

**Spray Lake Sawmills
Public Advisory Committee
SLS Boardroom
July 10, 2014**

Present: Tannis Zubot, Gord Lehn, Sandra Foss, Denise Nickel, Erik Butters, Jason Mogilefsky, Corey Stoneman, Andy Marshall, Harvey Buckley, Mike Korman, Tim Giese, Matt Denney, George Roman, (joined us via conference call)

Absent: Richard Right Hand, Patrick Brady Jacqueline Nelson, Ken Birkett,

Discussion of Article related to Global Forest Watch, Calgary Herald

- Gord welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- He distributed a print out of the article related to Global Forest Watch, which was published in the Calgary Herald, on June 26th, 2014. A brief discussion occurred.
- Gord explained that SLS took a reporter from the Calgary Herald and several others out on a field trip to show the work that SLS has done.
- Judy commented that SLS may want to show how logging impacts the drinking water supplies for the water supply in the province.
- Andy suggested that we should maybe have public tours showing harvest blocks after 5 - 15 years. This would encourage knowledge to all people.
- Harvey suggested that AFPA could get information out to the public on behalf of the forest industry. Gord did explain that we did have an AFPA representation on this tour.
- George Roman said research needs to be done on the impact of forestry on flooding and our watersheds.

FSC Update

- Jason said we at SLS do need to do research on harvesting in these areas and what are the impacts on drinking water. We are exploring available new watershed management tools for the development of our next DFMP. SLS is continuing to host collaborative forest planning and protected areas design workshops.
 - SLS is continuing to close the 2011 FSC non-conformances.
 - There will be an FSC annual audit in October of 2014.
 - SLS is working on obtaining chain of custody for FSC products.
 - SLS will be changing accreditation service providers.

Development of a Terms-of-Reference for a Public Involvement Process for SLS next Forest Management Plan

- Gord distributed two handouts for reference.
- Gord has contacted Sundre Forest Products to learn more about their process.
- We will build a process based on what worked well in the past and will explore ways to improve the process.
- We would like to get some suggestions from the PAC committee and develop the TOR based on Pac feedback.

- Handout - Key tools from last go around.
 - Last time we held a number of workshops. Generally we dealt with this by invited guests.
 - Other ways of communication were done by questionnaires, open houses, and using the SLS website.
 - We have many people that like to communicate using various ways. So we need to provide a range of ways to do so.
 - Gord said that he has two major concerns: The first one is that the government doesn't want to develop a Terms of Reference until 2016. The other concern is the SSRP hasn't been finalized yet. Some sub plans will flow out of this. Our DFMP has to be aligned with these sub plans, and we will not have these plans in place to deal with.
- Judy suggested that we make Consensus decisions - how do we deal with difficult decisions. We have to make sure what we submit is in line with our regulations.
- FSC and protected areas – we are going through the process as outlined by FSC.
- Several suggestions were made. Matt and Gord have recorded these and SLS will work on this.
- Some other suggestions from PAC Members were: Invite a member of another community (i.e. Chamber of Commerce). Gord suggested we could contact other groups and organizations we deal with regularly and invite them. Aerial tour film of the FMA and perhaps post it on You-tube. (Wetlands, buffer, reforestation, etc.)

Items from the floor

- Tim has asked if we have dealt with the castle. (New legislation dealing with emails). Gord will check into this. Mike Korman from the Town of Cochrane, will send the legal info on this.
- Judy suggested that SLS always be aware of our wetlands and be a leader to work within these areas. She asked if there is a way that we could work with government and communities to increase setbacks.
- Erik advised SLS of an area comprised of a sand ridge which might need protection.
- Harvey inquired as to the status of the Jumping Pound Demonstration Forest.

Adjourn

- 7:04 p.m.