

Minutes of the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Meeting  
Community Use Room, District of Sechelt Building, Sechelt, September 13, 2011

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PRESENT: Barry Smith, Interim Chair  
Brad Proctor  
Terry Hind  
Bradley Smith  
Jim Smith  
Ken Birkin  
Jan DeGrass, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Claudia Ferris, Vice Chair  
Rodney Paul

STAFF: Dave Lasser, Operations Manager, SCPI  
Linda Harris, Administrator, SCPI

GUESTS: Elise Rudland, SCPI Liaison  
Glen Bonderud, Chair, SCPI

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1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion:** Brad Smith moved that the agenda be adopted. Seconded by Brad Proctor. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 24 and June 21, 2011

**Motion:** Brad Proctor moved that the minutes of May 24, 2011 be accepted. Seconded by Terry Hind. Carried.

**Motion:** Terry Hind moved that the minutes of June 21, 2011, be accepted. Seconded by Brad Proctor. Carried.

4. Election 2011

- a) Nominations for Chair: Barry Smith was nominated. Seconded: Jimmy Smith.
- b) Barry Smith was acclaimed to the position of Chair.
- c) Nominations for Vice-Chair: Brad Smith nominated himself. Seconded: Jimmy Smith.
- d) Brad Smith was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

- a) Review of action items from May 24 and June 21 meeting:
  - It was decided to set up a meeting date with Elphinstone Logging Focus (ELF) which would take place during the next regular meeting of CFAC in October. Hans Penner will pass on the notice to ELF.

- A report of ELF's concerns will be issued by CFAC to SCPI following the meeting with ELF.
- Garbage clean-up of SCCF lands has been dropped from the agenda for 2011.
- Request to SCPI for CFAC payment of BCCFA AGM nullified as Barry Smith decided not to attend.

6. Delegations

Elphinstone Logging Focus (ELF) representative Hans Penner passed out brochures outlining the next phase of their campaign and explained that plans call for consolidation of three separate parcels of land into an expanded Mt. Elphinstone parkland. Brochure/postcard can be mailed to provincial government to show support.

7. SCPI Management Report

Dave Lasser gave a comprehensive verbal report which covered the following topics:

- the issue of the Wilson Creek Watershed Assessment and efforts to organize a smaller subcommittee of interested individuals for this project;
- discussion with seven geomorphologists who have previous experience with coastal watershed assessments;
- changes to engineering of blocks in the Angus Creek area that should reduce the amount of road to be built;
- request from SCR D to do a Source Assessment Response Plan (SARP) within the next 12 months;
- SCPI office moving location to a ground floor office with better parking;
- as soon as maps are in place, a walkabout will be undertaken by the committee.

**Action:** Walkabout to take place Saturday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m.

Questions following Report:

- (a) Hans Penner questioned why ELF was not contacted to be part of the coastal watershed assessment plan? The Chair said that the committee will deal with the matter.
- (b) Jim Smith commented that the website needs updating to include some of the information contained in the report. Linda Harris will look into it.
- (c) An audience member asked how much effort is there on value-added activity to keep logs and jobs on the Coast? Dave Lasser indicated that there had not been much harvesting done since he came aboard and that value-added was still a focus of the community forest. The Board has been conducting economic development research since January and has encouraged local builders to use wood and promote forest-based recreation to generate jobs.
- (d) Jimmy Smith was concerned that a recent letter to the editor re: Powell River community forest profitability should have been responded to. He indicated that if a letter to the editor is worthy of a response then it should receive a written response.

**Motion:** J. Smith moved that CFAC ask the board to reconsider responding to the letter to the editor as it raises a valid concern. Seconded: Brad Smith. Carried.

(e) Hans Penner asked again why ELF or the Davis Bay Community Association was not contacted to take part in the Coastal Watershed Assessment. Barry Smith stated that after the subcommittee meets for a planning meeting the community groups will be advised. Hans Penner was asked by the Chair to stand down from further questions on the same subject.

8. New Business

Angus Creek blocks were covered under Management Report.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, Oct. 18. Linda Harris will confirm.

11. Adjournment

**Motion:** Brad Smith moved adjournment at 8 p.m. Carried. The regular Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.