

**Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project
Public Advisory Group Meeting #61
Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020**

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

PAG Members Dinner 5:30 pm-6:00 pm
PAG Meeting (Open to Public) 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Meeting Attendance:

Participants (in-person)

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Other (phone in)

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

Meeting start: 6:32 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions – Darrell Regimbald
 - Due to Covid-19 restrictions, participants are both in person and in an online meeting forum.
 - Darrell will chair the in person meeting with Gail facilitating via the phone
2. Review of Meeting Agenda – Darrell Regimbald
 - Government presentations on hold due to Provincial Election Interregnum (care taker mode)
 - Meeting will review updated terms of reference, SFMP status and the annual report
 - Agenda approved
3. Review of Meeting # 59 draft Summary - accepted
4. Review of Outstanding Actions– Darrell Regimbald
 - An email was sent in April to PAG members with an update for October 2019 action items as the spring 2020 PAG meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.
 - Action: Provide update on Taylor Chips; Resolution: update in email showed reasoning included the Taylor curtailment meant the chips were sent to Prince George, Taylor Pulp is back up and running at this time
 - Action: Revise annual report data regarding reforestation (trees planted) to balance; Resolution: there was an error in the summation of area planted in the PowerPoint presentation not the annual report; Canfor corrected.
 - Action: Annual report input needs to be sent to Darrell by Oct 27, 2020. Complete.
 - Action: Jaclyn to contact members not present at the meeting and confirm publication of member's name is acceptable. Complete.
5. Update from Participants - Canfor, BCTS, LP
 - Cameron River Logging – not in attendance
 - Canfor (Dawn Griffin) provided a PowerPoint presentation
 - Canfor's 2nd quarter results were announced, weak lumber markets picked up in May – June 2020, Canfor Isle Pierre mill permanently closed
 - Taylor pulp had improved in April, but softened and remain weak in Q3 2020, Taylor Pulp has had improved productivity which has offset operational disruptions
 - New divisional and Woodlands personnel updates, delivery forecast for both the FSJ sawmill and Taylor Pulp were provided
 - LP (Derry Sorgen)
 - PVOSB is still curtailed, OSB prices are at record highs. US housing starts are over, market conditions are favorable and LP is seriously looking at a reopening plan but will only proceed if it can be sustained. Currently hauling decked wood blocks to the mill, had planned to use or sell Oil & Gas salvage but will use for hog fuel supply. Will continue to haul to PVOSB and bring in green wood if reopens.
 - SFI certification on private wood, working on getting SFI certification under PVOSB for crown land

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- Question: delivering wood into log yard how long can it sit before it is unusable? DS: depends on the block (exposure, etc), may only be useable in hog, a flat block could potentially be used in Dawson Creek for siding. Hauling 20' lengths to be able to use 1 production if the mill does reopen. Finding the wood is quite dry.
 - BCTS (Stephanie Smith)
 - 2019-2020 fiscal year ability to meet sale criteria
 - Conifer target of 270,000m³, sold 490,000m³. Had a number of sale surrenders and 7 no bids, deciduous target 200,000 67,885m³ sold
 - Last year's team developed 33 packages and a lot of field contracts were completed. Had 200,000m³ to sell but sold 95,000m³ (4/8 sales sold in 2020).
 - New category that has not had a lot of advertisement in Fort St. John is category 2, identified for smaller mills and value-added producers, target of 20,000m³, 3 sales identified in category 2
 - Field team is planning 24 timber sale licenses this year and a forester position was filled and that individual will attend the spring 2021 meeting
6. Missed Spring Meeting – Darrell Regimbald
- Email sent in Spring which included the public participant survey
 - Information was provided by the Ministry of Environment for the caribou recovery plan
 - TOR reviewed, changes were in red font in the document and were reviewed and accepted.
 - **ACTION: Add TOR to website (Canfor)**
7. SFMP Amendment Approval Status – Carmen Anderson
- Carmen provided a PowerPoint presentation
 - Amendment was submitted August 27, 2020 to FLNRORD, which addressed conditional approval of SFMP #3, other revisions, added 3 new indicators and revised 9 existing indicators
 - New indicators 51A, 52A and 70
 - Conditional approval amendment indicators 2, 42, 49, 51, 52, 41 and 56
 - Continuous improvement indicators 10 and 48
 - Question: any indication on how long until will hear from the government?
 - **ACTION: Carmen Anderson (Canfor) to follow-up after the election.**
8. Review of 2019-20 SFM Annual Report – Stacy Gibbons
- Stacy provided a PowerPoint presentation
 - Reviewed key achievements
 - Review of indicators not achieved.
 - *ACTION: Indicator 57 Number of known values and uses addressed in operational planning reported one commitment not met.* ACTION: Stephanie (BCTS) to contact Stacy (Canfor) to discuss
 - *Indicator 49 Forest Health FOS Planning – missed minimum number of pine leading blocks added to the FOS (indicator to be amended in SFMP Amen #1)* – when it is approved the pine beetle will be coming to an end
 - *Indicator 57 Number of Known values and uses addressed in operational plan.*
 - Stephanie (BCTS): On 31 blocks, 24 blocks were met with 6 missed commitments (no screening on road, boundary

change not completed and four times First Nations were not notified on harvest start)

- Upon review, it was found that actions are being committed to but not followed. Additional actions and monitoring programs are in place to ensure it doesn't continue to occur.
- Question: What actions are now in place? SS: LRM activity to identify commitments on the block level, block sheet to solidify staff review and tertiary process for review and communication between teams clearly identified using flow sheets.
- Indicator 49 Forest Health FOS Planning – indicator to be amended in SFMP amend 1 once it's approved, not applicable anymore which is why it is not being met
- Operational Highlights reviewed
 - Timber Harvesting Volume logged low due to closure of PVOB
 - Reforestation slide question: are there any experiments being done with different species? Or are all species planted spruce and pine? There is a test site that BCTS has ongoing which includes a variety of species (Climate Adaption Trial).
ACTION: Next PAG Field trip try to include visit to trial site.
 - Indicator 62 Brushing Program Aerial Herbicide Use – 81% reduction in treated area due to comments from First Nations, stakeholders and the public.
 - Indicator 54 Dollars Spent Locally – Question: there is a low percentage in silviculture dollars being spent overall, is there anything being done to spend more locally? DG: Canfor is working to develop a site prep contractor, manual brushing completed by local contractors; however tree planting is the main cost and this contractor is not local but open to hiring locals.
- Copy of the final annual report will be posted to the FTP site; would member like a copy of the final report? Consensus to place a link to the report on the website and FTP site. **ACTION: Canfor to send a link in an email to both the website and FTP site.**

9. Harvesting and Forest Retention – Walter Fister

- Drone video presentation of Forest Retention shown however it was not available for those on the phone and audio did not work in the conference room
- Video showed a collaboration of best practices in the past 4 years on Canfor and BCTS block
- **ACTION: Walter to distribute video if permitted, and may place on website if it is not protected.**

10. Review 2019 PAG Satisfaction Survey – Stacy

- 2 surveys were received back however only one is represented in the presentation as the other was only discovered on the day of the PAG meeting. **ACTION: Stacy to update and share once both respondents have been recorded.**

11. Review of PAG membership & Notice – Darrell Regimbald

- Members present and on phone all granted permission to publish

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- ACTION: Canfor to contact missing member to get permission to publish names.

12. Feedback on Meeting – Gail Wallin

- Due to format, it was not as smooth as possible (technical issues with video and audio)
- Andy Ackerman: glad the block with trees from different species was brought up, would like to know how they are doing? Maybe a multiple species report for the spring meeting?
- Sara Rowe: definitely lots of challenges, would be nice to hear more about the Spruce Beetle, even if it's just a brief update. DR: original agenda included a forest health update, but due to the impending election it was removed.
- Phone: zoom format next time? More about the spruce beetle?
Bud Phillips: rehab plans for old seismic in northeast? Presentation perhaps?
- Patrick Smook: prefers WebEx for meeting

Darrell wrapped up the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 pm