

Forest Management License Area 2 Sustainable Forest Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES

February 22nd, 2018

Canadian Kraft Paper, The Pas, Manitoba

Attendance: Paul Chapman, Matthew Forbes, Rochelle Eyolfson (phone), Shaun Kopeechuk, Robert Hanson, Brian Roque, Gord Dumas, Julianna Cook, Troy Werstroh, Richard G. Gibbons; Ron Spence

Welcome and introductions

The committee welcomed two new attendees to the meeting: Gord Dumas, Co-chair, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Resource Management Board; and, Rochelle Eyolfson, Consultation Project Officer, Manitoba Métis Federation.

Agenda review and approve

Agenda was reviewed and approved with no additions.

Minutes review and approve

Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with no revisions.

Business arising from the minutes

Following some email conversation amongst committee members since the last meeting, the topic of marten den (nest) boxes was further discussed. A UK-design for den boxes for the pine marten, a related species to the American marten found in our forests, was shared by Rob Andrushuk of the Manitoba Trappers Association (MTA). The committee discussed design of both boxes and concluded it could use the UK design if that was the preference of the MTA, or try both designs. Some committee members provided local contacts who would likely be interested in the project. It was concluded committee members would discuss the initiative with local contacts as well as coordinate with the local MTA representative. It was asked whether the monitoring of den box use would be a joint initiative with CKP and it was decided this would be better done between the local schools and MTA. CKP agreed to support local initiatives by providing lumber for the construction of the den boxes on request.

Meeting assessment review

Paul C. reviewed the meeting assessments from last meeting.

Community reporting

Julianna C. provided an update on the progress made with OCN's traditional land use study and planning.

Ron S. asked if CKP could look at providing forestry education with schools which could show the positives of the forest industry and the opportunities available, perhaps with the hiring of a new CKP employee. This would help with getting community approval prior to forest harvest operations occurring. Ron S. indicated a curriculum is developed in their local school for similar topics such as wildlife and fish management. Ron S. also indicated the importance of having a main contact in each community to facilitate educational opportunities. Paul C. indicated CKP has supported the local Envirothon team the last few years, both through funding and volunteering of staff time, and that Envirothon could serve as a venue for providing forestry educational opportunities to students. The committee discussed the Envirothon program. It was concluded that committee members would survey interest in the Envirothon program in their local communities and interested persons could contact Matthew F. for more information on implementing a local program. Matthew F. would email the committee information on the Envirothon program provided on the Manitoba Forestry Association's website.

Brian R. congratulated CKP on surpassing their 1-year anniversary and mentioned the positive outlook of the Town of The Pas today opposed to the outlook a year and a half ago. Brian R. mentioned an interesting phone call received a while ago regarding a party looking to acquire large vacant facilities to conduct Bitcoin mining. This party asked if the mill site facilities in The Pas previously under Tolko ownership were still vacant. Brian R. proudly indicated the facilities had sold to a new owner – CKP. The committee had a brief discussion on the Bitcoin industry.

Robert H. said he had been discussing with some landowners in the R.M. of Mountain South regarding concerns with the Pine River flooding and questioning if there is a connection with logging occurring along the east side of the Duck Mountains. Robert H. asked if CKP still has forest operations in this area. Paul C. answered that CKP has never had forest operations in the Duck Mountains and the original FML Area only extended to include the Porcupine Mountains which was removed from the current FML Area in the late 90s. Matthew F. added that this area is part of Louisiana Pacific's FML Area and that Spruce Products Limited may also have forest operations in the area. Matthew F. also indicated Intermountain Conservation District would be another contact.

Industry report

Paul C. provided an industry report which included: an update on forest operations in the jack pine budworm salvage and Pothier Lake areas; recent mill performance and limitation due to lack of rail cars being delivered to the site; mention that our committee has been selected for the CSA User Group Chairman's Award which is awarded for outstanding commitment by a Public Advisory Group; and, mention that CKP will again be supporting the local Envirothon program through financial donation and volunteering of staff time.

Public concerns table

Matthew F. reviewed with the committee the public concerns received in January of 2018 and the response/action taken by the company. During this period, there were two public concerns:

The first was from a member of Kelsey Sno-Riders requesting approval for the local club's trail to pass through CKP private property. CKP signed an agreement with the snowmobile club allowing access.

The second was an email from a member of a First Nations community inquiring when the next CKP public meeting will be held and what recent activities have taken place on their ancestral lands. A CKP Operations Forester responded indicating the next public meeting will not be held until January-February of 2019 but indicated no activities have taken place since the last meeting and the community will be notified prior. The Operations Forester indicated CKP would be interested in confirming on a map the areas of interest and ensuring there is no concern with CKP activities. CKP is still awaiting a response from the community member.

There were no comments or concerns from the committee.

Presentations

Matthew F. presented on two discussion items found within the updated 2016 CSA-SFM standard. The first was under criterion 4 – Role in global ecological cycles: “role of forest ecosystems and their management in the global carbon cycle.” The second was under criterion 5 –Economic and social benefits: “the significant vulnerabilities for community sustainability linked to forest and timber supply conditions over time.” Both presentations followed a similar format: describing how the discussion item relates to the standard; providing an example of how the discussion item relates to forest management; how the discussion relates to CKP's SFM plan and indicator monitoring; and, some practices CKP is completing relating to the discussion item outside of SFM indicator monitoring. These presentations created some general discussion amongst committee members.

The committee welcomed guest speaker Gord Dumas who provided a presentation on Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation's Land Use Plan. The presentation provided a large-scale overview of the Land Use Plan including: history on the initiation and development of the plan; the four phases of the planning process; community involvement; and, the benefits to First Nation members, neighbouring communities and potential business partners.

SFM Plan review and required revisions for CSA Standard 2016 version

The committee continued review of requested changes to CKP's SFM Plan to align with the updated 2016 CSA standard. The following revisions to indicators were reviewed and approved by the committee:

CKP Indicator #1 – Forest cover composition of reforested cutover areas

- By adding "fire, insect or disease outbreaks" after "With the exception for blocks compromised by circumstances outside the Company's control which would influence renewal, such as flooding," under Variance

CKP Indicator #10 – Percentage of harvest blocks subject to Pre-harvest Forest Investigation (PHFI) surveys

- By striking out "Proportion" and substituting "Protection" under CSA Core Indicator(s)
- By striking out "(for biological diversity)" and substituting "(special biological, geological, heritage, or cultural)" under Value(s)
- By striking out "(for biological diversity)" and substituting "(special biological, geological, heritage, or cultural)" under Objectives
- By striking out "95%" and substituting "All" under Target
- By adding "Due to the sensitive nature of heritage resource information, it will not be included on block summary forms in OPs, but will be conveyed to the IRMT and incorporated during planning and treatment prescriptions." under Monitoring & Measurement

CKP Indicator #12 – Proposed all-weather roads reviewed for the potential for the occurrence of heritage resources

- By adding “1.4.1 Protection of sites of special significance” under CSA Core Indicator(s)
- By striking out “(for biological diversity)” and substituting “(special biological, geological, heritage , or cultural)” under Value(s)
- By striking out “(for biological diversity)” and substituting “(special biological, geological, heritage , or cultural)” under Objectives

CKP Indicator #19 – Adherence to work permit conditions and the Company’s SOPs guiding the Company’s and contractor forestry operations on the DFA including those pertaining to rutting, protection of non-timber values, and for operations adjacent to watercourses including buffers and the handling and storage of fuels, lubricants and herbicides

- By adding “3.2.2 Proportion of forest management activities, consistent with prescriptions to protect identified water features” under CSA Core Indicator(s)

CKP Indicator #26 – Extent of local involvement in forest operations in the DFA

- By adding “7.2.1 Evidence of efforts to promote capacity development and meaningful participation for aboriginal individuals, communities and forest-based companies.” under CSA Core Indicator(s)

CKP Indicator #40 – Documentation of public participation process followed, community meetings, concerns raised and strategies/mitigation developed to address concerns of local Aboriginal and other communities and non-timber resource users within forest management plans for the DFA (FMP, AOP, Road Management Plans)

- Confirmed approval of revisions made at the last SFMC meeting

This concluded the revisions made to the draft SFM plan reviewed by the committee and with incorporation of committee feedback. CKP feels the changes made will suffice in adhering to the 2016 CSA-SFM standard.

Next meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018.

Meeting adjourned.