

Meeting Minutes

SFMC Meeting CKP offices The Pas, May 25, 2017

- A. **Welcome** -welcoming remarks
- B. **Agenda** - summary agenda accepted with no additions
- C. **Minutes** - minutes of previous meeting reviewed and approved without changes
- D. **Business Arising** - no business arising
- E. **Meeting Assessment** - meeting assessment from previous meeting was reviewed, discussed, and accepted as presented
- F. **Public Concerns Report** - public concerns report for the period of time November 2016 – April 2017 was reviewed because the report was not reviewed at the previous meeting
- G. **Committee Member Interest Group Report** - general discussion about the state of the northern mining industry. Some mines are nearing end of life and the future of some related mills is a concern. There is the possibility of less future local processing of ore. A related concern is the result of a smaller workforce being required and the effect upon local job opportunities because many people would probably not leave the area or affected communities.
- NCN has a grow your own worker training program that is very successful for the Thompson area job market.
 - discussion occurred about challenges resulting from foreign ownership of the Thompson area mines and the effect of the anticipated closing of the smelter at Thompson
 - extensive fall blowdown areas have been observed north of the Grass River and it was suggested that could be a good salvage opportunity
 - there were questions about the softwood lumber duty dispute upon CKP. It was suggested that there could be a secondary negative effect if the US duties resulted in lower production by regional sawmills that supply residual chips. The history of the duties and related legal proceedings was discussed.
 - the UCN NRMT program was discussed. CKP has hired a number of graduates of that program. The reality that few of the students select a forestry career was noted.
- H. **Industry Report**
- the industry report was presented by Paul Chapman as follows:

- discussion of the recurring topic of how to increase meeting attendance , including the idea of supplying jackets with an appropriate logo to help identify the committee to the community
- a staff opportunity for a harvesting supervisor has been posted. The preferred candidate would be someone with at least a few years of experience having successfully completed at least a natural resources course. CKP would prefer employing someone with a forestry degree as there are fewer people with such qualifications at CKP.
- planning continues for the September major shutdown to replace the superheater, which time will be also used to complete some additional upgrades at the facility.
- Contractors, including Moose Lake Loggers, Nelson River, and Kurjan, are working in the interlake area salvaging wood from forest damaged by the jack pine budworm. Also Anderson Logging is working on private land near Wanless. Normally there is about one-hundred (100) days work available at this time of year; but there has been good access to work areas and an effort will be made to continue the present work until Fall shutdown. This will hopefully surge the wood inventory in the yard to about one-hundred (100) days. The accounting department likes this type of “just in time” inventory control.
- At our last meeting our paper inventory was too high; but because of the scheduled shutdown sales can continue uninterrupted, which will hopefully reduce the inventory to acceptable levels.
- CKP sales have benefited from the exchange rate against the US dollar. The lower Canadian dollar is a benefit for sales; also the Euro is strong against the US dollar, which makes the Europeans less competitive in the North American market.
- CKP had its first ever booth at the local trade show, which was a success. The booth was well attended with lots of staff present. People were interested in the planning maps and the budworm salvage.
- the next external audit was scheduled for August, by SAI Global; but CKP has been requested to delay this until November because of scheduling problems at SAI Global
- there is no update about JV at this date
- the softwood duties do not directly affect CKP but there is a spin-off potential to our residual chip and pulp suppliers (being half the CKP volume). There are many in the Canadian market but there might be competition coming as export companies get squeezed. Tolko is facing a 20% duty (retroactive) and expecting additional tariffs to be layered on later.
- tree planting has begun with over two (2) million seedlings planned for this year. Currently 167m have been planted since the ‘80s. Free to grow surveys will begin next month as two contractors will be surveying about 6,800 hectares of cutover in the Highrock area.

I. Review and Acceptance of SFMC Ground Rules

- Changes discussed at the last meeting were adopted. Also the words “if the membership requests” will be deleted from the offer to take a field trip at least once per year.
- the word “chairman” will be replaced by the word “chairperson” , and two references to “Tolko” will be changed to CKP.
- for clarity it was also changed so that “ the company will make arrangements for the meetings” , etc. in section 4.
- Under communication there will be some references to the “company and the chairperson” reviewing minutes and agenda, and communicating with the public that interested parties are welcome to join the committee.

J. Indicator Revision

- minor change to 1.2.2.2.1, being: change MESA to the new acronym MESEA wherever it occurs in the document
- 3.1.2.1.1 was discussed. CKP wants clarification of the CWD survey to be compared with other jurisdictions and existing indicators and present options at the November meetings. It was considered that some members absent from the meeting would want to be involved in the discussion.
- Paul Chapman informed the meeting that when he was reviewing the reference to ‘consultation’ in the last version of the ground rules he also searched the SFM plan for appropriateness of reference to consultation in document. He identified that the existing plan uses or infers the company doing consultation in both the general sense of the word and specific to Aboriginal or First Nations where it conflicts with the Crown obligation under Section 35. CKP will review the occurrence of the word and change it where it appears to offend the concept of Section 35. It will be replaced with community discussions, meetings, or participation as appropriate. On page 17 where there is reference to the Crown duty to consult there is no reference to Metis people. Troy Westroh will provide wording consistent with the present provincial obligations. I was suggested that a clarification be added such as “in this document matters related to Section 35 will be referred to as ‘Crown Consultation’, matters of concern to the general communities will be referenced generally as ‘consultation or communications with individuals or communities’. A redline version will be sent to Ron Spence, Laurel, and Troy prior to committee review.
- during review of the SFMP a reference to the old Tolko Aboriginal policy was noted. The CKP Aboriginal policy was requested for information. Paul Chapman informed the meeting that no such policy exists; but that matter could be considered.

K. Opasqwayak Hydroponic Garden Tour

- the meeting moved to the Ospasqwayak Hydroponic Garden facility for a tour of the vegetable and produce growing facility. Hosts met the members of the committee and provided an interesting and informative explanation of the hydroponic garden. Then members were invited to enter the climate controlled garden facility and view the vegetables and produce in various stages of growth. Afterward the members were provided samples of the harvested vegetables or produce. The visiting members appreciated very much visiting the garden facility and learning of its potential as a food supply.

L. Adjournment

- the meeting adjourned from the hydroponic garden facility.

Attendances:

Paul Chapman, Ron Spence (NCN), Robert Hanson (Swan Valley), John Como (MMF), Barry Jahn (MTA), Will Trowel (UCN), Angela Enright (Snow Lake), Troy Westroh (MSD), Ron Black (Bakers Narrows), Laurel Palosaari (MMF)