

PRESENT: Tony Greenfield, Chair
Barry Smith
Bradley Smith
Ken Birkin
Terry Hind
Claudia Ferris
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Rodney Paul
Jim Smith
Brad Proctor

STAFF: Brian Smart, RP Forester RP BIO
Kevin Davie, Operations Manager, Community Forest

GUESTS: Elise Rudland, SCPI Director
Jo-Anne Frank, Director, Corporate Services, District of Sechelt

1. Call to Order
Tony Greenfield, Chair called the meeting to order at 7.05 pm.

2. Agenda

MOVED by Barry Smith, SECONDED by Brad Smith
THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) agenda be approved as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Minutes

MOVED by Claudia Ferris, SECONDED by Brad Smith
THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) approves the minutes from the December 7, 2010 CFAC meeting."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business Arising

4.1. Chapman Creek Bridge Crossing

Elise Rudland reported that the District of Sechelt (DOS) had agreed in principle for the bridge component and that funding would be coming from the DOS Sustainability Fund. The DOS would assess the engineering and establish an accurate quote. It was anticipated this request would be in the DOS 2011 budget. SCPI will receive the December 7, 2010 CFAC recommendation for this project at their February 2011 meeting.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for receipt.

6. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

7. SCPI Management Report

7.1. Community Forest Operating Plan (CFOP)

Brian Smart was congratulated on the completed CFOP. The report will be considered at February SCPI meeting and once approved, will appear on the Community Forest website. Any proofing suggestions should be passed onto Brian or Jacquie.

7.2. 2011 Walk-in-the-Woods Program

There was considerable discussion about possible options, including areas that were not necessarily planned for harvesting. Three walks were confirmed:

- Sunday, March 13, 2011 – East Wilson Creek, via Lockyer
- Sunday, April 17, 2011 – Hidden Grove
- Sunday, May 15, 2011 – Bird Walk.

Future walks would include:

- West Sechelt
- Above the Sechelt Airport
- Roberts Creek Research Forest.

ACTION:

- a) **All members were invited to attend the three Walk-in-Woods events**

7.3. Garbage Dumping in the Community Forest

Kevin reported on the continued indiscriminate dumping of garbage in the Community Forest, especially above the Sechelt land fill, in Halfmoon Bay and Roberts Creek. He recently gave photos showing names and addresses on garbage to the SCRD on this matter.

CFAC agreed to take a lead role in organizing a Community Forest garbage clean-up day on Saturday, June 4, 2011, which would include a hot-dog BBQ. A CFAC Planning Committee would invite various community groups, i.e. environmental studies students, trail workers, army cadets, scouts and the general public to participate in cleaning up their Community Forest. Advertising for this event would begin in May.

ACTION:

- b) **Tony Greenfield will call a meeting for the CFAC Garbage Clean-Up Planning Meeting in early May 2011**

7.4. Signage in the Community Forest

It was agreed that signage was required at the entry points to the Community Forest, announcing individuals were now entering "Their Community Forest". Kevin reported that he has budgeted funds for signs at each entry way to the CF and requested feedback on other potential locations. It was also suggested that dumping was not acceptable and encouraging individuals to "*take photographs but leave only footprints*".

Cameras and motion detecting equipment would also be considered as a deterrent. It was also suggested that including a small camera icon on the signs may suggest surveillance was a possibility. Any further ideas should be sent to Kevin.

Other types of signage might include “*area logged in...*” and “*harvesting planned for this area in*”.

It was agreed it was time to establish an identity for the Community Forest.

8. New Business

8.1. Community Forest Meeting in 100 Mile House

CFAC encouraged SCPI to consider supporting the attendance of CFAC members at this meeting as previous attendees found the experience educational and worthwhile.

8.2. Roberts Creek Forest Research Centre

Kevin and Brian reported on the current research that is ongoing by the province and its impact on proposed harvesting plans in the next five years for the Community Forest. The two new areas for 2011 harvesting are Block 65a, in West Sechelt and Block EW 002 near Roberts Creek. Brian provided further details and explanations using the computerized mapping system. The engineering has been done on these blocks, including identification of cultural trees for the SIB.

Given the close proximity to the Roberts Creek Park and residential areas, CFAC members requested another walkabout date as soon as possible before harvesting commenced in this area. Sunday, March 13, 2011 was selected with a meeting time of 10 am at the Roberts Creek Hall.

Kevin also reported that the log market for cedar and large fir were not good at the moment and that some approved areas would not be logged till those prices improved.

8.3. Hidden Grove

Kevin provided a brief summary of the work completed at the Hidden Grove parking lot, including future plans for an expanded, handicapped accessible trail system to tie in with the Demonstration and Interpretive Forest outside HG. He will be discussing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hidden Grove Legacy Committee for this long term project and will email details about the meeting to CFAC members if Tony is not present.

ACTION:

- c) **Kevin will notify CFAC Chair, Tony Greenfield, about the Hidden Grove meeting.**

8.4. Rhododendrons

Elise Rudland reminded Kevin that the rhododendron seedlings are now ready for planting and a suitable area might be in Hidden Grove. Brian Smart confirmed that he is aware and has worked with Ron Knight.

ACTION:

d) Brian will work with Ron Knight in assessing possible sites for the new rhododendron bushes.

8.5. Community Forest Annual General Meeting

The Community Forest AGM is scheduled for 7 pm, Tuesday, April 12th or Thursday, April 14, 2011 at Seaside Centre, Sechelt. Jacquie will send an e-mail to CFAC members when the date is confirmed.

9. Next Meeting

The next CFAC meeting will be **Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7 pm in the District of Sechelt Community Meeting Room, Sechelt.**

10. Adjournment

The regular Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm.

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Tony Greenfield, Chair

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Date

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CFAC Member

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