

**Sustainable Forest Management Committee
“Ensuring the CSA Standard”**

SFM Committee Meeting

November 24, 2010 (evening)

November 25, 2010

Tolko Woodlands Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 24th

A. Introduction

The meeting began at 5:30 pm with supper provided by Tolko.

B. General Business:

1. New Business:

- a. Discussion started with the clearing of the Lalore Lake mine site and what happens to the timber. Troy outlined the government process to collect dues. Mary suggested a use should be found for as much fibre as possible for sustainability. Feels OCN could be left out on discussions about use of incidental wood on traditional land.
- b. New hydro ROW for Bi-pole development. Should be a plan for the use of residual wood, and plan and implement the ROW to mitigate impacts on wildlife and line of sight.
- c. The public report prepared by QMI on the external EMS/CSA audit was reviewed. Members highlighted a discrepancy in the public report on the definition of non-conformances. The company has 60 days to clear an NC but the definition on the public report refers to initial and subsequent audits and has timelines that don't seem to match up. Tolko was to raise with the auditor.
- d. Regarding waste oil transport. Discussion on uncertainty if contractors even need to register, comment that it should be up to the regulator to be proactive in supplying information.
- e. Member would like to see timeline of responses to the AOCs
- f. Regarding road closures, why would the company have to monitor roads that were already appropriately closed? When is enough, enough? It should be up to the province to enforce. Should the committee contact the auditor about constantly raising standards?
- g. The committee observed it might be an opportunity to contribute constructive proposals for the audit process.
- h. CSA annual report
 - a. The report will be sent to the entire committee for a short (10-day) review period as company wants to get it up on the web site
 - b. Suggestion that the section on committee response on page 7 could be formatted like table on page 14
 - c. Regarding the audit process and committee representation, members present recalled that offers were made to put a representative on the audit even though it is not in the minutes.

C. Adjournment: 9:00 pm

Thursday, November 25th

A. General Business

1. The meeting began at approximately 9:15 am with Chairperson Ron Black providing a brief review of the previous evening's business.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting in September were approved after one correction to page 3 of 5 changing Lori Head to Lori Lathlin.
3. Chairperson election was tabled until the next meeting.
4. Discussed struggle for attendance. Would more people attend if there were fewer meetings? Reviewed the RSVP list. Ron also attempted to directly contact First Nation members by phone and left messages where unable to speak directly with members. All returned his call. Discussed ideas around change of venue. Meet at the Kikiwak Inn. Develop a mini conference off-site on a weekend with a goal of getting 3-4 speakers, workshops on cultural relationships - get issues out on the table to reach understandings and address some of the goals of the indicators. Discussed possibility of holding workshop at the Wuskwatim site at the Cultural Center.

Ron Black to investigate the possibility and logistics of meeting at the Wuskwatim Cultural Center and report back to the committee.

5. The next SFM committee meeting will be a one day meeting on January 27, 2011 at the Tolko offices. *Ron and Paul will review progress to date on the indicators and lay out what remains to be finished.* Committee will also discuss meeting in Thompson possibly in March.

B. Guest Speaker: Ron Black Treaty Rights: *An Introduction – History, Treaty #5, TLE, Law and Industry*

With aid of a power point presentation Ron Black presented his explanation and interpretation of the historical context of the treaties, the administration of the treaties and the evolving legal and social interpretation of the treaties. He emphasized that the creation of treaties in Canada was driven by the settling of Europeans, the desire of the aboriginal people to protect their interests, and the mutual desire to avoid the type of confrontation occurring in the United States. Ron distributed a map of Canada illustrating the numbered treaties and location. Our area falls under Treaty #5. The signing of treaties began with Treaty #1 in 1873 and was completed by about 1900. Ron spoke on the duty to consult and accommodate and the obligation upon the Crown relating to aboriginal peoples and in particular how that relates to industry. Legal interpretation of the treaties is affecting how they are administered. The concept of interpretation in relation to traditional values and reference to traditional land affects the duty to consult and accommodate. Failure by the Crown to consult could have serious consequences for industry occupying affected land including loss of investment. Ron concluded by saying treaty rights are enshrined in the constitution and can only be changed through constitutional change.

C. Indicators: Afternoon session

Element 6.1

Indicator 6.1.1 – Evidence of a good understanding of the nature of Aboriginal title and rights.

Paul provided a copy of 6.1.1 indicator from some of Tolko's western operations for the committee to compare. Response of the committee was they felt Tolko MB had stronger targets.

After further discussion decided targets 6.1.1.1.1 and 6.1.1.2.1 were acceptable as is.

Indicator 6.1.2 – Evidence of best efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans. Acceptable as is.

Indicator 6.1.3 - Level of management and/or protection of area where culturally important practices and activities (hunting, fishing, gathering) occur.

Add the following to the management strategy:

Number of cutblocks where traditional knowledge, non-timber resources, and cultural and spiritual values were identified by willing aboriginal communities. And of these cutblocks the number where specific actions were taken to manage that knowledge or resource.

Duplicate for 6.1.1.2.1 management strategy.

Element 6.2 – Respect for Aboriginal forest values, knowledge, and uses.

Discussed development of document similar to the Public Concerns Table for documenting information from various sources such as public meetings, resource board meetings, call-ins, walk-ins or input from any other meeting.

Committee titled the table *Aboriginal Cultural Resource and Value Identification Table*.

New target: Monthly completion of the *Aboriginal Cultural Resource and Value Identification Table*.

Committee discussed issues around confidentiality. Some resource users may want their information to be identified only to Tolko.

Paul Chapman will develop a management strategy similar to the Public Concerns table.

Committee went over the list of Elements reviewed to date. A lot of progress has been made. Ron and Paul will summarize where committee is at for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. 3:00 pm

Attendance		
November 24	November 25	November 25 Treaty Rights Training
Paul Chapman	Paul Chapman	Paul Chapman
Troy Werstroh	William Trowel	William Trowel
Mary Head	Ron Black	Ron Black
Ron Black	Joyce Totte	Troy Werstroh
William Trowel	Doug Hunt	Lori Lathlin
	Troy Werstroh	Kenneth Lathlin
		Tolko staff