



Fort St. James  
Sustainable Forest  
Management

## Public Advisory Group

### Minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup> Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

#### **Location: Fort St. James Senior's Centre**

<p><b>In Attendance:</b></p> <p>Barb Rooke Beulah Broen Larry Erickson Bryan Muloin Paul Swartz Sue Grainger Henner Grimm Randy Sulyma Orville Koette</p> <p><b>Absent:</b></p> <p>Joanne Vinnedge Ron Timothy Phil and Annette - Canfor Kevin Bedford-Carrier Joe Vogl Bob Frederick</p>	<p><b>FSJ Licensee Representatives:</b></p> <p>Darwyn Koch-Apollo Glen - Canfor Houston Treena Greenaway - Canfor Allan Macdonald-Tanizul Paul Blomberg - BCTS Christy Hoy-SLL</p>
<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Brian Robinson, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. <u>Scribe:</u> Anthony Giannotti, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd.</p>	<p><b>Guests</b></p>

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00am Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2005

#### *Agenda*

Here is the agenda for the seventh PAG meeting on March 19 from 9 AM to 4 PM (lunch provided) at the Fort St. James Senior's Centre:

5. Determine the matrix information for the criterion: "Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development"
6. Start or finish the matrix information for the criterion: "Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Condition and Productivity"

#### **Meeting Notes March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005**



(number references refer to numbers in the matrix)

## Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development

### Element 6.1:

- Value 6- First Nation Aboriginal and Treaty Rights – concerns over treaty rights not being established yet – we are voting about rights that are still to be established. (Larry, Sue)

Vote on Value + Objective:

- Larry,- might be okaying the rights until they know what they are- might be infringing on his rights.
- Henner-concerns over the rights they have with hunting and fishing
- Beulah would like more info on treaty process-
- Orville-providing some details around the treaty process he has been involved with but he is bound by a confidentiality agreement.

(1.1) Paul notes problems with the wording around “ensure” when tenant sits with landlord and tenant says they are the landlord and will compromise process by sitting with landlord.

1.2 in TOR

Paul-We (public) will have to respect whatever happens with the treaty process.

Randy- concerns over the way the other groups are excluded from this category -will review entire matrix in the end

Element 6.1 –Paul has concerns over the indicators and how they will be measured against compliance.

1.3- Sue has comment after vote- communication does not talk to consultation. (National Aboriginal Forest Association where First Nations are appealing CSA certification). Sue has copies of document about this and handed them out for information.

Paul- as noted above

1.4 Paul has concerns over what will be measured – e.g.: did you like the phone call? etc. Sue notes that measure will be around process in terms of outcome and was the issue resolved. Darwyn notes that this is about the process and not about the outcome.

1.5 licensees planning areas that overlap with First Nations areas.

Randy - (rewording) Actively involve First Nations in planning. Active tenures with equal property rights? Matrix does not show the active involvement.

Darwyn- actively involve is not reasonable, consultation is government responsibility. Can't guarantee active participation.

Randy - nothing in the matrix that shows that licensees have proactive activities to approach First Nations



Sue - doesn't like the fact that all you need to do is solicit with no active participation. Definition of Forest management to be developed with the Matrix and this section

1.6 Paul – objects, acknowledges the idea but notes the measurement of percent that are referred to comments are meaningless. Doesn't meet objective of indicator.

Beulah-propose objective – percent of comments spoken to and answered – Paul? - Notes that whole criteria would need to be revised and licensees would agree with this - Need funding supplied by licensees for First Nations to look at sites etc. –for First Nations processes related to forest management.

Darwyn – This type of funding is not a good idea – opportunities are made available to First Nations (FN) band members to go in the field and look at areas of interest. Licensees pay for Archaeological Impact Assessments.

#### Element 6.2:

(2.1) Sue – There is more to FN uses than cultural values:

2.2 Sue – need more objectives for this value.

Sue- aboriginal knowledge in forest – values of cultural heritage features (e.g.: knowledge of animals)

2.3 high archeological potential- there is a process where this is identified on a map.

Paul – this will only measure where high archaeological potential exists and should also measure where there is moderate potential. If there are 100 blocks, and only three have high potential then you are only looking at three. But if there are blocks with moderate potential, they will not be looked at.

Larry- are people trained to recognize features in the field? – Yes at various levels

2.4 Beulah- concerns to include known sites

Randy- concerns about field validation of model- what validations have been completed?

Randy- if matrix identifies moderate hazard without validation, there are issues.

2.5 Paul what does 20% relate to? Number of plans or ha. For example,

“have a high archeological potential” in terms of “blocks”. Is this related to the block as a whole or the hectares in the block identified as “high” and how will the percentage be applied? Re-worded

2.6 Beulah – interested parties should be given notification of areas that would be “destroyed” if the 20% variance is used, and time should be given to deal with the situation.

Where did 20% come from – do we need to review this number?

Darwyn notes the % (variance) at this point in time is irrelevant as this will change over time as forecasting will refine this.

(2.7) PAG recommends licensees find out what the variance (number) should be.

2.8 Sue wants first nations to provide input as to their values and then input into matrix? Darwyn notes this is not in the TOR, it is the PAG's job to recommend information for the matrix.

-Solicit input around values with a given time line

Paul- Need a fund for FN to provide input . For example, to provide resources to do something e.g.: a survey or train an individual

PAG wants a list from the FN – their values and indicators

Vote on whether licenses should supply funding to First Nations or explore what resources are needed: **vote 4/1/4 general agreement**

Darwyn –licensees will not pay for participation, they will pay for arranging a meeting, food, travel e.g.: supply resources.

(2.9) Licensees to consider and report to PAG

### Element 6.3

3.1 Randy – should have a targeted number of people in PAG to demonstrate success

Would the licensees entertain the idea to have a PAG field tour?

Darwyn- yes, probably in the summer of 2006 after the SFMP is developed.

### Element 6.4

4.1 Randy- planScapes - will it be on the web site? – under different umbrella

4.2 Randy - functioning web site should reflect number of hits to put a value to the website.

Darwyn – advertising of the web site is a given.

Beulah – monitor the number of website hits. Develop a target of hits based on history

## Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Condition and Productivity

### Elements 2.1 and 2.2

2.1.1 – Agreement to vote on all values, objectives, indicators targets and variances (elements 2.1 and 2.2) at once because it is a carbon copy from the biodiversity matrix.

2.2.1- indicator - % of cutblocks declared annually that meet free growing requirements on or before the late free growing date. Does not fit here –Randy. Vote on deleting this = 6/0/1 consensus.



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**Last Updated on March 6, 2005**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>STATUS (Achieved, Late, Pending)</b>
<b>1</b>	Initial version of DFA from FSJ licensee steering committee	DK	Dec. 4	Achieved
<b>2</b>	PAG to list their interests and have interests incorporated into the TOR	BR, AG	Dec. 4	Achieved
<b>3</b>	AG to call FN to see if anyone is interested in participating in one PAG meeting to see what it's all about.	AG	Before Dec.4th	Achieved
<b>4</b>	Approve TOR from Nov.6 meeting.	PAG/Licensee	Dec 4	Achieved
<b>5</b>	Licensees to complete matrix from Dec4th meeting and finish biodiversity.	Licensees (DK)	Jan 8	Achieved Jan. 26
<b>6</b>	Send background information to new PAG members	BR	Dec 10	Achieved
<b>7</b>	Send PAG, licensee and observer contact list, with interests, to PAG members	BR	Dec 10	Achieved
<b>8</b>	Contact PAG members who have not attended first two meetings and ask if they want to remain in PAG	BR	Dec. 10	Achieved
<b>9</b>	Send agenda for Jan. 8 PAG meeting, approved TOR and Dec. 4	BR	Dec. 10	Achieved
<b>10</b>	Send glossary of forestry terms and acronyms to PAG members	BR	Dec. 10	Achieved at Jan. 29 meeting
<b>11</b>	Send info from Jan 8 PAG meeting and agenda for Jan. 29 PAG meeting	BR	Jan. 14	Achieved
<b>12</b>	Complete biodiversity matrix information	Licensees	Jan 29	Achieved
<b>13</b>	Minimum old growth requirements in PG TSA: look into it to see why they use the minimum instead of the average.	Licensees	Feb. 18	Achieved
<b>14</b>	Bring local NDU, BEC, satellite image and Landscape Unit maps to next meeting	Licensees	Feb. 19	Partially Achieved at meeting
<b>15</b>	Arrange for Guest speakers (MSRM, NDU specialist)	Licensees	Feb. 19	Achieved

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<b>16</b>	Licensees to provide info on the local use of herbicides (ha treated)	Licensees	Feb. 19	Achieved
<b>17</b>	Licensees to provide ideas about connectivity on large blocks and how this would look on the ground	Licensees	Feb. 19	Achieved
<b>18</b>	Develop best management practices for brushing, which achieve free growing requirements and preserve native plant species.	Licensees	May?	Pending
<b>19</b>	Develop more comprehensive strategy for retention of Douglas-fir and advanced regeneration on cut blocks	Licensees	May?	Pending
<b>20</b>	Update TOR, Section 8a: Add the following sentence. A PAG member abstaining from voting on an issue is deemed not to be in substantial disagreement and to indicate a willingness to proceed to the next step	Facilitator	Feb. 21	Achieved
<b>21</b>	Provide UWR condition requirements to PAG for their information	Licensees	March 19	Achieved
<b>22</b>	Provide definition of regionally important wildlife to PAG	Licensees	When available	Pending
<b>23</b>	Provide wildlife habitat features information to PAG	Licensees	When available	Pending
<b>24</b>	Determine a target and variance for the indicator: "the number of individuals satisfied with the communication process" in MBTS matrix	Licensees	May?	Pending
<b>25</b>	Determine the % of operational forestry contract value within the DFA serviced by north central BC to see if it agrees with the MBTS target of 90%; Define north central BC	Licensees	May?	Pending
<b>26</b>	Determine percentage of advertised employment opportunities target and variance in MBTS matrix.	Licensees	May?	Pending
<b>27</b>	Develop proposed matrix information for Criterion # 6 and #2	Licensees	March 19	Achieved



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<b>28</b>	Develop target and variance for “Percent of individuals satisfied with the communication process”, element 6.1	Licenses	May	Pending
<b>29</b>	Determine variance for note 2.7 (% compliance to archaeological and cultural prescriptions)	Licenses	? May	Pending
<b>30</b>	(2.9) Determine type of resources to help First Nations develop forest values list (report to PAG)	Licenses	? May	Pending

