

## Fraser Public Advisory Group (Fraser PAG)

### *Meeting #6 Minutes: Multiple Benefits to Society*

December 12, 2006

#### 1. Call to order

Ron Frank, Fraser PAG Facilitator, called the 6th, meeting to order of the Fraser Public Advisory Group at 4:36 p.m. on **December 12, 2006** at the Pantry Restaurant, Chilliwack, BC.

#### 2. Registration of FRASER PAG Members

The following members were present:

Bruce Edwards, Hatzic Prairie	John Warren, Boston Bar First Nation	Mark Bond, Reo Rafting
Chief Andy Alex, Union Bar FN	Keith Warrener, Fraser Valley Regional District	Sharie Conroy, Hatzic Valley, Durieu, McConnell Creek Ratepayers Association
Garry Davidson, Seabird Island Indian Band	Kerry Grozier, District Manager, Ministry of Forests and Range	Bruce Edwards, Hatzic Prairie
Jim Baker, Boston Bar	Lloyd Forman, Boston Bar Resident	

#### Members Absent:

Al Stobbert, Inch Creek Hatchery	Gordon Sherwood, Cacus Point Resident	Martin Edwards, Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation
Chief Sidney Douglas, Cheam Indian Band	Gurdev Sidhu, Agriculture	Shawn Gabriel, In-SHUCK-ch First Nation
Don Harris, Douglas First Nation / In-SHUCH-ch FN	Jean Warkentin, Norrish Creek Resident	Steve Harvey, Hope Machine Shop.
Earl Graham, United Steel Workers	Ken Webb, Agriculture	

#### Others Present:

Brian Taylor, May Trucking	John Pichugin, Teal	Keith Chapman, Teal
Ed McWaters, May Trucking	Kevin Stanczyk, Teal	Ron Frank, Facilitator

### **3. Documents Distributed to Members:**

1. Fraser PAG Meeting #6 Agenda
2. Fraser PAG Meeting #5 Minutes
3. Fraser PAG Information Tracking System – List of Outstanding Tasks
4. Fraser PAG Information Tracking System – List of Completed Tasks
5. “Note to File: Representation for Environment Sector – contact and response from potential representatives”
6. Draft Values, Objectives, Indicators & Targets – Biodiversity
7. Draft Values, Objectives, Indicators & Targets – Ecosystems
8. Draft Values, Objectives, Indicators & Targets – Global Ecological Cycles
9. Draft Values, Objectives, Indicators & Targets – Multiple Benefits to Society
10. Presentation slide notes: Multiple Benefits to Society
11. Homework document for Meeting #7: Society's Responsibilities

### **4. Health and Safety**

Ron Frank reviewed health and safety items and asked members for any health and safety issues.

### **5. Introductions of new faces at the table**

Ron Frank asked the table to introduce themselves. Mark Bond, Manager of Reo Rafting, is attending as an observer to determine interest in full participation.

### **6. Review Agenda for Meeting #6 / Adapt / Ratify**

Ron Frank asked the group to look at the Agenda for Meeting #6. No additional agenda items were presented prior to the meeting. No new agenda items were presented at the meeting. Ron Frank asked for the table to ratify the agenda. Motion Kerry Grozier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Warrener, majority in favour - none opposed.

### **7. Review Previous Meeting's Minutes - Changes**

Ron Frank asked the table for any corrections or changes to the minutes. Minutes will become public record once ratified by members. Fraser PAG items are now posted on Teal's website (see <http://www.tealjones.com/environmental/Certification.htm> and the Fraser PAG items in the menu on the left side of the screen). Keith Chapman will email members with all of the links.

John Pichugin requested a correction on page 7 of the minutes, above the Action Item 5F box: “old pulpwood agreements” should read “old chip trade agreements”. On page 9, Section 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, John noted that the dialogue involving John P and Heather Morlacci regarding logging in the Hatzic Valley watershed area missed an important point. John requested that the

record show that he had stated that "There is logging by a woodlot program operator in the watershed".

Sharie Conroy noted a few corrections (in **bold**) to the record:

- Page 9, Section 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph should read: "Sharie Conroy added that the Hatzic Valley Ratepayers were angry over the Cascade Creek flooding **and landslides** which affected areas **to the north. along with a number of landslides.** A dike was put up and ratepayers were paying ~~\$200 a year~~ **based on an assessed value or something else.** ~~Others~~ **All of the residents of Hatzic Prairie through the Dewdney Area Improvement District** were paying the electric bill for pumping the water **and pump maintenance.**
- Page 9, Section 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, Kerry Grozier's statement would be more accurate as: "If Teal logs and we lose our water is it Teal's fault?" instead of "If you run out of water is it Teal's fault".

Ron Frank asked if there were any more changes to the record. Jim Baker said that John Warren's comment on page 7 (1<sup>st</sup> paragraph below Action Item 5F box) should read "...**should** deck wood..." vs. "could deck wood". Jim Baker added that he (JB) had walked a lot of timber sales and talked to a number of knowledgeable people about wood that is left behind after logging. He said that companies want the best wood and leave the rest. Jim Baker passed around 6 photographs depicting examples of wood left behind after harvesting. He is concerned about the two-bit wood [25 cent stumpage] being left behind and feels that some of that wood can be used which would put a few people back to work. Jim had visited some blocks with a scaler. Jim stated that they had found some "#1 logs" and that the community would like this wood if it is being left. Ron Frank said that this topic will be taken up later in the agenda. Lloyd Forman commented that, from a PAG point of view, "could" should be viewed as "should" when addressing member's concerns. He added that this wood should be used.

Ron Frank stated that Teal would already agree that this wood should be used but there are timber policy issues that complicate the matter. Ron asked if there were any more changes to the minutes. No changes were presented. Ron asked the table to ratify the minutes as amended. Lloyd Forman 1<sup>st</sup>, Garry Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup>. The table ratified the minutes. Ron Frank said that the minutes will be amended and posted on the web. Ron asked Keith Chapman to review the Action Items

## **8. Review Action Items**

Keith Chapman briefly reviewed the Action Items (AI) on the Outstanding Tasks document:

- A.I. 2E: Keith reviewed this item with the members listed under this item. Jim Baker outlined his concerns with the location/elevation of the Deer Winter Ranges (DWR). Ed McWaters briefly outlined the current state of DWR planning. There are Heavy, Moderate and Light snow zones and leave areas are left to allow animals core reserve areas by snow-pack zone. Ed suggested that Jim come by the May Trucking office to review some maps. Jim Baker agreed.
- A.I. 5A: Keith informed members that Kerry Grozier had shared the "watershed document" that was discussed at the prior meeting and that Keith had 6 paper copies that he could

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distribute to interested members. Keith will scan the paper copy and distribute to members via email and hand out paper copies at the next meeting.

- A.I. 1F: Keith pointed to the document outlining the engagement attempts to date to include an Environmental representative at the table. Keith requested that members forward any names or ideas regarding potential representation. Keith clarified that the Environment sector is not closed from this process but that the engagement effort is being reduced in order to address the other action items that are also important. Ron Frank outlined the “war in the woods” and the move to forest certification. Lloyd Forman commented that the “average Joe” that comes to this table is very important to this table. No one is more important than the local folks. Lloyd Forman cautioned against focusing on people with a scientific background as a representative as once people focus too much on one discipline it often comes at the exclusion of other issues. “I am not sure that someone with a degree in deer reproduction can do a better job of representing the issues than someone like Jim Baker who has a life of experience”. John Warren commented that there are lots of local folks out harvesting deer and other activities and know what values are out there. Ron Frank summarized the discussion: We have good representation at the table and that if gaps are identified then members are encouraged to bring them forward.

#### **9. Review of Table of Draft Global Ecological Cycles- Values, Objectives, Indicators and Targets (VOITs)**

Keith Chapman asked members to refer to the 4 page handout with tables for Global Ecological Cycles (CSA SFM Criterion 4 – Forest Ecosystem Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles). Keith briefly explained the layout of the table. Bruce Edwards suggested some ways to help organize and manage how documents are named and organized (table of contents and page numbering schemes). Keith reviewed the table line by line.

**Line 1:** Bruce Edwards commented that the Objective for this line should read “**Maximize** opportunities for the efficient use of timber...” John Warren commented that there is significant wood left that local people want. If the company is going to harvest and leave wood it should be for Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) objectives for soil and habitat or useable fiber should be stacked for local use. John Warren said he was speaking from a point of view of an Indian Band which has a log yard and a small sawmill. We need to make sure that all the wood harvested in BC is either used by the logging company, left for CWD objectives or is made available to local communities. Keith Chapman asked John Warren about what issues prevent the community from accessing waste fiber through mechanisms such as minor products agreements. Jim Baker commented that Minor products agreements involve a lot of “rigmarole” (access, paperwork, approvals and timing). Brian Taylor commented that May Trucking loads out the wood they want and pile the rest. There is a window of opportunity to deck the wood that others may want. We can work together to time it so that stuff is set aside or loaded out. The value of the wood in question is very limited so any handling of it must be efficient.

John Warren agreed that organizing access within the window between logging and hauling would involve teaming up the two interests. Once the unwanted fiber is piled for burning it becomes difficult to extract. Chief Andy Alex commented that he has been doing something very similar in the Hope area for supplying wood for the campground run by the Union Bar FN. He added that they had seized stolen wood and milled the logs. The problem is that they have been

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**losing a lot of wood to theft** in addition to **vandalism and theft of equipment**. We need to try to solve this problem today. People are cutting the locks off of gates and replacing them with their own. Ron Frank proposed an action item to set up a protocol to deal with the issue of community access to left over wood. He suggested that interested members strike a “sub-committee” to deal with a protocol agreement to sort out the timing issue. Ron asked John Warren, Brian Taylor (with John Pichugin and Ed McWaters), Jim Baker and Chief Andy Alex if they would work together on this issue.

Keith Warrener commented that he has noted that some groups do not have the ability to put a proposal to the MOF in a way that gets it done in a reasonable time frame. Capacity is lacking. So if Teal opened it up there would be a timing issue. There needs to be support to these groups. John Warren commented that Teal has made an effort to do that. Teal arranged for waste wood to be trucked to the log yard for the Band.

**Action Item: 6A** – Sub-committee on community access to fiber: Capacity, timing, protocol etc. Report to table February 20, 2007.

**Fraser PAG Sub-committee. Due date: February 20, 2007.**

**Line 2:** Keith Chapman reviewed this line. He explained some of the operational considerations/limitations that can affect timing reforestation (location of logging, seed transfer rules, nursery problems etc). Keith explained that Teal strives to plant areas within 1 year. Members commented that the Target should read “...within 1 year” instead of 2 years with a note that this is subject to unmanageable or catastrophic events or similar statement. No other comments came from the table.

**Action Item: 6B** – Keith Chapman to review this line with Teal’s silviculture forester to determine a suitable statement or variance for the target

**Environment Department. Due Date: January 30, 2007**

**Line 3:** Keith Chapman explained that the Proponent for this line reads as Ron Frank since he had summarized comments from the table on this value. Keith Chapman explained that, in the context of maintaining forests that take up carbon dioxide, the salvage of damaged, diseased, or threatened timber would prevent this timber from rotting and creating CO<sub>2</sub>. When these areas are salvaged they are reforested with healthy trees which would then take up more CO<sub>2</sub>. Members were asked for comments on this VOIT line. No comments were put forward.

**Line 4:** Keith Chapman reviewed this VOIT line. John Warren commented that he has observed a lot of poorly growing forest area that needs to be “cleaned up” by thinning or pruning so it can get into production. The Forest Investment Account (FIA) does not have a mandate and industry does not have a mandate so we are losing some productive land base. These poor stands need treatment. Kerry Grozier commented that it is hard to talk about these stands as there could be a variety of issues leading to their poor performance. The trees may be off-site [planted trees that are not ecologically suited to the site. Off-site plantations were an occasional problem before current seed availability and transfer guidelines were established in the early 1980’s] or another problem. Treating stands involves a lot of money - \$1000 per hectare for spacing. Kerry commented that he had raised the issue of declining landbase investment on the coast with the

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government. There is a problem with return on investment. He added that he was not sure if this is an issue that belongs at this table.

Ron Frank summarized by saying that there is a lot of interest in understanding this issue and suggested requesting a person from the MOF to conduct a presentation on the subject and also suggested that Kerry and John Warren could have an 'off-line' discussion.

**Action Item: 6C** – Request a representative from the Ministry of Forests to present an information session on the topic of incremental silviculture for the Fraser Public Advisory Group.

**Environmental Dept. Due Date: TBA**

Ron Frank suggested that the Indicator statement for this line should replace “Forest Investment Account” with the more generic “resource funding” as changing provincial governments have changed funding mechanisms and agencies in the past.

Bruce Edwards commented that the Target for this line should be clarified as “15%” was not clear. Amended text to read “15% of fertilizable stands per year”

**Line 5:** Keith Chapman reviewed this VOIT line. Keith explained how using Class A seed would improve the productivity by using the best genetic material available for occupying the site. Members were asked for comments on this VOIT line. No comments were put forward.

**Line 6:** Keith Chapman reviewed this VOIT line. Sharie Conroy asked how landbase lost to mining would be addressed. Keith Chapman responded that it could be addressed in an additional line for the same value. John Pichugin commented that the loss of forested landbase is at the forefront of a process in which he is currently participating. They are proposing that the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) or the MOFR take on the job of having a “gatekeeper” to track the loss of the forest landbase. The Ministry of Environment is locking up a lot of landbase for wildlife and independent power producers. It could be as much as 20-30% of the landbase.

Ron Frank asked about the Target statement. There may be need for a definable amount. Keith Chapman explained that this target was developed in discussion with Teal’s forester who said it was difficult to have a set percentage as the terrain changes a lot as development switches from area to area each year. Lloyd Forman asked if there was a number for how high the percentage can be for area in roads etc. Keith Chapman responded that there was – believed to be set 7% but he would need to review the Forest Stewardship Plan to confirm. John Warren commented that he understood that access roads that are outside the harvest block are not included in the Permanent Access Structures percentage – only in-block structures are reported. Keith Chapman responded that his statement is correct. Keith Chapman added that as further blocks are harvested, any roads that end up inside harvest area must be tallied and incorporated into this target. Eventually, over the very long term, all of the road area within merchantable timber is incorporated towards the target percentage.

Lloyd Forman commented that there are mining roads out there as well. Roads are an asset as they provide access for hunting, forest fire fighting, silviculture etc. John Pichugin commented that the area lost to roads is captured in the Chief Forester’s Timber Supply Review (TSR) and

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the TSR is completed every 5 years. John Warren criticized the Chief Forester's independence and questioned whether roads are adequately captured in the review.

Brian Taylor commented that roads are an asset and are going to be used in as little as 60 years to harvest that area again. In the meantime these roads offer everyone access to the forest. Ron Frank said that John Warren was asking about tracking the amount of road everywhere and asked the table if anyone else is interested in this. Chief Andy Alex commented that policies keep changing – it is hard to keep up on these things. He said that people keep damaging things out there. Areas where he used to pick **blueberries** (First Nations Cultural value – Society's Responsibilities) are gone. Brian Taylor commented that it is worthwhile to track the loss of landbase due to roads in order to minimize the loss of productive forest area. He added that using a percentage is the way to go as this sets a target to that they can strive towards improving.

Ron Frank asked if there is a road inventory that could be used for monitoring the amount of road. John Pichugin responded that there is information at Timber Supply Area level for the TSR. There would be a problem when developing new areas. You may build 15 kms one year and 1 year the next. That makes it hard to establish where you are in relation to a target. Ron Frank suggested that the target could be stated as an average over 5 years or something similar.

Kerry Grozier commented that he had a hard time understanding the practicality of tracking numbers. These roads are built at great expense and, due to the expense, the amount of road built is usually the minimum necessary. "We aren't out building roads for the sake of building roads". When roads are built, they are built so that they stay.

Lloyd Forman commented that "everyone benefits from roads". He raised an example of a local saw mill that was built because of an existing road.

**Action Item: 6D** – Keith Chapman to look into the current Permanent Access (PAS) Target under the Forest Stewardship Plan and incorporate into the target for VOIT lines where PAS % comes up.

**Environmental Dept. Due Date: January 30, 2006**

Sharie Conroy commented that her community experiences a terrible cost due to access issues. People are dumping garbage and bodies and other criminal activities. There are situations where there would be some benefit to getting rid of some of these roads. Kerry Grozier responded that a lot of this can be attributed to how the government spends its money. They can lock down access through gates and enforcement. We don't want to make laws that we can't enforce.

John Warren said that they should track land lost to permanent roads. He suggested that they should track the statistic and the PAG can decide what to do with the information later. Kevin Stanczyk and Ed McWaters commented that roads could be tracked using the information from As Built Roads submissions to the MOFR.

Ron Frank summarized the points to two Action Items: 1) track Permanent Access Structures in blocks vs. the FSP target percentage (see Action Item 6D), and 2) place an item in FITS to track roads outside of the blocks.

**Action Item: 6E** – Teal to compile road area information derived from As Built Roads submission and present to the Fraser PAG table for information purposes.

**Environmental Dept. Due Date: TBA**

Ron Frank asked Keith Chapman to start the Power Point presentation regarding Multiple Benefits to Society.

### **10. Presentation: Multiple Benefits to Society**

Keith Chapman gave a presentation on Multiple Benefits to Society. The presentation included a definition/overview of Economic and Social Benefits, examples of economic and social benefits, the CSA Guidelines (Criterion and elements), and examples of values and their objectives from other PAGs for each element.

Lloyd Forman asked whether the examples of benefits (page 1 of slide notes) were listed in any order or priority. Keith Chapman answered that they were not listed in any particular way. Lloyd Forman said that he would like to see **Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP)** as a Value to be placed ahead of Recreation and Tourism. He commented that they are already losing timber to outside communities and we need to recognize this sector.

Sharie Conroy enquired about **Air Quality** (Oxygen, evaporative cooling etc). Is it a non-timber benefit? Sharie described that they often notice that the air will seem fresher or cooler than other places. Keith Chapman responded that there is a net release of Oxygen as well as other positive effects from forests so that would be a benefit.

John Warren commented that from a Boston Bar FN's perspective, the mill in Boston Bar used to produce 100 million board feet per year until economics and the softwood lumber dispute "threw a screw into that" and the mill closed. Teal Jones still logs in the area. Teal has agreements with Boston Bar FN and the Boothroyd Band but the benefits to the Boston Bar FN have "gone down the toilet". The old mill site is not being used. The Boston Bar community is "going down the toilet". He added that he thought the company that holds the forest license should use the site or "turn it over to the community".

Ron Frank asked the group if employment was a value of importance to them. If this is important, then what kind of employment are we talking about? Lloyd Forman responded that "any" employment would be good. Ron Frank asked if that included minimum wage type of employment. Lloyd Forman responded that jobs need to be such that the wage is enough to support a family (**Meaningful employment**).

John Warren commented that Teal's old 40 acre mill site in Boston Bar should be used in a way to benefit Boston Bar. He suggested that the community could form a non-profit society and lease it from Teal-Jones and use the site for planing beetle killed wood. An issue was severance and site liability. The community is just as responsible as Teal Jones. People must help themselves. John added that, in order to get CSA certification, we need Teal Jones to deal with this area. Keith Chapman said that this problem is tied to the mill site and that Teal's mill sites and other properties outside of the DFA are not part of the PAG's scope.

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Ron Frank asked the group to re-focus on the agenda so that we could get our work done. John Pichugin said that Teal is willing to talk and listen to proposals from the community.

Bruce Edwards commented on the employment values. He suggested using person years of employment and income level calculated such that any poor paying jobs are not hidden by well paying jobs.

**Action Item: 6F** – Create a VOIT set built around the value of Meaningful Employment and present to the Fraser PAG for review and comment.

**Environmental Dept. Due Date: January 30, 2006**

Ron Frank asked the table if forest access was a value that they would like addressed. Bruce Edwards responded that **access offers both benefits and costs to their community (Acceptable balance of benefits and costs derived from forest roads)**. Benefits include: access for recreation, hiking, mushroom picking, horseback riding, camping, and garbage dumping (etc). Negatives include: paying for extra policing, fire risks, crime and crime spin-offs costs to society.

Sharie Conroy added that roads have been implicated in the loss of life and for costs related to damage to local resources and clean-up. Sharie said that she had never seen a cost analysis – and maybe the Hatzic Valley is exceptional in regards to these exceptional experiences (?). She added that they had never had FRBC money to reclaim roads in their area. Also, the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) had to pay out money for their work in the valley after property was damaged.

Ron Frank asked the table if revenue to the Crown such as stumpage revenue, wage benefits, taxes etc are important to the group. Ron Frank asked John Pichugin about the current benefit load (Employment Insurance premiums, CPP, taxes etc) on wages. John Pichugin responded that it is currently at 50 %. Bruce Edwards commented that total cost accounting is being used more and more in business. Ron Frank informed the group that Steve Harvey, representing the local business sector, was contacted about today's meeting. Steve was not able to make the meeting but will be given an opportunity to provide input.

Ron Frank asked the group if the economic viability or profitability of the company was a value they would like to incorporate into the value set. John Warren commented that the Teal owners could address the PAG and that they would be welcome. Kerry Grozier commented that the Return On Investment is a potential measure of the economic viability of a business. This measure is used in business to determine how well a business functions. Lloyd Forman referred to a CBC television program "*Dragons Den*" and discussed how businesses work in their own interests to make a profit. "I am not interested in the bottom line". Kerry Grozier commented that he takes exception to that comment – especially in light of Lloyd being in business. Lloyd Forman said that he was surprised that Kerry would be interested in the bottom line. Ron Frank called the table to order.

Ron Frank turned to Mark Bond and asked if he would like to raise any issues. Mark commented that his white water rafting business is situated along the Nahatlatch River and that he tries to

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hire locally (Boston Bar). He and the other management live in Vancouver. He has noted that Boston Bar has been struggling since the Coquihalla Hwy bypassed the community and the mill closed.

Ron Frank addressed the table. He reminded members that they were dealing with the same issues as all of the rest of the resource-based communities on the coast. You are not alone and these problems are not easy to solve.

Sharie Conroy commented about logging near her community. A local woodlot operator lives in the Hatzic Valley. When slides were occurring elsewhere in the valley, his culverts were all running clean. His logging is right in front of us.

Keith Chapman commented that he had invited Mark Bond to the meeting to see if he would be interested in fully participating and also to see if Mark could share any values of importance to his enterprise with the PAG. Keith asked Mark if there were any values that he would like to put forward such as visual quality or road access. Mark Bond responded that **Visual Quality** is very important to his business. "No-one wants to look at a clear-cut". He also stated that **road access** to his operation is key to his business and that they use Teal's roads and have a good relationship with Teal.

Keith Chapman asked Chief Andy Alex if there were any values that are important to his FN or the resort (campground) that they operate. Chief Alex responded that **roads are nice to have for recreation** but there are some negative aspects such as people in recreational vehicles having accidents without any insurance and seriously hurting themselves and others. He added that bikers were tearing up the base of hydro towers. He noted that the damage to the towers gave him work but he added that this "free for all" attitude needs to be stopped. **Safety** is an issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**The Next FRASER PAG Meeting will be held January 9, 2006 at the Pantry Restaurant, Chilliwack at 4:30 to 7:30 pm**