

Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee

Notes from Jan 22, 2020

7:00-9:30, CCUBIC Boardroom, Amherst, NS

Attendees: Mayor David Kogan, Keith Thompson, Steven McLelan, Mac Davis, Allan Bonnyman, Kevin Merriam – Meeting Chairman, Jonathon McClelland, Wade Adshade, Ian Ripley, Norman Paupin, Velda Fromm, Matthew MacGillivray, Elizabeth Smith McCrossin, Ann Lebrun Ruff

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Co Chair Kevin Merriam

- Agenda Approved
- Minutes and Terms of Reference Approved

Business Arising from Minutes

- Jamie Wallis- PEI- he will contribute what he can.
- Pam Rudolf- NSBI- informing us that Dave Copus will be our contact and he will be attending the next meeting on January 29th.
- Kevin M. – WestFor presentation conducted by Marcus Zwicker on January 21 in Western NS was shown to the Advisory Committee and discussed as per presentation content and possible recommendations.
- Linda Cloney- has not contacted the group regarding communications. Further discussions within the Advisory Committee suggest that a communications person may not be necessary and that any communications work could be drafted at the committee level and forwarded by committee Chairs.
- Working Group Goals – Goals were presented with a discussion of group composition (Further work on “Action Team” composition to be completed at the next industry meeting on Sunday, January 26th)

Committee Reports

Immediate Action Team - Goals

- Continuity to keep meetings going (Meeting at weekly intervals until further notice)
- Keep all the mills operating
- Develop communication strategy to communicate with NS Transition Team between the various CFAC committees
- Submit press releases to the various media outlets (when necessary)

Immediate Action Team recommendations to the CFAC for discussion and possible communication to the NS Forestry Transition Team:

- Transition Team to establish a Forest Credit Corp to help provide bridge financing to contractors
- Transition Team keep landowners engaged in managing woodlots and producing forest products for the existing forest industry
- Implement a program to promote better utilization of wood cut from Port Hawksbury Paper's crown lease (better utilization of products by means of sawlogs and studwood versus pulpwood). Allow pulpwood from private landowners to constitute the bulk of pulpwood supply to make up the difference.
- Explore and report back to CFAC the use of wood fiber in power generation
- Encourage Northern Pulp to continue to manage their industrial lands and leased crown lands.

Encourage MLS's to open debate on the Nova Scotia Forest industry

Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee Action Items:

Ann- send the life cycle of biomass VS coal to the CFAC committee

Mac Davis – send compiled data of Cumberland County forest industry to CFAC members

Kevin Merriam – contact Marcus Zwicker at WestFor regarding the possibility of collaborating with CFAC (when necessary)

Kevin Merriam – send WestFor presentation to all CFAC members

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.