

**Minutes of Tolko FMLA-FRAC Meeting  
November 29, 2006  
Tolko Woodlands Office, The Pas, Manitoba**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Fiona Donald, Inventory Forester with Tolko and FRAC Chairman, welcomed participants. Participants introduced themselves. Attendance is noted on Att. 1.

**2. Review of Agenda**

The agenda (Att. 2) was reviewed. No items were added.

**3. Presentation on LANDIS**

Arnold Rudy, consultant with KBM Forestry Consultants, gave a presentation on the LANDIS II computer model and its use in simulating pre-industrial forest conditions in an attempt to determine natural range of variability in the Pine Falls forest area. Rudy also outlined the chronological development of the model, stakeholders/participants in its development, extensions to the model that have been developed and some of the model's shortcomings as a planning tool. Q&A took place during the presentation.

**4. Update on Forest Sector Developments**

Fiona Donald provided updates on the following developments as they are impacting Tolko:

- Repairs to sawmill roof
- Canada-U.S. lumber agreement
- Current markets for lumber and paper
- Public meetings Tolko has held recently regarding amending certain areas into its 1997-2009 Forest Management Plan
- Upcoming public meetings regarding amending certain blocks into its 2006-2007 Annual Operating Plan

**5. Minutes of September 20, 2006 Tolko FMLA-FRAC Meeting**

Minutes as noted were circulated (Att. 3). There was no discussion.

## **6. Public Issues and Concerns Table**

Copies of Tolko's Public Issues and Concerns Table covering the period September 1-November 30, 2006 were distributed and reviewed (Att.4). Q&A took place during the review.

## **7. SFM Plan 2005 Final Report**

Copies of the final version of Tolko's Sustainable Forest Management Plan 2005 Annual Report (dated November 6, 2006) were distributed. This report is available on the Tolko Woodlands web site [www.tolkomanitoba.com](http://www.tolkomanitoba.com). Fiona Donald noted that the report incorporates several changes made in response to provincial government review of the report at an earlier draft stage. She reviewed the particular changes that were made.

## **8. Proposed Changes to CSA Indicators – Soprovich Comments**

Copies of "Summary of Proposed Changes to SFM Indicators" dated June 28, 2006 were distributed (Att. 5). Copies of "Tolko 'Summary of Proposed Changes to SFM Indicators': Soprovich Comments – September 12, 2006" were also distributed (Att. 6).

At approximately 1:15 p.m., FMLA-FRAC member Dan Soprovich (representing T.R.E.E.) joined the meeting via teleconference. Discussion followed on proposed changes to SFM Plan indicators relating to: abundance of residual stand structure; 100% of first-year AOP blocks to have PHFI survey; no harvesting in recognized ASI; no non-compliance – rutting; coarse woody debris surveys; and public satisfaction. Q&A took place during the discussion.

Soprovich's support or non-support for each of the proposed changes was documented. Some follow-up tasks for Tolko staff and other parties emerged from the discussion. These tasks were documented for appropriate follow-up.

## **9. Internal and External Audits of SFM Plan**

The annual internal audit of Tolko's Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Plan took place during the week of October 17, 2006. Copies of the audit report were distributed (Att. 7). Fiona Donald pointed out the non-conformances identified in the audit. Action plans to address each of these non-conformances has been created. Tolko has up to one year from the date of the audit to ensure these non-conformances are completely addressed, and that the company is in compliance. Q&A followed.

The annual third-party audit of the SFM Plan took place November 6-9, 2006. Copies of this audit report were also distributed (Att. 8). No non-conformances were identified.

Opportunities for Improvement (non-mandatory) were reviewed. Q&A followed. Several suggestions were put forward as means to encourage membership and attendance at FRAC meetings.

**NEXT MEETING OF FMLA-FRAC: March 14, 2007**