

**Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project**

**Public Advisory Group Meeting # 58**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 5:30 to 9:00**

**Fort St. John Northern Grand Hotel Meeting Room**

**A) Meeting Attendance:**

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## **B) Meeting Agenda & Summary**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions – Jen McCracken
2. Review of Meeting Agenda – Gail Wallin
3. Review of Meeting #57 draft summary & actions – Gail Wallin
4. Update from Participants – Dawn Griffin/Stephanie Smith
  - Canfor, BCTS
5. Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) Certification Transition Update
  - Canfor Audit Results – Darrell Regimbald
  - BCTS transition plan – Stephanie Smith
6. Emerging Initiatives in the North Peace – Jen McCracken
7. Boreal Caribou Recovery Plan Update – Michael Huck / Katherine Capot-Blanc
8. LRMP Presentation – Genevieve Paterson
9. Changes to Regulatory Tools – Mark van Tassel
10. Preparations for Summer Field Trip – Tony Wipfli
11. Overview of 2019 Meeting Schedule – Jen McCracken
12. Annual PAG Participation Process Satisfaction Survey – Jen McCracken
13. Feedback on Meeting – Gail Wallin

### **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 additions or changes

### **3) Review of Meeting # 57 draft Summary**

Meeting #57 summary was accepted as circulated.

There were no outstanding Action Items from last meeting

**4) Update from Participants – Dawn Griffin (Canfor), Stephanie Smith (BCTS)**

Canfor:

- Good year up to 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Finalized purchase of Elliott Sawmill in South Carolina and 70% of VIDA Group in Sweden
- Good pulp markets
- Provided a staffing update
- Participated in Job Fair @ Sauleau First Nation
- Comment: Increased deliveries to Taylor Pulp mill causing issues with Taylor residents.

BC Timber Sales:

- Reporting structure change – now reporting to Regional Executive Director
- New planning forester hired in January
- Planted 2.6 million seedlings last year
- Sold 714,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Harvested 282,000 m<sup>3</sup>

**5) Sustainable Forest Initiative Update**

Canfor

- Transition Audit
  - o Assess conformance with SFI (all western Canada divisions)
    - Local result
      - Chetwynd – no issues.
      - Fort St John – 2 minor non-conformance; 1 Opportunity for improvement
    - Recommendation – certification under SFI
  - o Expect certification in late April 2019
  - o Surveillance Audits beginning in September 2019

**ACTION:** ask KPMG who was contacted regarding the Audit

BCTS

- Had internal and external audit in late February
- External Audit:
  - o 2 minor non-conformance

- 2 Opportunity for Improvement
- Audit action plan submitted to KPMG
  - Waiting on approval of Action Plan

**6) Emerging Initiatives**

- Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI)
- Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment (RSEA)
- LRMP
- Boreal Caribou
- Regulatory Changes

**7) Boreal Caribou Recovery Update**

- Boreal Caribou are different than Mountain Caribou
  - Reside in peatland complexes
  - Declined populations since 2000
- Management History and context presented 2002-present
- Pathway to decline
  - Global warming - fires
  - Disturbance from Oil/Gas and Forestry
  - Linear disturbances
  - Increased browse species resulting in increase in moose populations which also increase wolf populations
- Caribou Mortality
  - Wolf predation is primary source of mortality for adult caribou
- Population trends
  - Improving but numbers are still low
- Habitat disturbance
  - Very high
- Planning and Engagement
  - Province and FNFN engaged in collaborative technical planning process
  - Engagement with FN is viewed as a priority
  - Socio-economic analysis on any recovery options to take place prior to a broad public engagement
  - Public engagement planned for summer 2019

**8) LRMP Update**

- Modernized land use planning is being developed in partnership between the Province and Indigenous Governments.
- Current FSJ LRMP was approved in October 1997:
  - o First Nations were not involved
- Initiate a process to update the FSJ LRMP
  - o Provide strategic land use direction that is applicable across all sectors
- Challenges
  - o No system or concerted effort to monitor the implementation or effectiveness of the LRMP
  - o First Nations were not involved – land use uncertainty
- Work to date
  - o Initial engagement with FN's and local government, industry, communities and stakeholders
- Next Steps
  - o Technical assessment of LRMP
  - o Process design
  - o Complete agreements
  - o Identify linkages
- FSJ Pilot Project Regulation (section 44) has ties to the LRMP. The SFMP must be consistent with a higher level plan.

## **9) Changes to Regulatory Tools**

- Interior Revitalization Project
  - o Mountain Pine Beetle, Spruce Beetle, fires, utilization
- Amendments to FRPA and FPPR
  - o Response to Forest Practices board audits
  - o Bill 21
    - Requirement for Forest Operations Map with FSP
    - FSP maximum term of 5 years
    - Changes to Range sections
  - o Once approved, require regulations to provide specifics
    - Expect regulations to be worked on this fall.

## **10) Summer Field Trip**

- Topics for field trip include:
  - o Herbicide management
  - o Range values
  - o Assisted migration trial
  - o Retention strategies
  - o Caribou restoration (linear features)
  - o Trapping demonstration
- PAG agreed that it was ok to have Chetwynd PAC attend
- Plan field trip for June 18<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>

**11) 2019 Meeting Schedule**

- Fall meeting to be planned for October 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>
  - o Have updates to LRMP and Boreal Caribou

**12) Annual PAG Public Participation Satisfaction Survey**

- Will be completed via an online survey in May

**13) Feedback**

- Updates were “super understandable”
- Good meeting

**Handouts for Meeting #58**

- 1) Meeting #58 agenda.
- 2) Draft minutes from Meeting #57.

**Summary of Actions from Meeting #58**

**ACTION:** ask KPMG who was contacted regarding the SFI Transition Audit

Status – Complete – KPMG informed D. Regimbald on April 15, 2019 that no Fort St John PAG members were contacted regarding the SFI Transition audit.