

Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee

May 20 2020

7:03-8:56, Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Attendees: Deputy Mayor Shelia Christie, Jonathan McClelland, Ian Ripley, Norman Paupin, Matt MacGillivray, Mac Davis, Keith Thompson, Craig Tupper, Allan Bonnyman, Ron Furlong, Kevin Merriam and Jeff Black - Meeting Chairman.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by meeting chair – Jeff Black

Item 1 – Meeting Chair - Jeff Black welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for the evening's agenda to be approved.

Agenda approved.

Item 2 – The minutes of May 13th were introduced into the meeting and with no additions or amendments the motion to accept the minutes as circulated was moved.

Minutes approved.

Item 3 – Business Arising from the Minutes

Previous Action Items – A review of the May 13 Action Items confirmed: AI1 - that the short form was ready to be reviewed as it appeared later on the agenda; AI2 - the date of the community meeting was still a go ahead for May 31st (evening); AI3 - informal contact with the Provincial Transition Team had been made and a formal request for a presentation date would be welcome; AI4 – long form strategic plan wording matched current short form; AI5 – Terms of Reference were provided in the pre meeting info pack. AI6 – Northern Pulp suggested that it would improve their ability to provide a more current and detailed presentation if their visit to CFAF could be postponed a couple of weeks. Current discussion was to revisit their readiness to join one of our meetings after the public session on May 31st.

Brought up at the previous meeting it was discussed to write a letter to Mark Peachey of the DoT. Also discussed was the potential for setting up a meeting to develop more of a relationship to increase two-way communication.

New Action Item – To continue to work on drafting a letter to Mark Peachey around recommendations for the DoT's consideration ahead of the implementation of next year's spring weight restrictions.

Review – Terms Of Reference

Discussion identified a few minor edits on the draft Terms of Reference including defining representatives of organizations and municipalities rather than individuals to allow for job changes and elections.

New Action Item: Incorporate the suggested edits into the draft document and present for a motion of acceptance next meeting.

Review - Short Form Strategic Plan

Discussion around layout format and readability and since the current need is for a digital document it can stand as is. In addition to the digital document there may be value in having a hard copy for distribution in situations like sharing with the Provincial Transition Team page.

Motion to approve the Short Form Strategic Plan with edits.

Motion carried.

New Action Item: Promoting the May 31st meeting consistent with how the original Sunday public meetings were promoted.

New Action Item: Have 50 copies of the Short Form Strategic Plan printed up on quality paper.

Item 4 – New Business

CFAC Community Meeting – Promotion is now taking place on online forums. A draft of the proposed agenda for the community meeting was shared. Discussion was around the online format of the meeting and how to give the maximum opportunity for the community to participate. There will be three ways. Participate in the Zoom meeting by computer, dial in to the Zoom meeting by telephone, and to watch a live stream of the meeting on Facebook. It was also mentioned that a recording of the meeting could be available online after the meeting. Questions can be asked through the chat function and addressed during a Q&A section of the agenda at the end of the event. Chairs will be working on the content for the public meeting in consultation with others on the committee and it will be on the agenda for discussion next meeting.

New Action Item: Sharing of a call list with those who agreed that they could take the time to make phone calls to encourage people to attend the online meeting on May 31st.

Department of Lands and Forest May 19th & 20th Meeting Update – Two days of meetings was very much around the technical aspects of the plans. The assumption is that the social aspects will be addressed later. One of the items of interest was that there have been over 500 comments sent to the crown to consider during their planning efforts. It was also emphasized that there can be no herbicides used on crown land and assignment of high production forestry would be assigned to crown land. The current state of land managed without herbicide may indicate significant potential challenges. It was confirmed that no land currently under protected status would be available for high production. Also, production numbers are based entirely on current provincial sawmill operations. As a wrap up on the discussion it was shared that it looked like the Dept of Lands and Forests was open to feedback on their planning process.

Item 5 – Additional Agenda Items

The policy committee was working on policy issues directly related to the ***Immediate Action Items*** listed in the CFAC Strategic Plan.

Adjournment - The next meeting will also be a virtual meeting and will be held on May 27th at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.