

Sustainable Forest Management Committee
"Ensuring the CSA Standard"

SFM Committee Meeting

March 3, 2011

Tolko Woodlands Meeting Room

A. Introduction

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 9:15 am with greetings from the Chair and introduction of new member Elias Caribou representing the Pukatawagan Fishermens Association.

A brief review of the SFMC was provided for the benefit of Elias and also for Sarah Warner attending on behalf of Troy Werstroh.

2. Agenda Summary

The agenda was reviewed and approved as submitted.

B. General Business:

1. Review and approve previous meeting minutes from January 27, 2010

Minutes from the previous meeting, January 27, 2011 were discussed. It was noted in those minutes that there was one person dissatisfied with the treaty awareness presentation and that the chair would offer to meet with that person and discuss. Paul advised the group that the offer was declined. Minutes were accepted as presented.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

C. New Business

1. Member meeting assessment review:

- Presented and reviewed for information. No discussion

2. Public Concerns Table:

- Presented and reviewed by Paul Chapman. Two inquiries were noted that have been addressed by Tolko.

3. Tolko Update: Paul Chapman

- Harvest and deliveries are somewhat behind due to some equipment failures in the bunchers and lack of truck drivers.
- Sawmill remains closed.
- Middle East political unrest is affecting paper deliveries and payment from some customers.
- Fuel prices and exchange rate both negative influences on operation, contractors somewhat insulated from fuel price effects because they have a clause which links rates to average fuel price.

Doug hunt spoke about some issues with the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement. A non-signatory ENGO has released a press release objecting to Tolko's plan to construct the Dickstone road and recent amendment to the long term plan.

4. Annual Operating Plan Review:

Mike Paddock and Paul Chapman reviewed the 2011-2012 annual harvest and renewal plan and gave an overview of planned operations and road decommissioning.

Lunch

Mr. Tom Cahill, who was invited to speak during the lunch break about the Keewatin Railway Company was unable to attend the meeting.

Meeting resumed with review of SFM indicators as follows:

5. Indicator Discussion and Review:

Target 1.2.1.1.1 Implement forest management strategy for the Kississing-Naosap Lakes woodland caribou range (add) *"and such other priority ranges within the DFA"*

Indicator 1.2.2. Amendment from 1.2.1.1.1 applies and no change to 1.4.2.1.1

Indicator 1.2.3 Committee agreed okay as is.

Indicator and Target same as 1.3.1.1.1, modified as follows: *"utilize non-GMO stocks"*

1.4.1 and 1.4.2 See applicable existing targets and indicators

Indicator 3.1.2 Level of downed woody debris
- ties in with 1.2.1.3.1 & 3.1.1.1.5

Indicator 6.4.3 Evidence of efforts to promote capacity development and meaningful participation for Aboriginal communities.

Reviewed the definition of Aboriginal in the standard, this is the broad classification including Metis for our purposes. Ron Black started discussions with a suggestion that the company document what they currently do. The list included things like: SFMC, invitations sent to Chief and Council to attend SFMC meetings and AOP presentations, contracts with FM contractors and employment levels in contractor workforce, community public meetings, public concerns table, paying travel expenses to SFMC members, efforts to increase Aboriginal participation such as trying to plan meetings in the communities, staff participation in recent Aboriginal forestry Initiative Workshop, support for FN Ranger program and more.

Committee proposed wording for a target *"Document actual economic and administrative efforts to promote economic development and meaningful participation for Aboriginal communities in the forest industry"* in this context administrative efforts would include communications. Suggested that in the management strategy this would include reporting the value and number of contracts, levels of employment, agreements, workshops, training programs and opportunities, meetings and presentations travel support, level of support for FN allocations etc.

Indicator 6.5.1

Tolko was to propose some wording on a target, so Paul suggested "Members of the SFM committee to provide one summary of interest to their own organization to be distributed through normal channels. Preference for the members to tailor the information to be specific to the interests of the group but Tolko will produce one generic article per year that will be supplied to all the parent organizations listed on the SFM committee membership." Committee was concerned that if members did not follow through that the company would have compliance issues. Thought that the idea could be captured in the management strategy. Committee proposal after several changes was: *"Tolko to use best efforts to provide relevant information including Community AOP presentations, Annual SFMC field trip and meetings, produce one information article per year and document other efforts to provide relevant information and educational opportunities."*

Indicator 6.5.2

Tolko had agreed to propose wording for a target. The proposal was: *"SFM committee will identify issues of concern to the public based on feedback from the committee, members parent organizations and review of the Public Concern Table and work with the company to develop an appropriate summary document to post on the Tolko Manitoba web site."*

Acceptable variance: *"No variance in posting at least one summary document on an issue of concern to the public every two years."* Approved by the committee.

Meeting concluded at 3:00 pm.

Attendance
Paul Chapman
John Marnock
Sarah Warner
Elias Caribou
Bob Huck
Robert Hanson
William Trowell
Ron Black
Doug Hunt

The next SFMC meeting will be Thursday, June 23/11 in the Tolko office starting at 9 am