

PRESENT: Terry Hind, Chair
Elise Rudland
Tony Greenfield
Al Jenkins
Jim Smith
Burns Matkin
Lanny Matkin
Bill Ellis

GUESTS: Len Pakulak, SCPI President
Robert Corlett, SCPI Director
Brian Smart, Professional Forester
Jacquie Cunliffe, Recording Secretary
General Public x 3

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hind called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. CFAC Minutes

MOVED by Bill Ellis, SECONDED by Elise Rudland
THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee Minutes of August 19, 2008 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Gray Creek Report

Hans Penner was invited to distribute a letter and ancillary documents/maps to CFAC. Mr. Penner explained that the material had been gathered over some time and explained the map boundaries and legend.

Discussion followed regarding the interpretation of the wording in the letter and documents and the meaning of "reserve".

Comments expressed included the following:

- Boundaries shown on the establishment letter map does not appear to be the same as the SCRD.
- Hans Penner stated that the Concerned Citizens group believes the whole reserve area needs to be protected from logging and that the fact that the reserve exists is without question.
- "Alienations" are incompatible uses such as airstrip, garbage dump – a "reserve" to ensure that the land stays as Crown Land.
- Alienations for watersheds – it reserves land in a land use manner and comes with different kinds of policies but the reserves come with a note unto themselves such as not selling the land.
- It was to prohibit logging and other areas have no timber sale.
- SCRD policy is to reserve Gray Creek as Chapman Creek is reserved as it will be needed to supply the whole of the Sunshine Coast. Reserving it for water purposes for the community.
- "Reserve" does not apply to management practices.
- A judicial review that will legally unravel the legal history of the watershed reserves.

Q. What kind of activity is allowed in watershed reserves?

A. Kevin Davie stated that detailed legal documents were submitted in the recent Court action and the resulting Butler decision, and the activity in watersheds issue, was determined – what is it going to take to convince you? If we conclusively prove that you are wrong are you going to live with that? If it is determined that watersheds or watershed reserves are open to industrial activity

then will you recognize the answer? Or will you take a position that you won't recognize it anyway? And I can respect that.

A. Hans Penner said that a judicial review is needed that will legally unravel the legal history of the watershed reserves to get at those questions because there are missing documents that would answer that. He stated that he represents the Concerned Citizens Group and they have a position on protection of watersheds.

Q. What is your definition of industrial activity?

A. Logging, mining, etc. – anything that will harm the water source.

POINT OF ORDER was made by Jim Smith referencing the time limits for presentations and discussion in the CFAC Terms of Reference.

The Chair ruled that the Point of Order is in order and asked that the document be received and to move to the next item on the Agenda. The Chair thanked Hans Penner for his input.

MOVED by Elise Rudland, SECONDED by Burns Matkin
THAT the document as presented by Hans Penner be received.

The Chair thanked Hans Penner for his attendance.

4. Operational Plan

Kevin Davie reported that the public meetings for viewing and commenting on the Community Forest Operational Plan had been completed. He advised that comments have been received and will be responded to in writing and sent out by mail. The responses will be posted on the website.

The latest draft of the CFOP maps were available at the meeting for viewing.

As they are finalized, CFAC will have an opportunity to review any blocks that they have not yet looked at and cutting blocks will be applied for.

Elise Rudland stated that she was pleased with the work that had been done to date on the Operational Plan and made a recommendation that the last draft of the Community Forest Operational Plan be supported by CFAC.

The Chair acknowledged that Kevin Davie and Brian Smart have put a lot of work into the Operational Plan. The Chair also thanked the community for getting involved.

Kevin Davie confirmed that the timber supply analysis has been a difficult process because of staff issues with consultants. We have contracted a company to take a look at it and we expect to get something from them by October 20th. This information will help with longer term planning. Our silviculture contractor, Jamie Killackey, will be looking at areas that may need spacing, thinning, fertilization and other things in the whole chart area.

Elise Rudland advised that she had received an e-mail correspondence regarding the

Operational Plan from a Sunshine Coast resident, Michael Siddal. He asked Elise to read the comments on his behalf and submitted them to the Community Forest to be included with the Operational Plan comments and responses.

Q. After discussion at a previous CFAC meeting, has a report on the Age Class 9 been completed?

A. The report will be done when the timber analysis report has been completed.

5. Operations Report

Kevin Davie reported that the market continued to be slow.

- There may be some logging for house logs for local businesses from EW007A.
- Clearing continues at the airport and is operating under our normal guidelines with EMS and safety.
- Elise Rudland asked if there will there be any free firewood, etc.
- The plan basically is to develop a comprehensive plan to expand the airport to increase the economy on the Sunshine Coast.
- Market conditions are not good for hemlock.
- Proposal was sent to the value-added committee. At the Wood Forum in 2006 we proposed to have a second one.
- Long process of getting through the Operational Plan but it is a building process and CFAC did a great and diligent job in getting out to the blocks and we accomplished quite a bit. That is something that CFAC can be proud of. This is the only operating CFAC of this type within the British Columbia Community Forest Association. One group meets twice a year; and the other is for selection of Directors. All of the other Community Forests are looking at this structure.

A local value added business owner has expressed that he has had great results from dealing directly with the Community Forest. He is accessing wood specifically because of the Community Forest and is pleased that he can go out and choose the logs and take them out. He pays market price and saves on rehauling costs .

BCCFA contracted a 25 minute video of Community Forests in BC and we are one of 5 Community Forests chosen to participate. It is anticipated the crew will be coming to this area in October. They want to tell the story of community forestry and serving our marketplace.

Hans Penner reminded the group of the protest letters a month ago against yellow cedar logging in East Gray Creek. He said that Director Claudia Ferris confirmed that there will be no logging old growth in East Gray Creek. Director Robert Corlett said that he believed the statement was taken out of context and was disingenuous and unfair. Hans Penner said he would send a copy of the letter to the SCPI office.

Q. Will you log below quota this year?

A. Yes, because of the markets.

6. CFAC Meeting Procedures

Barry Smith was not in attendance so discussion did not proceed.

7. Facilitator

President Len Pakulak reported that the Board has authorized funding to pay for a facilitator to work with CFAC. This is the only working CFAC in the Province and Len believes that is because others have given up. The Board's hope is that CFAC members won't give up. We want to help to make the CFAC operation work more effectively for you and the Community Forest. All of the members of CFAC need to be commended for working as hard as you have. If you are interested in a facilitator, we want to help. All of you have provided a significant opportunity for community input into the workings of the Community Forest and despite what some may think, significant input into how we select cut blocks and how we define sensitive areas.

After discussion it was agreed that this topic would be discussed in-camera at the end of the open meeting.

Further discussion took place regarding the workings of other Community Forest Advisory Committees in the Province.

President Len Pakulak explained that the Probationary License requires community input. The Board believes that CFAC is an appropriate way to receive that input. They are a key part in providing information and input in not only forest management but also recreation, trails and value-added discussions. Oftentimes Burns Lake is held up as the model but their Advisory Committee is completely different than what this CFAC does.

8. Elections

Nominations were taken from the floor for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. The following persons have allowed their names stand for the following executive positions:

Elise Rudland – Chair
Lanny Matkin – Vice Chair

The nominations being final, Terry Hind passed the meeting to the new Chair, Elise Rudland.

Terry Hind recognized members of the Advisory Committee and thanked them. He stated that this is a unique group of individuals and they all have passionate ideas.

Terry has been an inspiration to us and CFAC thanked him for his performance.

For the purpose of the next report, Elise Rudland passed the Chair to Lanny Matkin.

9. Recreation Report

Elise Rudland submitted a Recreation Report created by the CFAC Recreation Committee and expanded on it verbally.

Al Jenkins explained that the terms of the Report is what is needed to build the foundation. He said that by getting a private contractor to do this it is about getting it done at arm's length. He believes it is a strong growth period right now and mountain biking is going through a shift from Roberts Creek to West Sechelt and it is this process that will keep us stay grounded and involve the community.

Elise Rudland said that the recommended contractor has been involved with the trail mapping for the Sunshine Coast Community Trails group and provides mapping services for many of the local forestry companies. He would be able to do the work needed for

the Community Forest Recreation Plan. Al Jenkins has offered to do all of the GPSing and should be compensated for mileage. The data entry/data base work could be performed by the SCPI office together with Elise.

Burns Matkin stated some of his concerns. Firstly, make sure that the parameters are set out and determine if the Board is going to see this through.

Elise Rudland explained that they are not asking for the Board to be responsible for any of these trails. Trails are being built everywhere – CFAC wants them documented, setting out the level of difficulty, signage, and other points but the Community Forest is not responsible for liability.

Secondly, Burns Matkin said he is still upset about Wormy Lake and noted that Al Jenkins put a lot into it and CFAC found out at the end that it was never really do-able. They weren't coordinating with CFAC and SCPI. Burns said that they need to know in advance how far they are allowed to go before they do too much.

Elise Rudland explained that the Report sets out deliverables, including:

- Inventory of recreational values
- Becoming an active member with other recreation groups
- Coordinating workshops
- Signage, access
- Process to set up new trails
- Assess regional access on Crown Land.

MOVED by Elise Rudland, SECONDED by Tony Greenfield
THAT the Recreation Report as presented to CFAC be adopted and submitted to the Board of SCPI for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Len Pakulak confirmed that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 25, 2008 and he will bring the Report forward.

Elise Rudland resumed the Chair position.

10. Burns Matkin announced that due to personal reasons he is unable to coordinate a value added meeting this month. He will try to set a date to meet in October

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm for an in-camera session. Len Pakulak was invited to stay for the in-camera meeting.

11. MOTION:
UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Committee agreed to decline the offer of a facilitator at this time.

12. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned.

13. Next Meeting

The next public CFAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7 pm in the Community Meeting Room.

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Elise Rudland, Chair

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CFAC Member

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