

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

REGRETS: Jim Smith

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

GUESTS: Glen Bonderud, SCPI Director
Tom Pinfold, SCPI Director
Stan Anderson, SCPI Director
Len Pakulak, SCPI Director

DELEGATION: Bob D'Arcy, Hidden Grove Legacy Committee
Michael Davidson, Hidden Grove Legacy Committee

PUBLIC: Bob Stanhope

1. Call to Order
Tony Greenfield, Chair called the meeting to order at 7.02 pm, noting that a quorum was not present at the opening of the meeting. He welcomed the new members of the Sechelt Community Projects Inc. (SCPI) Board of Directors and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Agenda
The agenda was amended and approved with the addition of 10.2 CFAC Members.
3. Delegations
 - 3.1. Bob D'Arcy, Hidden Grove Legacy Committee
Mr. D'Arcy and Mr. Davidson provided summaries of the volunteer work that had occurred on the Hidden Grove parking lot to date, shared a diagram of the site layout, photographs of the current conditions and a sample sign which would identify the trails. CFAC members also received a coloured brochure on the Hidden Groves Legacy site.

The main areas of concern were:
 - the unfinished parking lot
 - lack of parking directions
 - no handicapped trail
 - no dedicated handicapped parking
 - uneven road surfaces
 - liability issues
 - District of Sechelt requirement for fifty (50) feet of paved driveway at the road entrance, including stop signs.

It was established that at least 200 cubic metres of gravel would be required to complete the parking lot at an estimated cost of \$11,000, plus trucking costs of \$6,000. Mr. D'Arcy noted that the group had sufficient volunteers at the present to continue the work if the funds were available.

Kevin noted he had cleared the road at a cost of about \$2,500 and tried to secure a donation for the gravel but the fifty foot paving section was not considered. Various suggestions were presented to cover these costs including questions regarding the Hidden grove Group applying for funding from the District of Sechelt and the Community Foundation.

ACTION

- a) **Kevin Davie and Brian Smart will meet with the Hidden Grove Legacy Committee within the next week to discuss the parking lot at Hidden Grove and present a report to the SCPI Board for their consideration.**

Chairman Greenfield thanked Mr. D'Arcy and Mr. Davidson for their presentation and the ongoing work of their dedicated volunteers.

Barry Smith arrived at 7.20 pm and a quorum was established.

4. Minutes

MOVED by Terry Hind, SECONDED by Barry Smith
THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee approve the September 15, 2009, December 15, 2009 and March 9, 2010 minutes as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for receipt.

7. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

8. SCPI Management Report

Kevin Davie presented a verbal report that included:

- Harvesting commenced on March 1st
- Completed harvesting the hemlock slum on the second half of Block WS064
- Logging will be completed on the East Wilson Creek airport blocks by the end of May and Dakota Ridge
- Clean up, deactivation of roads and re-establishment of trails will be completed after logging is finished
- US is flooding the Lower Mainland with alder lumber driving the price down and making local saw mills shutdown
- No safety or environmental issues reported
- Demand not here on the Coast so most of our timber is sold off coast

- Repaired rock face in Angus Creek to make it safe to haul. MOF is responsible for the cost
- Planting was completed
- Trail in Block WS064 was repaired for the BC Bike Race and several bikers have given the CF kudos for the attention to trails
- Some blowdown in the chart area, following blowdown CFOP guidelines for any required action
- Measuring and assessing blowdown patterns in and outside the chart area to assist in future planning
- Applied to amend the Chapman and Wilson Creek watershed boundary
- Received hydrology and geology reports for Wilson Creek in building best watershed management practices
- Monitoring water quality and data collection in Wilson Creek is an ongoing project.

There was a discussion on blowdowns, including how they are quantified, managed, risk assessed for potential fire hazards, costs for recovery and solutions such as buffering away or topping. It was noted that poor blowdown management can cause serious issues to healthy trees and that this would be an opportunity for public education on the topic.

Other comments included:

- Presence of forest pests in the Community Forest. We have not seen anything other than some red attack Douglas Fir Bark beetle on scattered individual trees. We are currently monitoring any indicate increase in the beetles activities.
- Community Forest AGM in Kelowna on June 3-6, 2010 and interested CFAC members should contact Kevin or Jacquie.

9. Community Forest Operating Plan

Kevin Davie introduced the unique proactive approach in which the Sunshine Coast Community Forest develops a five year operating plan that involves CFAC, SIB, the public and other interest groups. Areas that are addressed include vetting cut blocks, trail access, silviculture, balancing the timber profile, identifying high interest blocks and updating the operating guidelines.

Brian Smart continued, noting that the Sunshine Coast Community Forest is trying to forecast to the public more of what they are going to harvest. As well as making good business sense, this process also provides the public with information about our operating plans. He suggested a time line that would see a draft send to CFAC members within a few weeks, a public meeting and user group meetings in June with completion of the plan by the end of August. Brian noted map values would be added to the plan and user groups would be contacted directly.

Mr. Stanhope complimented SCPI on the trail restorations and new views being created.

Kevin Davie provided an explanation of the difference between a “community water shed” and the “watershed”. A community water shed is under a water licence by a local government or group of users requiring a designated license under the Water Act. It refers to the drainage area above the intake site where a municipality accesses drinking water for human consumption.

A “watershed” refers to all land that drains to another water body such as another river, lake or ocean. There was also a brief discussion about allowing the public access to these watershed areas.

It was agreed that once the cut blocks had been identified, walkabouts would resume on a priority basis. There was positive feedback on possibly including areas that are not to be logged such as Hidden Grove, old growth areas, the beaver dam and the rhododendron grove.

10. CFAC Members

Mr. Bob Stanhope was invited to consider joining CFAC and he agreed to contact Tony Greenfield for more information.

11. Next Meeting

The next quarterly CFAC meeting will be **Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 7 pm** in the Community Forest Conference Room, 204-5606 Wharf Road, Sechelt.

Any further meetings regarding the Community Forest Operating Plan will be at the call of the Chair.

12. Adjournment

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

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Tony Greenfield, Chair

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Date

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CFAC Member

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