

Okanagan SFM Plan

Public Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2012. Benvoulin Heritage Church, Kelowna

Attendees: Dave Gill, Grant Thompson, Scott Smith, Paul Ross, Bob Swite, Colin Pierre, Keith Boulter, Clive Johnson, Mike Watkins, Don Guild, Matthew Scott, Randy Hardy, Patti Hansen, Renee Clark, Barry Beadman, Rob Kennett, Lorne Bradley, Bob Annand

Facilitator: Pat Salm

Guest Speaker: Dave Peterson

Meeting started at 9:30AM. The meeting began with introductions and a review of the meeting agenda. There were no additional items added to the agenda.

Action Items from previous meeting:

The list of items requiring attention from previous meetings were reviewed and discussed.

1. Desire to tie the next advisory group field tour to the Meadowlark Festival. The Festival provides a wide range of field trips that are advertised in their annual program (see [website](#) for last years program).

Action: Continue to pursue this option. Kerry Rouck has spoken with Ellen Simmons who is a board member for the Festival. She will take the possibility of a forest field tour to other Board members and see what the interest is.

Dave Gill (BCTS) will take the lead on the tour and with Scott's support will ensure the field tour is submitted for the Festival's consideration (link the tour to sustainability, forest certification and the engagement of the public). Best bet would be for the (all-day) tour is for it to occur on Thursday or Friday and not on the weekend when many shorter duration tours are offered.

2. Updates to the SFM Plan parking Lot - *Pat to make suggested adjustments to the Parking Lot list as a first step and to bring this to the next meeting for discussion.*

Action: Reviewed document containing draft changes to Appendix 2 of the SFM Plan ("parking lot"). This document with agreed to changes appended to the minutes. Appendix 2 of the Plan will reflect these changes.

Also discussed the function of the parking lot and if it was also the place to retain opportunities to review/improve existing suite of targets – those identified at meetings where a bit of work might be

needed before an adjustment to the target could be made. Agreed that this should occur and as the indicators/targets are reviewed at the next meeting (when the 2012/13 Monitoring Report is reviewed) any that are deemed needing further attention would be added.

External Audit Discussion

BCTS

Dave provided an update to their previous audits and the work done to satisfy KPMG auditors. The BCTS audit action plan was accepted and BCTS is working to complete those actions. Some of the change to the SFM Plan that will be discussed later today reflects these actions.

Other Licences

Audit results were reviewed/shared with the advisory group along with the key findings of the auditors. Audit results have been posted to the [Okanagan SFM website](#). Advisory group members who participated in the audits found it a very worthwhile experience and encouraged other advisory group members to participate in the process if they have the time to do so.

Presentation: Forest Management in an Era of Transformation

BC's Chief Forester, Dave Peterson gave an excellent presentation to the group. The presentation included an explanation of the Chief Forester's role, how harvest rates are determined in the province and government's work on climate change adaptation. It also included insight into the Ministry's work to integrate functions and services provided by government in the Natural Resources Sector. Finally, the Chief Forester provided an update to work that has occurred as a result of the Special Committee on Timber Supply (Mid Term Timber Supply Report). Numerous discussions occurred during a question period that followed the presentation.

The presentation has been posted to the members section of the website. Advisory group members felt this was an excellent conversation and greatly appreciated the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of the Chief Forester. The Chief responded to the group stating that he also appreciated hearing directly from the advisory group members - recognizing their commitment to be engaged in a process that works to improving forest management in the Okanagan.

Proposed Changes to the 2013/14 SFM Plan

The summary of change and tracked change version of the SFM Plan were used to work through the proposed changes to the SFM Plan. All summary items were reviewed and changes agreed upon as indicated in the summary document and detailed in the tracked change version of the SFM Plan (these documents posted to the members section of the website and will be retained there at least until the revised Plan is posted to the website).

Once completed, the 2013/14 SFM Plan will be posted to the website. Hard copies of the new Plan will be made and distributed to public members.

Current DFA Issues, Summary, Wrap-Up

PAG 2013 Field Trip

Agreed to have tour occur during the timing of the Meadowlark Festival (mid-May, 2013) and work to getting it into the Festival's event calendar. BCTS will take the lead in organizing the tour.

Spring Meeting

Agreed to a tentative meeting date of June 6, 2013. Meeting to occur in Vernon at the Okanagan Shuswap District Office.

There was a desire to continue to include a guest speaker at subsequent meetings. Ideas were discussed and it was felt that a presentation by the District Manager that followed up on the Chief Forester's presentation and localized to what these initiatives will mean to residents of the Okanagan, would be preferred. Bob Annand to take this request back to the District office.

Rob reminded public members to submit their mileage claims for travel to the meeting to him directly (robert.kennett@tolko.com).

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.