS: Elise Rudland, SCPI Director
Brad Proctor, Sunshine Coast Trails Society
Bob Anstead, Sunshine Coast Salmon Enhancement Society

1. Call to Order
Tony Greenfield, Chair called the meeting to order at 7.05 pm noting the lack of a quorum. It was decided to proceed with the meeting and present any items for ratification at a later time when a quorum was established.
2. Agenda
The agenda was amended and approved with the:
 - Addition of Bob Anstead as a delegation
 - Removal of SCPI Report.
3. Delegations
 - 3.1. Brad Proctor, West Sechelt Trails
Mr. Proctor offered a Power Point presentation outlining the route of Day Four of the BC Bike Race through the Community Forest on July 1, 2010. He also discussed other Sunshine Coast trails and the requirements for a Section 57 designation.

The Sunshine Coast Trails Society requested a letter of support from the Community Forest on their Section 57 application. Mr. Proctor was asked to send a copy of their application to Kevin Davie for information.

There was further discussion about trail maintenance, brush clearing, thinning, changing landscapes, beaver habitats and interpretative signage.
 - 3.2. Bob Anstead, Recreational Fisherman
Mr. Anstead reported on his recent challenges to access Crowston Lake for trout restocking. He was advised about an alternative access route for future vehicle use.

There was further discussion around the increased usage of the local lakes for recreational fishermen and the subsequent strains on the infrastructure, plus competition from other user groups. The opening up of other lakes within the watershed was discouraged by Parks and the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

The four lakes stocked by the B.C. Salmon Enhancement Society are Hotel, Trout, Crowston and Waugh Lake. Mr. Anstead noted that Carlson Lake was well stocked with fish and so was Wormy Lake, which is fished in the early Spring and late Fall.

There was also a suggestion that as these lakes are receiving higher recreational usage, it might be time to consider a part-time maintenance position, possibly a summer student position. Kevin reviewed the areas that needed immediate work, noting that a plan for signage and further work should be developed.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the September 15, 2009 and December 15, 2009 CFAC meetings will be ratified at a future date when a quorum is present.

5. Business Arising

The two motions from previous meetings, i.e. support for the Snowseekers and quarterly CFAC meetings will be tabled until a quorum is present.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for receipt.

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Recreation Sub-Committee

Tony reported that with the changing mandate of CFAC, this committee is now focused more on recreation and value-added industries. With that in mind, it was suggested that a recreation working group be formed to address the issues of trails, maintenance and the demonstration/interpretive forest within the Community Forest chart area.

There was further discussion about:

- Plans for the areas outside of Hidden Grove
- Revisions to the Community Forest Operations Plan
- Development of the demonstration/Interpretive forest
- Integration of data and mapping into a recreational plan
- Prioritization of trails
- Possible conflicts between different trail users
- Recreational walkabouts within the chart area.

Brad Proctor and Bob Anstead agreed to participate in this recreational working group, providing it had an end date, i.e. August 2010. Other participants may include Al Jenkins, Joel Bellerive as well as other user groups and a representative from the Hidden Grove steering committee.

Warren Hansen discussed the need for management strategies and identifying values for the high value recreational areas, including a vision of what is important, sensitive areas and Section 57 details. He also recommended following the provincial guidelines to create the recreational plan, which in turn may assist with funding applications.

It was agreed that Elise Rudland and Tony Greenfield would discuss the objectives of this recreational working group further in order to create a recreational plan that could be presented to the SCPI Board.

8. Management Report

Kevin Davie presented a verbal report on the activities over the winter months, which included:

- Logging of 21,000 cubic meters
- 25% of that total for local markets
- Home industry is very slow
- Brian was working on the amendments to the Community Forest Operational Plan, which should be completed by June 2010
- Rebuilding and archiving of the CF website is almost fifty percent completed
- Preparations underway for the April 8, 2010 AGM, including an annual report and financial statements
- Grading of BC Timber Sales roads
- Road crews active in Wilson Creek and West Sechelt
- Roll over to new CF license will occur on December 31, 2010
- Problems with value-added indentified and now building towards an action plan
- Business is here on the coast, i.e. new truss plant
- Update on timber sales analysis
- Niche markets for old growth trees
- Assessments of blow down areas
- Douglas Fir bark beetle infestations
- Water temperature studies on Houston Creek
- Hydrological survey on the Chapman Creek boundaries
- Engineering study on the stability of East Wilson Creek areas
- Exploring opportunities for high value trees and a balance with community values.

There was further discussion on:

- Proposed cut blocks on the Dakota Road and opportunities for trails
- Transplanting the cuttings from the Rhododendron Grove to other sites within the Community Forest, i.e. Hidden Grove area
- Bow hunting for elk.

9. New Business

9.1. New Members

It was suggested that advertising for new CFAC members should be considered.

9.2. Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that quarterly meetings were sufficient for the moment. The Chair will call a meeting if an issue arises.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular CFAC meeting will be in June 2010.

11. Adjournment
The regular Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 9.05 pm.

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Tony Greenfield, Chair

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Date

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CFAC Member

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