

Spray Lake Sawmills  
 Crowsnest Pass Public Advisory Committee  
 MINUTES  
 Tuesday, January 20th, 2015  
 Coleman Legion – Downstairs Meeting Room  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Attendees & Affiliation:**

Gord Lehn, Wade Aebli, Errol Kutcher – SLS	Dave Welsh – CNP Community Member
Gord Chaisson – Hillcrest Fish and Game Association	Bill Kinnear – Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society
John Kinnear – Crowsnest Conservation Society	Brian Gallant – Non-Motorized Recreation
Jim Lynch-Staunton – North Fork Livestock Association	Tony Stoklosa – Land Use Chair Zone 1 AFGA
Gordon Groome – Claresholm Public Member	Dave Whitten – United Riders of the Crowsnest
Dave Green – Southern Alberta Sustainable Communities Initiative	
Tim Juhlin – Advisor for ESRD (non-member)	

**Absentees & Affiliation:**

Shannon Frank – Oldman Watershed Council	Ron Davis – MD of Ranchlands
--	------------------------------

Item	Discussion	Who
Welcome	<b>Welcome members to the meeting</b>	Gord Lehn
T.O.R. - Review	<p><b>Introduction of new member</b>            – round table introductions</p> <p><b>Review Terms of Reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consent to post member and affiliate names on SLS website</li> <li>- SLS two separate PAC groups, one for the C5FMU quota and another for the FMA</li> <li>- Primary purpose of the PAC is to look at and advise SLS on GDP (General Development Plan), FHPs (Forest Harvest Plans), AOP (Annual Operating Plan), and Reforestation Plans.</li> <li>- GOA developed and approved the Detailed C5 Forest Management Plan 2006-2026</li> <li>- PAC assembled to provide a broad scope of feed back to SLS from the community</li> <li>- Everyone at the table is considered equal</li> <li>- Decisions making based on consensus</li> <li>- Meeting will be scheduled based on majority rules</li> <li>- Discussion to take place at the table, not through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party or the media</li> <li>- Minutes will be posted on the SLS website, all issues, topics, follow up and action items will be recorded</li> <li>-5yr time frame for members</li> </ul>	Gord Lehn

Item	Discussion	Who
SSRP	<p><b>Approval of the South Saskatchewan Regional Land Use Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approved in July 2014</li> <li>- SSRP contains sub plans i.e. access management plans, recreation plans.</li> <li>- update to the C5 DFMP likely to start 2020</li> </ul> <p><b>Affects to SLS timber supply land base</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-7000 hectare or ~5.8% reduction to the Timber Supply Land base</li> <li>- No new areas added to the TS land base</li> <li>- Reduction in AAC (annual allowable cut) due to the reduction in the operable land base</li> <li>-Carry over volume from previous undercut AAC has been approved</li> </ul>	Gord Lehn Wade Aebli Errol Kutcher
Volume uplift	<p><b>Move to double shift in the mill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- resumption of double shift due to lumber price recovery</li> <li>- mill consumption just above 500 000m3 annually</li> <li>- Timber supply challenges</li> <li>- The GDP (General Development Plan) is a rolling 5yr plan that shows where operations are to take place over the next 5yrs available for view on the SLS website</li> <li>- First Nations are consulted annually on GDP</li> <li>- Different lines in the mill require different sized logs</li> </ul>	Gord Lehn

Item	Discussion	Who
2014/2015 Operations	<p><b>Review of 2014/2015 on going Operations</b></p> <p><b>June 2014 Flood Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pictures of Honey Coulee June 18, 2014</li> <li>- Access to 2500 loads carryover volume from previous winter was lost</li> <li>- Ward Ridge Road developed off the Riley Road to access decked volume while repairs to the Honey Coulee access were made</li> <li>- Prior to the flood a 60' bridge was used to span Trout Creek after the flood two 60' bridges with a mid span pier were required to span Trout Creek</li> <li>- A stabilization project of the south bank of Trout Creek included the construction of a "rootwad revetment"</li> <li><a href="http://www.stormwatercenter.net/Assorted%20Fact%20Sheets/Restoration/bank_protection.htm">http://www.stormwatercenter.net/Assorted%20Fact%20Sheets/Restoration/bank_protection.htm</a></li> <li>- The media report of on damages in Trout Creek showed the results of flood damage</li> <li>- discussion on the concern of reclamation of access into harvested areas</li> <li>- an access management plan will help direct how roads are managed in the future</li> <li>- minimization of linear disturbance for Grizzly Bear Recovery Strategy and elk security cover           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Harvesting</b></li> <li>- to date ~250ha harvested with an additional 210ha planned before April 2015</li> <li>- active in the Savanna Cr License along the upper Livingstone River and in the Porcupine Hills along Trout Creek</li> <li>- one block harvested in Dutch Creek completing that license</li> <li>- log haul focused on the Porcupine Hills with ~ 750-800 loads of carry over volume remaining</li> <li>- mid to late February should see the remainder of the carry over volume hauled to either the Longview storage yard or the mill</li> <li>- will store wood again this year at the start of the Honey Coulee Road ~ 300 loads to be hauled during spring break-up               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Road Construction</b></li> <li>- ~32 km of construction this year (17km new construction 15km upgrading existing access)</li> <li>- significant portions of the Honey Coulee Road required to be rebuilt due to flood                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reclamation</b></li> <li>- 20.5km of reclamation in Allison Cr, Porcupine Hills, and Dutch Creek                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reforestation</b></li> <li>- No open ground for planting this year</li> <li>- 15660 seedlings planted in 8yr old blocks to fill up to acceptable stocking levels (Dutch Creek and Porcupine Hills)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Wade Aebli Errol Kutcher

Item	Discussion	Who
2015/2016 Operations	<p><b>Preview of the 2015/2016 season</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Harvesting</b></li> <li>- ~910ha planned for harvest from Beaver Mines, Porcupine Hills, Upper Livingstone, Spoon Valley, and Savanna Cr</li> <li>- <b>Road Construction / Log Haul</b></li> <li>- ~50km of road construction planned in the above areas</li> <li>- <b>Reclamation</b></li> <li>- 49km of road reclamation planned for the Porcupine Hills, Dutch Cr., and Spoon Valley</li> <li>- <b>Reforestation</b></li> <li>- 1,004,316 seedlings currently being grown in Chinook and Red Rock Nurseries to be planted in Dutch Creek, Allison Creek, and the Porcupine Hills, (26% white spruce, 74% lodgepole pine)</li> </ul>	Wade Aebli Errol Kutcher
Miscellaneous	<p><b>Opportunity for PAC members to bring up additional discussion items.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- question about fate of the Atlas Road, follow-up with ESRD and will update PAC with results</li> <li>- suggestion that SLS create before/during/after videos to document operations and reforestation</li> <li>- PAC advised of videos on the SLS website <a href="http://www.spraylakesawmills.com/about-us/videos/">http://www.spraylakesawmills.com/about-us/videos/</a></li> </ul>	PAC

Adjourn