

**Spray Lake Sawmills
Public Advisory Committee
SLS Boardroom
February 13, 2013**

Present: Tannis Zubot, Ed Kulcsar, Gord Lehn, Judy Stewart, Sandra Foss, Harvey Buckley, Erik Butters, Mike MacDonald, Liz Breakey, Nancy Sawatzky, Matt Denney, Jason Mogilefsky and Tim Giese.

Absent: Richard Righthand, Patrick Brady, Natasha Kinloch, JJ Graham, Mike Korman and Morgan Kehr.

Introductions

- Round table introductions.

Housekeeping Items

- In event of fire alarm, please use front or back exits. Everyone should meet at scale shack.
- Spray Lake Sawmills has a BLOG site now. Gord Lehn invited everyone to have a look at it. We are putting ads in the papers to notify the public about our BLOG. The link to the BLOG site is <http://sprayftp.com/wordpress/?p=90>
- Tim Giese asked if our BLOG has RSS Feed. (To subscribe to this, scroll down to the bottom right hand corner and you will see a section called Meta. Under it you should see two links for RSS Feeds. These are the links users can use. Simply right click on the icon and select add new feed. Then paste this link from the BLOG in: <http://www.sprayftp.com/wordpress/feed/>
- Gord explained to our new members about the Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and release form they need to fill out. Terms of Reference have been reviewed with all members.

Operating Ground Rules Update

- Environmental Sustainable Resource Development and Spray Lake Sawmills are currently working on the annual review. They are reviewing the ground rules from May 2012. The focus is on items requiring clarification.
- This past year the Annual Operating Plan took longer to approve; therefore resulting in a restricted time frame to get all work done.
- Legislation over rules everything. So no need to have redundant information as part of the AOP approval.
- This year we are trying to clarify coordination of timing between AOP and GDP approvals. This has an impact on GDP consultation with First Nations.
- Ground rules can be seen on the Government website or SLS website.

Review of Management Planning Process

- When the SSRP is finalized (South Saskatchewan Regional Plan) Spray Lake Sawmills will be required to review our DFMP to ensure it is in compliance.
- Ed explained the planning hierarchy and the different plans and requirements of each. The PAC members will review the contents of the new General

Development Plan and Annual Operating Plans in April. Please note that the C5 areas will be reviewed by the C5 PAC members.

- All PAC members are invited to come into our office for a further detailed look at any time.

Certification Overview

- Jason did a brief presentation on the certification that Spray Lake Sawmills is pursuing. He explained what it is, what the certification does, what are the requirements, and the possible benefits of certification. The certification is the process of inspecting particular forest or woodlands to ensure they are being managed according to an agreed set of standards. This certification is international, membership-based, non profit organization that supports environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable managements of the world's forest. It is a voluntary program. This is an MCVA assessment. We are focusing on the 4 non-conformances from the September 2011 audit. The tentative date is April 15, 2013. This may get pushed back into July.
- Harvey Buckley suggested that we send out the 10 principles for PAC members as a reference.

Certification – Preparing for the upcoming assessment

- Gord explained the steps we are working on for the certification. We need to have meaningful stakeholder consultations.
- Spray Lake Sawmills has a communication plan, but we are making sure we have a documentation trail.
- Our BLOG is going to help us reach outside of our immediate community stakeholders.
- Inserting ads into our various community newspapers.
- Terms of References for PAC members have been updated.
- We are currently working on the Five Year Stewardship Report, High Conservation Value Forest Assessment and the Protected Areas Review.
- Gord is looking at having two different meetings.
 - a) One meeting will be by invitation only. Spray Lake Sawmills will explain the process and what we are trying to achieve.
 - b) The second meeting will advertised in newspapers and be open to the public explaining the process of the certification.
- Three reports will be completed and emailed to all participants and posted on the BLOG. We will ask people to share any concerns or comments.

Forest Stewardship Report

- Sustainable Forest Management - It measures ecological and operational benchmarks. Sixteen key issues and values monitored in this report.
- It's assessed in a five year window, starting at the time of DFMP (Detailed Forest Management Plan) approval.
- Some highlights of the Stewardship Report were reviewed.
- This information will be used for feedback into the next DFMP planning process. PAC members will be provided with a copy of the report when completed. Spray Lake Sawmills is looking for feedback.
- In the future, we will post the report on the Spray Lake Sawmills website and a link within the BLOG.

Next Meeting

- April 16, 2013

Adjourn

- 7:56 p.m.