

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

GUESTS: Len Pakulak, SCPI Chair  
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  
One additional item was added to New Business:
  - CFAC Member for SCPI Board.
3. Delegations  
There were no delegations.
4. Minutes  
MOVED by Burns Matkin, SECONDED by Al Jenkins  
THAT "The minutes of the October 21, 2008 Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting be approved as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
5. Business Arising  
There was no business arising from the previous minutes.
6. Correspondence
  - 6.1. Letter dated October 27, 2008 from SCPI regarding Recreation Plan  
This letter was received for information and confirmation that the SCPI Board had unanimously approved the CFAC Recreation Plan recommendation for hiring a local mapping contractor to map the trails within the Community Forest.
  - 6.2. SCRD Report on Aerial Spraying  
The SCR D Staff Report, dated October 8, 2008 on Aerial Forest Fertilization was received for information. Kevin Davie confirmed there were no plans at the moment for aerial fertilization but it could be considered in the future.
  - 6.3. Community Update on SCPI public meetings  
Len Pakulak explained the circulated Community Update was a District of Sechelt publication and while there was some debate about whether the SCPI Board had approved these two extra public meetings, Elise Rudland noted it was now a community expectation. Kevin clarified that the publication was a District of Sechelt document and not a SCPI document.

7. Committee Reports

Elise Rudland explained that any future recommendations requiring a vote would need to be presented as part of the agenda package, along with the background information concerning the motion.

7.1. Recreation

Al Jenkins reported on the progress of mapping the trails within the West Sechelt blocks, noting the contractor would provide a set of three recreational maps that would be available to the public. He also noted that the Recreation Sub-Committee was working with several other community groups on the East Porpoise Bay and East Wilson Creek areas with the maps being finalized in early 2009. These initial steps in the recreational planning process will eventually interlock with other trails outside the Community Forest chart area.

7.2. Value Added

Lanny Matkin noted this sub-committee would not assemble again unless there were projects or ideas that had economic value or incentives. All sub-committee members, Terry Hind, Peter Moonen and Bob Sitter were advised of this situation.

Kevin Davie indicated there may be a different direction for value added on the coast and there was a brief discussion regarding a proposed Value Added Forum. He also noted that value added products have had to deal with a lot of issues on the coast, such as timber supplies, lack of industrial land and little investment. As this was a province-wide issue and there was no quick fix, a forum in the Spring may help generate ideas and some cash flow.

Claudia Ferris suggested that the Sechelt Indian Band be invited to be part of the forum and timber supply analysis.

**ACTION:**

**(a) Kevin agreed to develop an outline for a Value Added Forum within three weeks.**

7.3. Industry

The recommendation to form an industry sub-committee was tabled until the return of Jim Smith in March 2009.

7.4. SCPI

Len Pakulak stated there was nothing to report from the SCPI Board.

8. SCPI Operation Manager's Report

8.1. October 21, 2008 Report

**Weigh Scaling** - Kevin provided an explanation on the calculations used for weigh scaling and sampling regulations of the timber loads in order to maintain the current 1:4 ratio.

**Operating Plan Amendments** - Kevin confirmed the amendments were minor text and numbering edits, such as a map title and the omission of a road name.

**Proposed Cut Blocks** – Kevin noted that pending work loads the cut blocks for WS007 and WS008 would be finalized soon and a map would be emailed to CFAC members within the next two weeks and before it was posted on the SCPI website. Plans to produce the background data would follow within two weeks.

**ACTION**

**(b) Kevin will email proposed cut blocks to CFAC members next week, if finalized, with the background data to follow within two weeks.**

8.2. November 10, 2008 Report

**Hidden Grove Application** – Kevin explained he had met with Frank Ullman to discuss the trail proposal, noting there were other implications such as Crown Lands and a parking lot. Kevin confirmed that SCPI supported the establishment of a handicapped trail into Hidden Grove.

**Community comments on Operational Plan** – Brian reported the comments received were about the process and operations of a community forest and nothing had changed since the plan was seen by CFAC. Len Pakulak noted the walkabouts were being advertised in the newspaper, although the response was disappointing. Elise Rudland requested a summary report on the issues raised by the community, Sechelt Indian Government District, the Sunshine Coast Regional District and the District of Sechelt.

**ACTION**

**(c) Staff will compile a summary report of comments to the CFOP for CFAC members.**

8.3. Safety

Kevin reported that all licensees, not just SCPI, will be affected by the recent changes to forest safety practices. He noted there would be more emphasis on plans done by competent people while the Safety Council explored the exact cause of the 21 fatalities reported so far this year. Under the Workers Compensation Board, the contractors are responsible for safety and in the case of the Community Forest, this responsibility falls to Kevin Davie as the Operations Manager.

8.4. Post Harvest Walkabouts

Two written reports were received from Brian Smart on the post-harvest walkabouts for October 19, 2008 visiting WS043 and WS062 and the November 9, 2008 walkabout visiting AN001 and AN005.

Comments included:

- Pleased with cuts
- Discussions about what we can do better
- Concern about the extensive garbage seen in the chart area
- Add line item in the budget for garbage cleanup within the Community Forest

- Garden waste adjacent to SCPI burn piles has potential to spread invasive species
- Garbage issue is widespread through the whole forest
- Education and compliance need to be addressed
- This could be an educational project for CFAC
- Garbage alongside the roads in the watershed area would be a shared SCPI/ SCR D responsibility.

There was a brief discussion about the blow downs, especially in the Trout Lake area. Brian Smart explained that wind studies, based on the prevailing winds, did play a role in planning the cuts in this area. However, the winds came in and eddied from many directions resulting in the blow downs. He also noted that the trees are most susceptible in the first year after a cut.

Kevin Davie stated he would be assessing the areas of concern and will decide what can be left and what has to be removed. He noted they will be designing retention patches around the creeks as more protection.

Elise Rudland shared some information about the Pine Mushrooms that had been harvested along the power lines at Trout Lake, noting that the best quality ones could fetch \$25 per pound. She suggested that CFAC invite some of the mushroom buyers to one of their meetings.

There was a brief discussion about the cost of advertising the walkabouts in the newspaper (\$100/week for both papers) and the lack of public participation. Kevin stated that he had contacted the local teachers to see about organizing some field trips for students during the school hours.

#### **ACTIONS**

- (d) CFAC will invite local mushroom pickers and buyers to attend one of our meetings to present and discuss the economic value of this industry on the Sunshine Coast.**
- (e) Kevin will assess and make recommendations regarding the blow downs in the Trout Lake area**

#### 9. New Business

##### 9.1. Industry Sub-Committee

The attached report was received for information only and will be discussed when Jim Smith returns.

##### 9.2. Next Walkabout

Kevin Davie reviewed where the next 4,000 cubic feet would be cut, possibly W007 or W008A or W008B, noting the information and map will be on the website. Kevin also stated that he could arrange for anyone to visit the forest during the week with some prior arrangement.

The next scheduled walkabout will be Sunday, December 7, 2008, meeting at the Daily Roast at noon.

9.3. CFAC Member to SCPI Board

Len Pakulak reported that Terry Hind had resigned as the CFAC representative to the SCPI Board as he was unable to attend the 3 pm SCPI meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. He noted the meetings usually lasted until 6 pm and that the SCPI Directors will be up for review in March 2009.

Nominations from the floor included:

- Al Jenkins
- Elise Rudland
- Barry Smith.

Al Jenkins declined the nomination.

Lynda Coote was requested to provide ballot forms and after the ballots were counted, she announced Elise Rudland as the CFAC member to the SCPI Board.

It was noted that Robert Corlett, Wayne Rowe and Doug Chapman had resigned as Directors on the SCPI Board.

10. CFAC Motions & Actions Lists

It was suggested that Brian Smart, Elise Rudland and Kevin Davie begin to complete these lists with as much information as they can before the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting

The next regular CFAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 7 pm** in the Sechelt Community Meeting Room.

Tony Greenfield left the meeting at 8.15 pm.

12. Public Comments

12.1. Hans Penner

Hans Penner expressed his concerns about logging in East Grey Creek watershed and the logging of old growth trees.

Elise Rudland responded that the Operational Plan that has been endorsed by the Board has no mention of harvesting in this area. Kevin Davie responded that there were no plans at the moment to go into the watershed but as it was part of the Community Forest chart area, it was under assessment. Brian Smart clarified that he did not give the impression they would not consider logging old growth cedar.

12.2. John Bebbington

John Bebbington requested a guarantee on policy regarding watershed and old growth and implied that policy should not be dependent on the timber supply analysis.

Kevin Davie responded that a timber supply analysis was underway and that old growth was part of the Community Forest timber supply and chart area. He noted he will report his recommendations to the SCPI Board.

Elsie Rudland stated that CFAC had no authority to decide on these matters, while Burns Matkin requested some definitions and a policy.

12.3. Robert Corlett

Robert Corlett questioned how the matrix for weigh scaling was established.

Kevin Davie stated that his scaling authority was in Nanaimo.

13. Adjournment

The regular CFAC meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm.

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Elise Rudland, Chair

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CFAC Member

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