

Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee

Jun 24 2021

7:00 – 9:00 pm Via Zoom

Attendees: Ron Furlong, Ernie Gilbert, Peter Spicer, Emily Haynes, Jonathan McClelland, Alice Pugsley, Mac Davis, Don McCormack, Steven McLelan, Jason Stewart, Kevin Merriam and Jeff Black - meeting chair.

Call to order 7:02 pm

Meeting Chair – Jeff Black

Item 1 – Jeff welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the time to join the meeting. Reminded everyone that the Northern Pulp presentation had been cancelled for the evening and that it would be rescheduled in the near future. Jeff asked if anyone had additional items for the agenda. Kevin asked to add an update on the Shinimicas Fire hall.

Approval of Agenda: Mac Davis moved for the approval of the agenda, seconded by Ernie Gilbert . Motion carried.

Item 2 -Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 22nd meeting was made by Mac and seconded by Peter. Motion carried.

Item 3 – Business Arising from the Minutes

Letter sent to Dereck Mombourquette as Minister of Education regarding Forestry misinformation in the school system. Kevin displayed the letter and reported that the letter had been sent out. Discussion included the potential for having education focused information available on the CFAC website.

ACTION ITEM #1 – Mac to reach out to Don Cameron in his role of Education Outreach to discuss the issue and get a much clearer picture.

Update on invitation to Deputy Minister of L&F to Cumberland (Kevin) Kevin shared the invitation on screen and reported that it has been sent and responded to. He will be in Amherst on July 6th and a time will be set to meet.

Update on sub committees and members – (Ron) Lists and Terms of Reference for six sub-committees were distributed which prompted a small number of requests to be removed from one or more sub-committee. Especially in situations that the individual found themselves on two or more sub-committees. Part of the instructions with the distribution of the lists was a request for the first name on each list to set the first meeting. NOT (*necessarily*) as sub-committee chair, but simply to get the process started. Discussion encouraged the committees to write a short profile of the sub-committee. The purpose being to help them focus on what

they planned to do, and to share in the newsletter to encourage others with similar interests to get involved in the sub-committee of interest.

Update on Registration and Incorporation of CFAC as a Society - (Ron) We continue to plug away at getting all of the documentation in order to the satisfaction of the Registry of Joint Stocks. Director's signatures are one of the last items at issue.

Update regarding biodiversity act – (Steven) Discussion generally agreed that it was unlikely that much was going to move forward around the biodiversity act until after the expected provincial election.

Item 4 – New Business

CFAC Newsletter Update – Jeff passed along acknowledgement of how our newsletter is being received by individuals outside of our network and our county as professional and informative. There are currently 189 subscribers. Ideas were shared for how to incorporate more information and potential links to existing and relevant outside information.

Envio Liason Committee approaching the CFAC for help - (Jeff) They have approached us to potentially use the CFAC newsletter to get their message out and promote the industry. General discussion was of CFAC to retain editorial control but certainly lots of opportunity for partnering, especially as the potential exists for it to include a financial contribution. Current understanding is that the Envio Committee is looking to educate the public on the true facts of the industry.

Item 5 – Additional Agenda Items

Update on Shinimicas Fire hall - (Kevin) As an update on the building a replacement of Shinimicas Fire hall following the April 2020 fire there. Kevin reminded us that the planning committee has been working with the Maritime Lumber Bureau's Woodworks Program, and shared onscreen the webpage of the Municipality of Cumberland news release showing the front facade of the planned building. That release reported that the tender to replace the building was approved at the June 2nd council meeting and it will be wood frame construction. Kevin included in his update that the CFAC had played a role in making sure wood construction was considered. Plans are to continue to watch the project as it moves forward.

Item 6 – Closing Comments Jeff thanked everyone once again for participating.

Next Meeting- Thur. July 22th, 2021 at 7pm Hybrid @ CCUBIC conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm