

Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project
Public Advisory Group Meeting # 52
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 5:30 to 9:00
Fort St. John Quality Inn, Northern Grand Meeting Room

A) Meeting Attendance:

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Gail Wallin	Facilitator	(250)	

B) Meeting Agenda & Summary

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions – Gail Wallin
2. Review of Meeting Agenda – Gail Wallin
3. Review of Meeting #51 draft summary & actions – Gail Wallin
4. Update from Participants – Dawn Griffin/Mark Vantassel/Andrew Moore/Mark Fonda
 - Canfor, BCTS, Cameron River Logging, LP
5. Terms of Reference – Darrell Regimbald
6. Overview of 2016 Meeting Schedule - Darrell Regimbald
7. Revisions of Indicator Matrix - Stephanie Smith
8. Presentation re Beetle & Wildfire -Tabatha Nedokus
9. Softwood Lumber Agreement -Tony Wipfli
10. Pilot Project Status Update -Elizabeth Hunt
11. Preparations Summer Field Trip -Evan Hauk
12. Completion of annual PAG Public Participation Process Satisfaction Survey -Jennifer McCracken)
13. Feedback on Meeting

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

- Roundtable introductions from PAG, participants, members, and observers.
- Participation in the meeting was extended to all present.

2) **Review of Meeting Agenda**

- Agenda was accepted. No changes were made.

3) **Review of Meeting # 51 draft Summary and Actions**

Meeting #51 summary was accepted as circulated by PAG. Minor name corrections made.

PAG Meeting #49 Action Item #4: To consider for a future meeting, a potential topic around forest fire risk.

Status – will have presentation during meeting 52.

PAG Meeting #50 Action Item #1: Report to the members at the next PAG meeting, the status of the MDI content of the resin used at the Peace Valley Oriented strand Board plant.

Status – will have update during meeting 52.

PAG Meeting #50 Action Item #3: The Participants will report to the PAG at the March 2016 meeting, the public and First Nations comments received regarding the public review of SFMP# 3.

Status – public review will end March 31/16. Will provide update at fall 2016 meeting.

PAG Meeting #51 Action Item #1: Participants to provide an update to the PAG regarding the Softwood Lumber Agreement process and what the anticipated affects will be to the northeast region.

Status – will give an update during meeting 52.

PAG Meeting #51 Action Item #3: The PAG members unanimously feel the Fort St.

John Pilot Regulation is vital to this area, government should maintain this regulation and expand it throughout the province. Invite a representative who could speak on behalf of the government on why government would change the Fort St. John Pilot Project Regulation and what the possible changes will be.
Status – presentation will be made during meeting 52.

4) Update from Participants – Dawn Griffin (Canfor)/Mark Van Tassel (BCTS)/Andrew Moore (CRL)/Mark Fonda (LP)

Canfor:

- Lumber exports are decreasing to China,
- Higher export taxes are being applied to US shipments, which is being offset in part by the impacts of the low Canadian dollar.
- The markets are expected to be stable, with little growth until 2019.
- Mill is at 104% of target and updates to the log yard have been done.
- Construction of pellet plant is on schedule, expecting full commission at the end of March. Product will be sent to Japan, rather than Europe as first planned. The pellet plant will only use waste from the mills
- Some pulpwood is delivered to Taylor Pulp. The majority of the product taken to the pulp mill is chips. Taylor pulp is now a part of Canfor Pulp Inc. This is a recent change, as it was previously with Canfor's sawmill division.

Action Item 1: Canfor to investigate and report on the observation of large logs being transported to and from the Taylor pulp mill.

BC Timber Sales: For FSJ Field Team 2015/16 to date

385,741m³ offered

300,854 m³ sold

140,412m³ currently advertised, to close prior to March 31, 2016

Planned offers at fiscal year-end (March 31) = 525,953m³ which is 88% of our apportionment to date.

Factors that have limited our ability to hit our full targets include staffing vacancies, including retirements of key staff members, and access issues. Overall sales have been good, with good bonus bids.

Cameron River Logging (CRL): Inventory at the yard is increasing. Currently, they are moving 3000 m³/ week by rail the target for the year is 140 000 m³, dependent on the rail car availability and timber. Also expanding their rail load business into other non- forestry opportunities. As a reflection of the current economic conditions, the survey stake(re manufacturing operation) has seen an 80% drop in the demand for survey stakes.

LP: MDI use at the Peace Valley OSB (PV OSB) plant was approved with the updated Environmental Permit. The mill is currently being upgraded for the use of MDI. The use of MDI is scheduled to start in the third quarter. Jeremy Barton is the new PV OSB plant manager.

Question: Where is the wood from Site C going? Answer: FLNRO has issued BC Hydro the rights to log the wood. Canfor has approached the loggers completing the clearing to purchase the wood. The majority of wood being purchased is deciduous. Clearing Plan from BC Hydro identifies where the clearing is occurring and the species and amount of merchantable wood as well as what is not merchantable. BC Hydro is using the FLNRO definition as for merchantable and non-merchantable wood. Some timber is not being harvested due to slope concerns. BC Hydro did advertise a Request for Expression of Interest for using the non-merchantable timber for activities such as chipping, but there was no interest.

Action Item 2: Provide link to the BC Hydro Site C clearing plan:

http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/documents/p371/d35993/1377112322034_3f6818f00391108d24816e17b74b6b4dc04df98c77657ac56b1e7335f3fe1194.pdf

5) Terms of Reference/ Membership – Darrell Regimbald

The Terms of Reference was reviewed. The majority of proposed changes were administrative (name updates and grammar).

Following additional changes were requested by attendees:

1. Update Section E (4) to reflect an annual PAG survey, instead of “ periodically-Accepted
2. Section 4 a) Add “and” for individual meetings
3. Change the reference on page 4 to BC Timber Sales, from BCTS.

Membership

As part of the annual update, we also update our membership lists. The following updates were done when the list:

- a. Blueberry River First Nations requested that they be removed from the membership list
- b. Sauteau First Nations (John Stokmans) added to the list
- c. Dale Morgan (Former Regional Executive Director) removed from the list. A discussion was held regarding inviting the new Regional Executive Director to join the group, but it was decided that it would not be appropriate

There are a number of members who currently would meet the Terms of Reference definition as inactive (i.e. missed 2 consecutive meetings) If any PAG members know people who may be interested in attending these meetings, please let the Participants know. The current PAG contact information was distributed for the people present at the meeting to confirm their contact information.

6) Overview of 2016 Meeting Schedule - Darrell Regimbald

Darrell reviewed the proposed planned meeting agenda items for the next 2 years. (attached to this meeting summary). The meeting schedule is the Participants expectations for general planning and can change. No changes were proposed to by the PAG at this time.

7) Indicator Matrix Changes

In the past year no changes were made to the current SFMP indicators. Given there were no changes to the indicators, no changes to the indicator matrix were proposed.

8) Presentation re Beetle & Wildfire -Tabatha Nedokus

Highlights of the Presentation

- In 2014, new Mountain Pine (MPB) Beetle attack in the northeast is decreasing overall, Fort Nelson did see an increase (6%)
- In the Interior of BC, 50% of the pine were killed.
- Fire spread studies were completed in 2014.
- Rapid Crown fire behavior was seen when the fire danger rating was moderate. Crown fires are fast moving fires through the top of the trees.
- The probability of a fire starting, and the rate of travel for a fire in MPB killed stands is higher (meaning higher probability of a fast moving fire starting from a lightning strike in those stands)
- Community fire response planning is impacted because the fire departments have a decreased amount of time to respond to a MPB killed fire.
- Management plans for fire management by communities was not highly adopted throughout the Province.
- The Participants did assist communities in the North and South Peace with the development of Community wildfire plans through the use of targeted harvesting and replanting the harvested areas with lower than normal stocking standards.
- The Participants do try to complete fire salvage where appropriate, and work with Wildfire management when there is active fires that may be impacting resources.
- BCTS completed Fire salvage in the South Peace 2014 Red Deer Fire.

9) Softwood Lumber Agreement -Tony Wipfli

Currently the Softwood Lumber Agreement Negotiations are in high level talks. BC does have a group working on the agreement. Expect that it will be discussed at the State Dinner and meeting with the President and Prime Minister. The agreement is considered to provide stability to the industry. Question regarding the impact of Canadian producers that have purchased US mills since the last agreement, and how that will impact the negotiations, if any, is unknown.

10) Pilot Project And Timber Supply Review Update -Elizabeth Hunt

The Pilot Project has been in effect under the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) since 2003. The Chief Forester likes the Pilot Project, and has indicated her support of aspects of the Project. The SFMP 2 extension has been submitted, and the new SFMP 3 is being developed. It is expected that aspects of the Pilot Project will be brought into FRPA in 2018. At the conclusion of SFMP 3, the Pilot project will cease. The government usually provides a 2 year transition period for licensees to transition to the new legislation. The recent Forest Practices Board Audit highlighted some of the positives in the Pilot Project. As long as there is an SFMP, the PAG would continue, as the PAG is a requirement under the CSA standard. Some of the SFMP content would be expected to change.

Action Item 3: The PAG has requested that the high level official attend the meeting or meet with the PAG (i.e. Deputy Minister or Minister)

The Timber Supply Review is ongoing. The expectation is that the discussion paper for the Timber Supply will be available the end of March or Early April. After the comments from the Public Review is compiled, there will be a Determination Binder developed, and meeting will be held with the Chief Forester. It is expected that the determination will be made by March 2017 at the latest.

Action Item 4: Participants to circulate Timber Supply Review discussion paper to the PAG.

11) Preparations Summer Field Trip -Evan Hauk

A number of options for the field trip were presented and an invitation for additional ideas.

The Participants presented the following Field trip options:

1. Coarse Woody Debris: Biologists/ range tenure holder/ trapper view
2. Sawmill and pellet plant tour
3. Water and stream crossing field trip discussing the measurement protocol
4. First Nations traditional use of plants

PAG suggestions:

- 1) Herbicide versus non herbicide plots
- 2) Update on the Climate Change plot and the survival of the trees
- 3) Incorporate the Coarse woody debris/ stream crossings and First Nations Traditional Use into 1 field trip
- 4) Possibly Use the Plant tours as a “Plan B” in case of bad weather or incorporate into a “regular PAG meeting”.

Date of the PAG trip: It was agreed by the PAG that the best date for the PAG trip would be June 7th or 8th 2016. Thursday, June 9th was not good, and preference was to avoid Monday and Friday.

12) Completion of annual PAG Public Participation Process Satisfaction Survey -Jennifer McCracken)

The PAG members will be receiving an email with a link to an on line survey. If there is anyone who would like a paper copy, please let us know.

Action Item 5: Ray Ensz indicated he would like a paper copy of the Satisfaction Survey.

13) Feedback on Meeting- Gail Wallin

Overall a good meeting. People come out to the meeting to better understand what is happening on the landbase, and are able to discuss issues and concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Handouts for Meeting #52

- 1) FSJ Results Based Pilot Project Public Advisory Group Meeting #51 Summary and actions.

- 2) Meeting #52 agenda.
- 3) Draft 2016 Terms of Reference
- 4) Public Advisory Group membership contact list.

Summary of Actions from Meeting #52

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PAG Meeting 52 Action Item 1: Canfor to investigate and report on the observation of large logs being transported to and from the Taylor pulp mill.

Status: – the large logs observed were over size, badly checked logs that were unusable for pulp, hauled offsite for disposal as firewood.

PAG Meeting 52 Action Item 2: Provide link to the BC Hydro Site C clearing plan

Status: Added to the meeting summary

PAG meeting 52 Action Item 3: The PAG has requested that a high level official attend the meeting or meet with the PAG regarding the fate of the FSJ Pilot Project (i.e. Deputy Minister or Minister).

Status: The Participants will work with District MFLNRO staff to invite a high level official to address the PAG. NE Region RED Karrylyn Vince has been invited.

PAG Meeting 52 Action item 4: Participants to circulate Timber Supply Review Analysis discussion paper to the PAG.

Status: TSR Analysis discussion paper has not been released. We will pass along when available.

PAG Meeting 52 Action Item 5: Ray Ensz indicated he would like a paper copy of the Satisfaction Survey.

Status: A paper copy of the survey was provided to Ray Ensz.