

Prince George SFMP Public Advisory Group

5:30 – 9:00 PM, November 2, 2006

Civic Centre (Room 205-6), Prince George, BC

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Gerald Bird
Jocelyn Campbell
Pirie Elliot

Dave King
Sandra Kinsey
Anne Migvar

Ken Pickering
Lee Sexsmith

Licensee Steering Committee:

Chair: David Jewesson - Winton Global
Kerry Deschamps - Canfor
Cecil Gray - Lakeland
Shane Neukomm - Carrier
Tim Sproule - BCTS

Advisors:

Rhonda Thibeault - ILMB

Facilitator: Roxanne Yanishewski (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

Scribe: Gretchen Prystawik (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Welcome by chair of Steering Committee.
 - b. Reviewed evaluation results of PAG June 8th, 2006 meeting and September 23rd field tour.
2. Reviewed Agenda - Agenda accepted.
3. Reviewed Minutes - PAG adopted June 8th minutes as written.
4. Field tour and Rivers Day photo presentation.
5. Audit Results:
 - a. Handouts:
 - i. “Winton Global Lumber Ltd. Sustainable Forest Management System Audit Report Summary.”

- ii. "Lakeland Mills Ltd. Sustainable Forest Management System Audit Report Summary."
 - iii. "BC Timber Sales, Prince George Business Area – Periodic Assessment 1 Audit Report (September 19 – 22, 2006)"
- b. Some highlights from the Audit Reports:
- i. Winton Global: Auditors findings on the Annual Report:
 - Recommended combining some indicators.
 - Positive findings in record keeping and attempts to engage First Nations, as well as the Continuous Improvement Matrix.
 - Weakness identified in that some indicators and targets are reported as not met or pending because not all licensees have provided the required information by the deadline date.
 - ii. Lakeland Mills:
 - Areas for improvement around fire and testing procedures, information sharing with other licensees within the operating area, and EMS (one spill kit lacking).
 - Positive findings in lakeshore and riparian area management.
 - iii. BCTS:
 - Areas for improvement around internal and external training of staff/operators, record keeping, incident tracking, and use of internal audit protocol.
6. Annual Report:
- a. The Annual Report was mailed to PAG members. An amendment will be provided once all information has been received.
 - b. The Landscape biodiversity indicator reporting includes the TRC data as well as information from Gateway Forest Products and Dunkley Lumber Ltd (operations outside of their Tree Farm License) and Small Scale Salvage harvesting.
 - c. Licensees reviewed highlights from the Annual Report, including indicators pending and not met.
 - d. Discussion on indicators pending and not met.
 - e. Comments from PAG members on Annual Report for improving future Annual Reports:
 - i. Put Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification (BEC) units beside Natural Disturbance Zone (NDZ) in Summary Table.
 - ii. Include table at beginning of report listing acronyms used.

- iii. Include a map showing locations of NDZ.
- iv. Reasonably happy with report overall.
- v. Keep reporting on all indicators, rather than just those that were not met or are pending.
- vi. Retain explanation of indicators in body of report.

7. Annual Review of Terms of Reference:

- a. The Terms of Reference were approved by the PAG and Licensee Steering Committee with the following changes:
- b. Title Page: Add "For maintaining the current SFMP" to the Title Page.
- c. Section 1. Background:
 - i. Paragraph "a": Replace "Jointly develop an" with "Maintain the Prince George" Sustainable Forest Management Plan...
 - ii. Subsection 1.2: Add "TRC Cedar Ltd." to the list of companies represented on the PG SFMP Steering Committee. TRC Cedar Ltd. is now part of the Steering Committee and will contribute information for the next Annual Report; however, they are not pursuing certification at this time.
 - iii. Add subsection, "Aboriginal Participation" and move the following sentence from "Public Advisory Group" into this new section: "The PG SFMP Steering Committee and the PAG recognize and agree that Aboriginal participation in the public participation process will not prejudice Aboriginal and Treaty rights."
 - iv. Add subsection, "Progress to Date," and the following paragraph, "The PG SFMP Steering Committee invited the Public and Aboriginal peoples to participate in a PAG in October 2004. Between November 2004 and May 2005, a series of PAG meetings were held to develop the values, objectives, indicators and targets comprising the initial SFMP. The PAG review of the initial SFMP was completed in October 2005. By the end of February 2006, Winton Global, Lakeland Mills Ltd., Carrier Lumber Ltd., British Columbia Timber Sales Prince George Business Area (BCTS-PG), and Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor) underwent registration audits and were recommended for certification to the CSA Z809-02 standards."
- d. Section 2. Defined Goal:
 - i. Paragraph "a": Replace "Identify and select" with "Refine existing and create" new values...
 - ii. Paragraph "b": Replace "Develop, assess, and select alternative strategies" with "Address items recorded in the Continuous Improvement Matrix"

- iii. Paragraph “c”: Replace “Review the SFM plan” with “Review the annual SFM report and changes to the SFM plan”
- e. Section 3. Timelines:
 - i. Rename Section 3 “Annual Schedule”
 - ii. List the following:
 - Field Meetings/Tour: September
 - Open House/Access Viewing: October
 - Annual Report: June
- f. Section 4. Communication: No recommended changes.
- g. Section 5. Resources (5.1) - Mileage is increased from \$0.41 to \$0.50 per kilometre.
- h. Section 6. Roles and Responsibilities (6.1.1):
 - i. Remove “Recreation (non-commercial, non-motorized)” from the list of sectors. (To be combined with “Recreation [commercial, non-motorized]”.)
 - ii. Modify “Recreation (commercial, non-motorized)” to read “Recreation (non-motorized).”
 - iii. Continue to include “Non-Renewable Resource Extraction (mining, prospecting, & oil and gas)” due to its increasing importance in the area. Continue to seek representation.
 - iv. Add the following to the list of First Nations:
 - Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation (Kluskus First Nation)
 - Simpcw First Nation (North Thompson Indian Band)
- i. Section 7. Conflict of Interest: No recommended changes.
- j. Section 8. Operating Guidelines:
 - i. Subsection 8.1: Add the following paragraph: “g. Participate in an open, transparent and accountable process.”
 - ii. Subsection 8.2.b: Change from “Meeting frequency will be every two to three weeks on Thursday evenings or Saturdays until the completion of the SFMP” to “PAG meetings will be held on Thursday evenings or Saturdays.”
 - iii. Subsection 8.2.c: Change from “After the SFMP is completed, meetings will be held as needed to monitor and review the SFMP” to “The PAG will meet at least three times per year.”
- k. Section 9. Decision Making: No recommended changes.
- l. Section 10. Dispute Resolution Mechanism: No recommended changes.
- m. Section 11. Review and Revisions: No recommended changes.

- n. "Approved" Section - Modify "Approved" to "Current Approval:"

8. Performance Matrix

- a. *Forest Ecosystems Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles* (Element 4.2 - Forest Land Conversion).
 - i. Review of and discussion on Indicator 4.2.A.a.ii: "The total percent of forested land within the Timber Harvesting Landbase converted to non-forested land"
 - Presented example calculation (action items), plus road widths used:
Forest Service Roads - 25 m, Road Permit Roads 15 m, on-block roads - 10m, and non-status roads - 13 m.
 - ii. Consensus of PAG Representatives to reduce target from 5 % +/- 0.0 % to 4 % +0.5 %.
- b. Indicator numbering format
 - i. Consensus of PAG Representatives to correct the wording of the numbering format in the Performance Matrix.

9. Updated version of the SFMP – the Steering Committee is preparing to provide an updated version of the SFMP to the PAG in early 2007.

10. Updated Actions– see updated Action Table

11. Other – The next LRMP meeting is scheduled for January 25th 2007 at the Civic Centre.

12. Evaluation forms distributed, completed, and collected.

13. Next Meeting:

- a. Old Growth Sub-Committee Meeting:
 - i. Agenda: Subcommittee's mandate, updating the work plan, reviewing the current old forest status in Prince George (number and maps), and developing criteria and strategies to identify "quality."
 - ii. Time: 5:30 – 9:00 PM
 - iii. Date: November 23, 2006
 - iv. Prince George Civic Center (Room 202-3)
- b. PAG Meeting:

- i. Agenda: Indicator Refinement
- ii. Time: 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- iii. Date: January 11, 2006
- iv. Prince George Civic Center

14. Actions

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Feb 9 – 02	Send hard copy of Forest Practices Board road report to Virginia Karr, Sandra Kinsey, and Anne Migvar.	Shannon Carson	February 28, 2006	Completed.
Feb 9 – 03	Find a new chair for the Access Management Subcommittee for at the MoFR. Steering Committee to speak with MoFR District Manger to find chair sub-group.	Shannon Carson	March 31, 2006	Completed. Steering Committee sent letter to District Manager (MoFR) and Regional Executive Director (ILMB) highlighting concern of PAG over access management. (Letter was distributed to the PAG.) Letter received and Regional Exec Director is drafting response.
June 8 -01	Add road class and default widths reporting with example calculation to indicator 4.2.A.a.ii.	Steering Committee	July 2006	Completed.
June 8 – 02	Provide PAG members with audit schedule, fall tour information, and final Annual Report for 2005-6.	Steering Committee	Summer 2006	Completed.
Nov 2 - 01	Provide information on the Doug Little Memorial Lecture to the PAG.	Roxanne Yanishewski	November 3, 2006	7:30 PM on November 16, 2006 at UNBC's Canfor Theatre (room 6-213); "Sustainable Forest Policy Development in the Global Era; What Role Ought British Columbia to Play?"
Nov 2 – 02	Provide updated Summary Table to PAG with updated reporting of indicators in Summary Table.	Steering Committee	December 2006	
Nov 2 – 03	Provide update on attempts to recruit representation for Non-Renewable Resource Extraction.	Steering Committee	December 2006	