

**Spray Lake Sawmills
Public Advisory Committee
SLS Boardroom
December 5th, 2013**

Present: Tannis Zubot, Gord Lehn, Sandra Foss, Erik Butters, Jason Mogilefsky, Matt Denney, Mike Korman, Corey Stoneman, Denise Nickel, Ed Kulcsar

Absent: Richard Right Hand, Patrick Brady, Ken Birkett, Judy Stewart, Tim Giese, Harvey Buckley, Liz Breakey

Welcome and introductions of new PAC members

- Round table introductions. Gord welcomed everyone to our meeting.

Review Current Membership Status

- Gord confirmed that we have four new members. We have new reps for the motorized recreation and the City of Calgary; Corey Stoneman is our new contractor rep; and Denise Nickel is a new landowner rep.
- We have a wide variety of members with a good representation from all different groups. We currently have 12 members on the PAC committee. At times we struggle because our PAC members are volunteers, and everyone has different schedules, and this can make it a challenge for enough members to show up for meetings. We want to make the process open.
- Crown of Continent and CPAWS were invited; they declined to sit on the PAC.
- We have had no response from the Ghost Watershed Alliance through Mike McDonald.
- Currently, we have ran an ad in the Calgary Herald and the Cochrane Eagle advertising for anyone wanting to participate. No replies so far.
- Erik Butters suggested a name to Gord. If anybody has any others they would like to recommend, please inform Gord. Gord asked our PAC members if we have any gaps? Everyone agreed we have a good variety of representatives.

Review Modifications to PAC Terms-of-Reference

- We distributed the Terms-of-Reference. Ed suggested that we send out the new terms-of-reference as an attachment with the minutes.
- Gord reviewed the new terms-of-reference and asked if there were any questions. Our objective is to be open and transparent. The new board members received the Terms-of-Reference forms and they were filled in and returned. It will be effective as of January 1, 2014.
- In 2018 we will have a new terms-of-reference to cover the implementation phase.
- Gord thanked everybody who helped out on the current terms-of-reference.

Review recent activities and status of the FSC Audit

- Jason went over the activities and explained that we are officially certified with the Forest Stewardship Council. Moving forward with the certification SLS will work on continuous improvement by addressing minor non-conformances. Our certificate is good through 2018. We have invited stakeholders that have shown interest from previous protected area and HCVF workshops to continue working on protected area strategies.
- A Protected Areas Workshop was held on November 14, 2013. Jason shared the minutes and follow-up meeting notes. Jason asked the PAC for ideas on how to proceed with increasing participation and outreach efforts for the project. Sandra gave Jason some suggestions on ways to notify people in the Sundre area.
- PIR (Partnership Injury Reduction) Audit – This is a formal audit partnership program between the Alberta Forest Product Association, the government of Alberta and SLS. This external audit is conducted every three years. Jason mentioned that the auditor stated we did very well overall and have a comprehensive safety program. For continuous improvement of the program the auditor made some preliminary recommendations including: developing site specific hazard assessments for non-routine tasks (i.e. specific hazards on specific roads); differentiating tasks with similar hazards and hazard rating each specific task and; scheduling additional time to review bush operations. The next step is for the audit report to be reviewed by the AFPA for conformance with the audit protocols and a final report submitted to SLS and the government early next year.

Review of the upcoming planning process related to the DFMP update

- Matt went through the process of the DFMP (Detailed Forest Management Plan). He did a power point presentation of the planning hierarchy of the DFMP and explained the process. This plan should be done by 2018.

Open discussion on the SSRP draft land use plan

- Gord distributed a handout about the draft SSRP. Gord explained the background of RAC (Regional Advisory Council) in relationship to the SSRP. SLS will be drafting a letter to be presented to the crown to represent our response to the plan and clarification of some details. Deadline for additional comments for the plan, are due January 15th, 2014.

ESRD organization structure – deferred until the new meeting in 2014.

- Gord said he is working on getting a representative to come and chat with us to explain the new structure.

Adjourn

- 6:45 p.m.