

**Summary of Meeting
Tolko Forest Management Licence Area-
Forest Resource Advisory Committee (FMLA-FRAC)
Tolko Woodlands Office
February 4, 2009**

1. **Welcome and Introductions:**

Murray Harvey chaired the meeting and welcomed participants. Murray noted that at the previous meeting, it was adopted that during introductions, the attendees are invited to briefly summarize their interests and their connection to FRAC.

Attendance is noted on Attachment 1.

Brad Wyatt is from Mafeking representing the RM of Mountain. He is the alternate representative so this is his first meeting. He is a logger for LP.

Lee Theriault is not happy with the timing of the mail-out of material for this meeting. He was only able to review half the material. He is disappointed with the minutes, as he sees them as inaccurate. He is disappointed that he requested the new CSA standard and didn't receive a copy. As for the mailing list, he would like his affiliation to be read "CSA volunteer". He would like caribou and quota holders added to the agenda.

Fiona Donald (Tolko) responded that some of Lee's concerns will be addressed as part of the meeting in the following agenda items: review of the agenda, the mailing list, review of minutes of previous meeting and public concerns table (request for CSA standard). Fiona acknowledged that the material was sent later than usual and apologized for the timing.

Troy Werstroh finds the meetings useful tool to keep abreast of latest information or concerns.

Lori Lathlin is glad of the meetings. She finds them useful to get update on Tolko and affiliated groups.

Murray Harvey: normally as the chairperson, I would not speak at this time but have concerns about the lack of attendance. It is poor considering the mailing list is approximately 50 members. Have the FRAC members been asked if they wish to continue their participation as FRAC members? Fiona responded that the all members have not been asked this since 2007.

Murray expressed concern that if out of 50 members, there are only a narrow range of inputs being represented at the actual meetings; especially when this seems to be the lowest attendance in awhile. Several of the attendees expressed concern that they were new to the committee and did not feel comfortable continuing with the agenda.

Consensus was that attendees were not comfortable continuing with this meeting; therefore, the business meeting ceased.

2. Continuation of Meeting:

Although the group conceded that the items on the agenda would not be addressed today. Discussion resumed around ways of addressing lack of attendance and education of the numerous new members. Below is a summary of the discussion:

- Poor response to public satisfaction survey. This is a concern.
- New members were not given a package
- Acknowledgement that an orientation package/process is lacking
- Don't have a quorum
- One member views that it is our job (as committee members under the CSA) is to monitor the CSA
- Depending on the purpose of the committee, a quorum or Robert's rules may not be required
 - If advisory committee, go by quorum
- What is inhibiting participation?
- Need to assess committee
- A general members meeting is needed
 - to evaluate FRAC
 - what is the reason for FRAC
 - the standard (CSA standard-Z809-Sustainable Forest Management)
 - terms of reference/ operating practices (of the committee)
- Background material should not be mailed out as part of invitation but be hand-outs at meeting
- This meeting should not be held here
- March 11th is scheduled as a training session on the CSA standard
 - The plan was to invited FRAC and interested parties and advertise in the local papers
 - With this number of invitations , a larger room was to be arranged
 - The tentative agenda was review of the 2002 standard
 - Fiona has been in contact with CSA requesting that they give the training on the 2002 standard (usually a full day)
 - Alternative is that company that does the auditing (a registrar) gives the training
- Concern that this date is too soon for general meeting
- **Action Item: letter accompanying these meeting minutes to state that a general meeting is being planned and was originally scheduled for March 11, 2009 but is being re-scheduled. Date will be announced ASAP.**
- Discussed the timing of general meeting if to be delayed
 - A revised standard is due out at the end of March
 - CSA may not want to train on an old standard
 - Training for the new standard may not be available until summer
- The training on the 2002 standard and discussion of the purpose of FRAC is needed sooner. Additional training on the revised standard can be arranged later as part of continuing education for FRAC
- Are there targets that have to meet that require a meeting in March? (No)

- What is the reason for FRAC in relation to CSA? Is it making sure the company is doing what they said they would?
- One opinion was that the committee should not meet again until after general meeting so that members can be clear on the purpose of the committee (in regards to the CSA standard)
- After training, then evaluate the current ground rules.

- When discussing the timing of the general meeting, Fiona gave a synopsis on the state of the standard in order to discuss the timing and to address Lee's request for a copy of the new standard:
 - Developed and reviewed by a committee
 - The original standard was published in 1996
 - Standard reviewed in 2001
 - Revised standard published in 2002
 - Reviewed again in 2007
 - In March 2008, a draft of the revised standard was available on the CSA website. The public review period ended May 6, 2008. The draft was then removed from website. Therefore, Fiona was unable to get a copy of the draft for Lee.
 - A copy of the draft may be available through CSA and Fiona has the contact number if anyone wants it.
 - Final copy of revised standard at end of March, 2009
 - Usually a transition period between meeting the new and old standard

- Who represents Manitoba on CSA committee? Comment: standards can be onerous and can infringe on treaty rights unintentional. E.g. Navigable Waters disallowing canoeing on rivers. This would restrict First Nation people's access to certain traditional sites.

There was a comment that Tolko needs to consider the public's perception of the company and to consider public relations. It's matter of principle vs. practice.

Attendees were asked for their e-mail address. Emails should be requested at the general meeting.

Action Item: Fiona to find out the Manitoba representative (CSA Technical Committee) and include this in the accompanying letter for the minutes

Action Item: Murray to meet with Tolko to develop agenda for the general meeting

Action Item: Fiona to ask Paul Chapman (secretary for last meeting) to contact Lee to discuss minutes of previous meeting.

Action Item: Fiona to give Lee the CSA contact number

Action Item: Fiona will amend FRAC mailing list to add affiliation for Lee

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes taken by Fiona Donald