

June 19th, 2017

MLOSB TSL FMP Public Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting

Location – Meadow Lake OSB Mill

Present: *Cordell Cross, Bill Thibeault, Nadine Penney, Floyd Wilson, Blair Mysko, Tony Leeson, Ron Waugh, Diane Waugh, Gay Noeth, Rod Pshebnicki, Tim Wahl, Vicky Pryor, Michelle Young, Kerry McIntyre*

Operations Update (Kerry M.)

- Kerry gave operations update
- Michelle gave tree plant update
 - o Tim asked who has the contract and were they the lowest bidder. Was Smokey Lake outbid by Outland?
 - Michelle stated that Outland has it and they were the lowest bidder
 - o Kerry stated that Green Lake has 15,000 cubic meter allocation that will get sorted out for Carrier Forest Products and Nor Sask
 - o Group discussion about “V.S.A.” along Cowan Lake
 - Rod stated that there are different strategies for different portions of the lake. Within sight of 3 cabin subdivisions there is a “minimize sight” strategy which may differ some other portions of the lake.

TSL Overview

- Michelle gave overview of TSL
- Ron Waugh inquired about the possibility of receiving white birch from our TSL / Ag cuts.
 - o Kerry replied that Tolko has the option to release wood to other parties.
 - o **Follow up – Ron Waugh agreed to contact Kerry if he would like to acquire white birch**

FMP Process

- Michelle reviewed
 - o We are targeting a January 25, 2018 approval date
 - o Spoke about HRIA process
 - Ron informed us that he has found artifacts in the Makwa Lake/Makwa River area.
 - o Michelle spoke about mill capacity and fiber options

Caribou Strategy

- Michelle reviewed Caribou “Species at Risk”, and spoke about the Range Plan” being submitted for the end of July.
 - o Cordel stated that Caribou do not do well under stress (ex. Forest harvesting)

- Michelle spoke about deferral of Caribou Areas until the Range Plan is set.
- Michelle reviewed the Elk and Pine Martin document
 - o No concerns or comments raised

Mill Tour and Lunch

VOITs (Values, Objectives, Indicators and Targets)

- Michelle reviewed the Draft VOITs being proposed by MLOS B
- Nadine explained that there are 27 VOITS that are required by M.O.E. in the Draft FMP Planning Standard
- Cordel asked if we plant black spruce
 - o Michelle stated that we do, but primarily on the edge of blocks on lower ground which corresponds to its natural habitat.
- Ron asked whether genetically improved seed will be used
 - o Michelle said no
- Ron and Cordel both expressed concerns over stakeholder trails being ruined during harvest.
 - o Rod stated that they will remain in place, however we must be made aware of them. Stakeholder engagement by us as well as stakeholders is crucial to make this happen.
- Cordel asked if First Nations are engaged
 - o Michelle stated that it depends on leadership and we have had mixed results.
 - o We attend regular meetings with the Green Lake Co Management Board and held a Public Information session there to review Volume 1 (meeting was well attended)

Next Meeting: Semi-Finalized Numbers will be presented at our next meeting in September-October sometime. Ron suggested not too late in the fall as his hunting season will be under way.

