

PRESENT: Barry Smith, Interim Chair
Brad Proctor
Claudia Ferris, Vice Chair
Terry Hind
Jan DeGrass, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Bradley Smith
Jim Smith
Ken Birkin

STAFF: Linda Harris, Administrator

GUESTS: Elise Rudland, SCPI Liaison
Jo-Anne Frank, SCPI Liaison

QUORUM:

It was determined that though a quorum was not present, the business of the meeting could be conducted as usual. **All motions will have to be ratified at a subsequent meeting.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Claudia Ferris moved that the agenda be adopted. Seconded by Terry Hind.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 24, 2011

Motion: Claudia Ferris moved the minutes of May 24 be received. Seconded by Terry Hind.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

Barry Smith stated that by consensus CFAC had agreed to defer the garbage cleanup in the forest. Brad Proctor noted that the SCRD has funding for forest cleanup. It was suggested to revisit the idea in September/ October with previous coordination of efforts through the summer and contact others who have done shoreline cleanup to develop an action plan. It was confirmed that it was not CFAC or SCPI's responsibility to do forest cleanup and the matter is outside of the mandate. Also, a question of insurance liability for the volunteers was raised.

ACTION:

Refer to staff. The project needs clear instruction from SCPI involving discussion with Dave Lasser, Manager.

5. Delegations

Elphinstone Logging Focus (ELF) representatives Ross Muirhead and Hans Penner acknowledged their gratitude for the role the committee played in the deferral of Wilson Creek Logging (Block EW002). They asked if there was anything new planned other than that mentioned in May 31 press release from SCPI (circulated). Nothing new is planned at this time.

Laurie Bloom asked if a CWAP or equivalent (Coastal Watershed Assessment Process) will be performed on the area? Claudia Ferris responded that it is the intention to do a full field assessment in the area.

Ross Muirhead asked that with the application for 25 year tenure now approved, how would the community forest get input from the community? It was explained that the renewal was a business process which did not require any terms of reference for community input. Much public input went into the operating plan and public meetings were held in the process of the application and public input will still be sought for operational planning in the future. Ross also asked why SIB was consulted about the tenure renewal but the community was not. Jo-Anne Frank clarified that the consultation process with the Band was conducted by Ministry of Forests, not SCPI.

Barry Smith asked that ELF submit questions by e-mail and the committee would prepare responses. The way to have input is through CFAC, and it was also recommended to keep up to date through the website.

6. Correspondence

A press release from ELF was received for information.

7. SCPI Management Report

Dave Lasser not available at the meeting. Questions were addressed to the Administrator re: whether any logging is underway now? Linda Harris answered that no logging is taking place now but clarified the need for a certain cut quota to be achieved by the end of the year. She will bring the matter forward.

Terry Hind commented that in the past SCPI would often describe what cutblocks would be covered and the public would be invited to a Walk-in-the-Woods to discuss issues. He asked that this process continue and indicated that it's good for community input.

Terry Hind asked ELF whether they has suggestions for alternate ideas, areas for logging. Claudia Ferris noted that "saying no to all logging" is not helpful and it would be helpful to have suggestions. Ross Muirhead noted that all of the areas in the community forest are contentious areas for their ecological sensitivity. Since this is a working forest that the organization was given, Barry Smith called for looking forward, looking for solutions. Hans Penner noted that there was community consensus on excluding Chapman Creek and watershed.

8. Committee Reports

Community Forest Clean-up covered under item 4.

9. New Business

Barry Smith commended SCPI and DOS for the way in which logging deferral decision was made.

10. Next Meeting

Is there a need to meet in the summer? It was necessary to determine when the next SCPI meeting is.

ACTION:

Follow up with Dave Lasser for logging plans to determine if a meeting is needed. Barry Smith will get back to the committee re: meeting dates.

It was suggested that ELF be put on the list for notification of meeting times and another suggestion was made to invite SCRD director Donna Shugar.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Claudia Ferris moved adjournment. Seconded by Terry Hind.
The regular Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.