

**Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project
Public Advisory Group Meeting #64
Tuesday, Apr 5, 2022
Webex Meeting (online only)**

PAG Meeting (Open to Public) 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Meeting Attendance:

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Other

Name	Interest	Phone	Email
Gail Wallin	Facilitator		gwallin@wlake.com

Meeting start: 6:30 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Meeting Agenda and WebEx tips and tricks
3. Review of Meeting # 63 draft summary, action items and approval
 - o Actions from last meeting not completed are listed below and to be addressed at the beginning of next meeting.

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	STATUS	COMMENTS
Share Rezatech data at next meeting.	Andrew Tyrrell	In Progress	Expected Oct 2022 meeting.
Next PAG Field trip tentatively May/June 2022. To be voted on for location and date	Pilot Participants	In Progress	In Person Field Trip with safe distancing measures in place.
Kristine to send information to Budd from incident of bunchers being out of bounds from Oct 21 meeting	Kristine Bock	In Progress	Expected completion is Oct 2022 Meeting
Update on Blueberry court decision	Kristine Bock	In Progress	Expected Oct 2022 Meeting

4. Update from Participants

- BCTS Update – Tony
 - o Timber Sales 2021-2022: Sold 3 sales, volume of 63,014m3
 - o No sales since last PAG meeting
 - o Contracts 2021-2022, Multiphase timber development: developing approx. 140,000m3. 2 planting contracts: approx. 3.6 million trees planted. Silviculture surveys: 2,100 ha surveyed. Manual brushing: approx. 185ha. Site preparation (excavator mounding): approx. 412ha. Archaeological Services: approx. 90 blocks
 - o Planning Officer position- not filled
 - o Planning Forester is Adrienne Pierre
 - o Previous Timber Sales Manager, Shawn Sullivan is the successful candidate as Director of Forest Worker Safety.
 - o Operations manager, Stephanie Smith is currently the Acting Timber Sales Manager for the business area. This position was posted, posting closed April 1st.
 - o Rob: Update to when the next sales will be advertised? Don: Sales Scheduled for Dawson, not FSJ yet. Hoping something this year.
 - o Budd: Impact on old growth policy on BC Timber Sales? Don: no selling anything that is flagged with OG polygons.
- Canfor – Kristine
 - o Reviewed mill operations and projects. New Auto wrapper and upcoming infeed slide and upgrading the log feeder and de-barker.
 - o CANFOR: FSJ current curtailment 4 days/week due to shipping issues with CN. No available rail cars.
 - o Taylor Pulp: not product leaving the yard, currently on their 2nd 6-week curtailment. Due to CN shipping issues as well.
 - o CANFOR: Purchased Millar-Western mills in Whitecourt and Fox Creek.
 - o Capital projects include Halfway-Graham road gravelling.

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- Staff Changes: Kristine filling in for Carmen's maternity leave. Rod Higgins accepted a position in Nova Scotia. Planning position currently open.
 - Rob: Is CN responding for more rail cars? Kristine: Haven't heard anything yet.
 - Ray: Heard Rumors that PG is going to get rail cars first (be priority). Kristine: Haven't heard of any supply of rail cars going to any division. Darrell: Hasn't heard anything either.
 - LP- Charles Friesen
 - LP Peace Valley reopened and close to full capacity. Except for Feb curtailment due to shipping issues.
 - Shipping product an issue for them as well due to no rail cars from CN, trucking more product now.
 - Lots of private Aspen to purchase, approx. 85% is from purchase sources.
 - Planning about 2.5 million m3 of new development under the FOS. 10-15 yr plan for the areas in amendment 411.
 - Hired new planning forester Sara Curtis.
 - Budd: A complaint from Rod and Gun club regarding fallen wood left behind and has tried 3 times to get in contact with LP but calls and emails have not been returned. Charles: Believes they have recovered all decked wood in the bush. Please contact him directly to determine where there is anything left over please.
 - Cameron River Logistics: Not in attendance
5. Reclamation and Restoration in the Oil & Gas sector-Sean Curry/Patrick Smook
- OGC: Sean Curry
 - Reviewed FSJ TSA area Oil & Gas Footprint and Forestry disturbance and restoration requirements.
 - Currently Seismic lines have no restoration requirements- 80,000 out of the 146,000 ha are seismic lines and have no restoration requirements.
 - Discussed dormant sites, type A, B, C, and priority sites and their timelines for recommissioning and restoration. Well sites have a 5 yr timeframe not producing to be deemed as dormant.
 - Priority sites are decided by the commissioner. Once a designation occurs there is a 5-year timeline to complete restoration.
 - Orphan sites occur when permit holder goes bankrupt/disappears, and the site is left in government hands to deal with. Funding for reclamation comes from a levy is funded by industry.
 - Legacy sites there are no legal obligation for restoration. 60% of total oil & gas footprint are these types (seismic areas etc.). They are a large problem.
 - Funding: \$100 million for dormant sites, \$15 million for orphan sites, \$5 million for Legacy sites.
 - Link for more information on dormant sites:
<https://www.bcogc.ca/what-we-regulate/oil-gas/dormant-sites/>
 - Budd: Define restoration, what does it look like? Sean: have to bring in a suitable species to mix with wildlife and habitat, to make it like it was prior to disturbance.
 - Rob: What is the process to request a site as a "priority site"?

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- Sean: Reach out to Sean directly and the commission. Online campaign - land owners to identify sites (site nominations). The commissioner checks to see if they meet the requirements. They recognize that there are a large number of site and it will be a many yr program to get these restored.
6. FSJ TSA Spruce Beetle Update - Elizabeth Hunt
- Spruce Beetle outbreak is continuing throughout the Omineca and Northeast regions.
 - Northeast Region in 2021 = 37% reduction in total area infested at 70303 ha
 - Beetle levels in the Northeast are not as severe as the Omineca and we are seeing a decline in spruce beetle populations in the Northeast.
 - Spruce Beetle populations do not appear to be spreading with the majority of infested areas remaining near the SE border in the DC TSA. In the FSJ TSA it appears to be identified in the Northern section of the TSA, along river and creek corridors.
 - DC TSA total: 61573 ha (included area in TFL 48)
 - FSJ TSA total: 8729 ha
 - Outbreak in Omineca and NE 77% reduction. Not as severe in NE, we are seeing a decline.
 - Even though there is a decline, we can't let our guard down. We need to keep up with vigilance and management practices (storage and hauling). Seeing a decline but still need to be careful.
 - Budd: Why are we seeing a decline? Elizabeth: not exactly sure why, fluctuations in the weather could be a possibility. Have been seeing 3yr beetle gestations instead of the normal 1 yr. We can't let our guard down, as we are still seeing infestations.
 - Patrick: Are maps of the infestations available to the public? Elizabeth: Yes, an aerial overview was sent out to licensees.
 - Link to map provided by Elizabeth:
https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/HFP/external/%21publish/Aerial_Overview/2021/Spatial_Data/
7. Cultural Heritage Resources Management in the Pilot Project Area – Andrew Tyrrell
- A site or location of a traditional practice that is of historical significance to BC, a community, or an aboriginal people (Forest Act). Forest Act: includes non-indigenous too.
 - HCA (Heritage Conservation Act) – encourages and facilitate the protection and conservation of heritage property in BC. Provides the legal framework for archaeological site protection and archaeological assessments in BC. This applies on private land.
 - PRPA – Objective: to conserve or protect cultural heritage resources that are: 1. the focus of a traditional use by an Aboriginal people, and that is of continuing importance. 2. Not regulated under the HCA
 - Archaeological Field Assessments are done on blocks that:
 - are rated higher risk from the archaeological overview assessment (AOA).
 - summer logging / high ground disturbance activity
 - PFR or AIA, depending on intensity
 - Field assessment include walking transect, shovel test sites.

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-Identification of areas of potential (AOP), Culturally modified trees (CMT), and other features. Post 1846 CMTs are not protected under heritage conservation act and managed as per FN's preference but usually cut above the scar to preserve it. Pre- 1846 wood would be protected under HCA.

-First Nations participation

- All AOAs and AIAs are done through qualified archaeological consultants
- FREP link:
<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=603880eba0034040810572ca99f7c385>

8. Ideas for summer field trip

- There is interest in a summer field trip
- Charles: A recently harvested LP Block with several different regimes, in consultation with Halfway River FN.
- Walter: Interest in rehabilitation from oil & gas side.
- Look at legacy restoration work in the area – older seismic lines
- Time frame for field trip May/June – May might not be great due to weather.
- Gail suggested a poll for topics and dates.
- **ACTION: Andrew to start online PAG survey for dates and topics for summer field trip.**

9. Feedback on Meeting

- Rob Fraser: Good Meeting, would like face to face to improve meeting.
- Majority agreed - good meeting, good dialogue.
- Andrew has dinner gift cards for participants who would like one.

10. Suggested topic for next Meeting – update on Blueberry Decision

8:31pm meeting ended