

**Spray Lake Sawmills
Public Advisory Committee
SLS Boardroom
March 22nd, 2018**

Present: Ken Birkett, Erik Butters, Daniel Grant, Joe & Denise Nickel, John Buckley, Corey Stoneman, Liz Breakey, Gord Lehn, Matt Denney, Jason Mogilefsky, Allen Mottet, Doug Collister, Tannis Zubot

Absent: Tim Giese, Bette Beswick, Scotty Many-Guns, Mike Korman, Judy Stewart

Conference Call: Jacqueline Nelson, George Roman

Meeting commenced at 11:30 a.m.

Round table introductions

Agenda item – Review of agenda, attendance and different meeting time

- SLS – reviewed the agenda and that SLS is looking for input with regards to the draft updated Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Terms of reference (March 20th 2018), the draft updated Forest Management Plan Terms of Reference (March 2018) and the draft updated Public Participation Plan (March 2018). Matt also mentioned that Allen would be going over this coming years and future operations.
- SLS – A doodle pole was emailed to the PAC, based on the response we held the meeting during the day. SLS asked if during the day was a good time to meet going forward. The majority responded that they are fine with the tiem. SLS - will include the afternoon time option when scheduling future meetings.

Presentation

- SLS – Matt provided a PowerPoint presentation to review the forest management planning process and provided an update on the plans development since our last PAC meeting. The presentation also included a discussion regarding FMP milestone timelines. The presentation will be emailed to the PAC.
- PAC – Did the numbers change comparing the operational inventory with the new strategic inventory?
- SLS – On an aggregate the numbers will be similar, but by completing strategic inventory we will be fulfilling a lot of SLS's regulatory requirements.
- PAC – Are we expecting changes to mill operating levels?
- SLS – Want to operate at the sustainable harvest level and ensure a perpetual flow of wood to the mill. Currently we have a more mature forest.
- PAC – Has potential changes to NAFTA / Trump Presidency had any effect on SLS?

- SLS – Softwood lumber has always been exempt from NAFTA and Trump might claim credit for softwood tariffs, but previous Presidents have done the exact same thing.
- SLS – Review of the FMP Planning timelines for the next 2 years till completion of the FMP. Timelines will move quickly as follows. January 2019 - Completion of forest inventory; June 2020 - draft forest management plan completed; September 2020 plan completion; May 2021 Approval and Implementation of Plan.
- PAC – Will the entire FMA be inventoried?
- SLS – Yes, it will. AVI (Alberta Vegetation Inventory) has worked on this for SLS. Aerial photography (with a fixed wing plane) and acquired in mid/late September.

Agenda item – Updates to the Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

- SLS – Distributed copies of the final draft of the updated Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (March 20, 2018) and went over the updates of what has changed in the document. Changes to the document are denoted with red text.
 - Changed to reflect an extension of the FMP
 - Changed name of DFMP (Detailed Forest Management Plan) to FMP (Forest Management Plan)
 - The dispute resolution process for the FMP and how the PAC may potentially be involved if the mechanism is triggered.
- PAC – How are First Nations being involved/consulted?
- SLS – Yes there is a First Nations plan, under separate cover that has been updated and was approved
- SLS – Asked the PAC to review and provide any input to the updates and that changes can be made throughout process.

Agenda item – Terms of Reference for Forest Management Plan Development

- SLS – Terms of Reference for the Forest Management Plan is our plan for how to build a Forest Management Plan with the Government of Alberta. It is a document that has been reviewed with the PAC before. SLS is now in the position where we will be seeking approval from the Government of Alberta. We are distributing the ToR to the group one more time and asking for feedback from members.

Agenda item – Public Participation Program – Jason Mogilefsky

- SLS – Updated to reflect the FMP extension and other GoA (Forest Management Branch) requests, including additional consultation timelines.
- SLS – Page 3 – The government asked to specify the types of interested parties and to detail the various sectors the PAC represents.
- SLS – The dispute resolution section was updated page 5.
- SLS – More details about the information provided on our website page 6.
- SLS – More public participation details on page 7.

- SLS – If the PAC feels comfortable with this version of the document, we will submit it for approval and post it on our website. Any questions let us know.
- PAC – Why did the dispute resolution process change?
- SLS – We were addressing comments raised by GoA, in the prior approved version, GoA was included in SLS's disputes resolution process.
- PAC- Is there an example of when this would be used?
- SLS- SLS has had a general dispute resolution procedure for approximately four years; it has not yet been used by an interested party. In terms of the public participation program document it's a CSA requirement. An interested party could trigger the dispute resolution mechanism concerning adherence to a SLS policy.

Documents provided for review and input: The updated draft Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (March 20, 2018) the updated draft Forest Management Plan Terms of Reference (March 2018) and the updated draft Public Participation Program (March 2018). The PAC was asked to have any input or questions to SLS by March 29th 2018. If there are any questions with any of the documents, please get back to Matt before that time. All of the FMP documents and FMP presentation material from this meeting will be emailed with the meeting minutes.

Agenda item – Operations for the next few years & Open House for upcoming Year – Allen Mottet

- SLS – Allen is our Harvest Planner. He gave a presentation on our General Development Plan using a digital map of the FMA and C5 areas. He explained where SLS will be harvesting in the future. He also showed that areas where road reclamation work will be done. Allen works approximately about 3-4 years ahead of the current year. If anyone wants more detail or an additional look at the reviewed content, Allen would be happy to meet with you. Forest Harvest Plans and the General Development Plan are also available on the SLS website, once approved. After a plan is approved we can still accommodate some changes/ requests.
- SLS – Additional material related to upcoming operations can be reviewed at the upcoming Open Houses:
 - Cochrane – May 2nd, Cochrane RancheHouse, 3 – 7 p.m.
 - Blairmore – May 3rd, Hillcrest Fish & Game Hall, 3 – 7 p.m.

Thanks and Farewell – Gord Lehn informed everyone that he is officially retired and thanked all the PAC members for working with him over the years.

Adjourn: 2:00 p.m.