

Minutes of Meeting
Tolko-Snow Lake Forest Resource Advisory Committee (FRAC)

Date: February 9, 2004
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Community Hall – Reading Room

Attendance

Doug Hunt, Tolko; Andrew Forward, Tolko; Garry Zamzow, Major, Snow Lake; Gordon Cann, Snow Lake Trappers Association; Ken de Graff, Snow Lake Resource Enhancement; Troy Werstroh, Manitoba Conservation; Greg Shaw, Manitoba Conservation.

Agenda

Main focus of meeting was the review of the government work permits conditions for blocks OZ-5 and OZ-8.

- Andrew walked through the conditions and pointed out some of the unique conditions for these blocks such as a 15 metre buffer along the swamp and a 50-metre buffer around a small pond.
- Some committee members felt the 15 metre buffer may blow over – will review buffer in the field as operations progress and determine if important to maintain.
- The entrance off the Osborne road to the proposed blocks crosses some low wet ground. May need to fix the approach because it is very steep for loaded trucks.
- In block road location shown on photo – this location may change slightly depending on location of actual rock outcrops.
- Block OZ-5 will be cut first followed by OZ-8. Approximately 16, 500 m³ total merchantable softwood in both blocks.
- Nelson River Logging from Wabowden will be the contractor and should start by early March and finish within 6 weeks. Gerry Day will be the Tolko area supervisor on site.
- There may be an opportunity for firewood - roadside delimiting and slashing will create logging debris - company manages debris through burning or spreading.
- Tolko will be looking for some local help to pack the road in to the blocks.
- Questions were asked if the contractor had a camp and how many trucks would be hauling the wood – not sure at this time about a camp or exactly how many trucks would be used.
- Question asked if all trappers in this area were approached and told about the operation - yes

- Question – if someone from the public is curious and would like to see the operation what is the process – attempt to contact the Tolko area supervisor at the work site or call the Tolko office in The Pas.
- Hours of operation – will be some type of activity 24 hours per day, 7 days per week- some days will see a lot more activity than others.

Recommendations by Committee

1. Tolko should organize a Snow Lake FRAC field tour of on going operations – also invite town council.
2. Tolko should advertise in local paper when truck haul is on.
3. Tolko should place a notice in local paper when harvesting operations start.
4. Tolko should mark (sign) entrance to work site with a general warning or caution to the general public of possible hazards ahead.