

**SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2005
MANITOU LODGE, PINE FALLS**

PRESENT

Charlie Black	Black River First Nation
Earl Boyer	Manitoba Metis Federation
Tom Collings	CPAWS
Denis De Pape	Facilitator
Bob Fenton	Resource Conservation Manitoba
John Courchene	Sagkeeng First Nation
David Howerter	Paddle Manitoba
Stuart Jansson	Manitoba Trappers Association
Stan Kaczanowski	Manitoba Conservation
Vince Keenan	Tembec Industries
Bill Kozyra	Laverendrye Trail Association
Peter Miller	T.R.E.E.
Carl Monkman	Manitoba Trappers Association
Jim Ticknor	Manitoba Lodge and Outfitters Association
Walter Tokar	Shining River Association
Carissa Wieler	Secretary
Mark Wynne	Town of Bissett
Alvin Yosyk	RM of Alexander

GUESTS

Anne Monkman	Manitoba Trappers Association
Ron Spence	Nisichawayasihk First Nation

Note: Send out extra copy of Feb 3, 2005 minutes with current minutes.

1. Getting Started

Once the agenda was confirmed, participants introduced themselves. Two guests were also present at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A suggestion to add Hunting to the list of non-timber forest products in the area was made.

2. Photos from March field trip to Tembec operations

Photos of the field trip taken by Charlie Black (using his phone!) were compiled by Carissa into a 2 minute powerpoint presentation. A discussion about wood chipping began with a question about what Tembec did with wood chipping residue. It was suggested that the residue could be used as fuel for mill furnaces. Tembec to respond on

feasibility of burning residue in mill boilers. Also, Tembec clarified that chipping occurs in areas where the wood is small or of poor quality.

The possibility of a summer tour was discussed. The TRAC committee may be having a tour in June or September. A vote indicated that more people would be able to attend a September tour.

Participants listed the following ideas for site visits:

- Kaneeshoot
- Newly planted areas
- Summer harvesting operations
- Reforestation areas showing progression over time (10 year, 20 year, 30 year old...)

Ron Spence commented that Tolko provides different tours each year and people are encouraged to invite a friend.

3. Recap of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Audit Report

The Draft FSC audit findings were summarized. The following are main points from those findings:

Prior to becoming certified Tembec must address the following Pre-conditions:

- Finalize a dispute resolution mechanism.
- Complete the wood supply analysis, being developed by Manitoba Conservation, and incorporate into an Interim Forest Management Plan (FMP).
- Develop an Interim FMP and establish a schedule for the development, involving the public and communities, of a long term FMP for submission to Manitoba for review and approval.

Following certification the SFMAC must address the following:

- Update the Committee Terms of Reference in respect to: an annual work plan and goals for the committee, a conflict of interest statement, and a dispute resolution mechanism.
- Define how the SFMAC wants to be involved in forest management planning.

FSC Audit Report

- The FSC audit report requires a peer review by one or two independent assessors prior to final approval by Smartwood (FSC auditor).
- A public summary of the FSC audit report would then be posted on a website

4. Public Involvement in Tembec's Long Term Forest Management Planning

Vince Keenan gave a presentation on long term forest management planning. Vince reviewed a typical Table of Contents for a long term Forest Management Plan and discussed what each section contained. A copy of the presentation is attached. The following are the section headings:

- Introduction
- First Nation and Stakeholder Involvement
- Description of the Landbase
- Wood Supply Analysis
- Development Program
- Socio-Economic Analysis
- Research and Monitoring

In relation to the third Pre-condition identified in Section 3 above, Tembec is proposing to use the components of a FMP, started in 1996, as the basis for the Interim Plan, which would be presented to the local communities and the SFMAC for review. This Interim Plan would be submitted to Smartwood for assessment against the FSC Boreal Standard later in 2005.

The Interim Plan would then be used as a starting point to solicit input for the development of a 20 year FMP. The FMP would cover the period 2009 to 2028 and would be submitted to Manitoba Conservation by January 1, 2008. Manitoba's consultation with affected First Nation communities and the Manitoba Environment Act licencing process would take place over the year and the FMP would take effect on January 1, 2009.

Denis DePape led a discussion on how the SFMAC could be involved in this forest management planning process. Some of the points included (numbers indicate repetition of point):

Communication and Consultation

- Communication methods and involvement structure and methods (5)
- First Nations and stakeholder involvement (4)
- Effect on communities, resource industries, and local groups (2)
- Dispute resolution (2)
- Need to ensure that all items are properly covered by all groups
- Helping to sort roles of various players
- Ensure proper involvement within the community
- Ensure what is communicated is understandable and accessible

Wood supply, harvesting and landscape considerations

- Where harvest may take place (3)
- How harvesting takes place (3)
- Landscape: proper characterization of traditional knowledge and land uses (3)
- Wood supply analysis (3)
- Impact on traditional areas, proper responsibilities (2)

Management Objectives

- Define management objectives (5)

Research and Monitoring

- Research and monitoring (long term values) (4)

Other

- SFMAC as a devil's advocate (2)

A suggestion was made that subcommittee be formed to consider certain aspects of long term planning. Two subcommittees were formed as an outcome of the discussion.

1. Wood Supply Analysis Subgroup: Bob Fenton, Tom Collings, David Howerter

2. Pubic Involvement Subgroup: Peter Miller, Mark Wynne, Charlie Black and Carissa Wieler

Two following areas could be consulted on in ways other than subcommittees:

3. Development Program: This could be done involving the entire SFMAC.

4. Research and monitoring: This could be coordinated with the Manitoba Model Forest

4. Dispute Resolution

A draft Dispute Resolution process (as provided previously) was discussed. In step 4 of the draft process, the SFMAC takes on a role resembling an arbitrator. Concern was raised that this type of role could lead to legal liability. Concern was also raised that this type of role was not appropriate for the SFMAC and could jeopardize membership and the functionality of the Committee.

One suggestion was that a group of 2-3 SFMAC members could voluntarily act as a sounding board on a situation by situation basis. Conflict of interest would need to be avoided.

Serious reservation that this was not an appropriate role for the SFMAC continued to be echoed by at least three members of the Committee.

Another suggestion was for a separate dispute resolution group made up of a panel of people from the region and/or parties with specific scientific background in the issue that would act as a non-binding sounding board to provide advice to the disputants. The session would require the use of a facilitator. Members of the SFMAC along with members of the community could volunteer to be on a list for disputants to select the sounding board.

Tembec will draft a new Dispute Resolution process based on the input received and present it at a subsequent meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on June 20.

Topic of meeting: Development Program of the Interim FMP