

Sakâw Askiy
Public Advisory Group Meeting
April 16th, 2015
Prince Albert Travelodge Ballroom

Participants:

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| 1. Darryl Sande | Kaskew Forest Products |
| 2. Cam Brown | Forsite Consulting |
| 3. Ian MacIver | Sakaw Askiy Management Inc. |
| 4. Ed Kwiatkowski | Carrier Forest Products |
| 5. Dave Knight | Carrier Forest Products |
| 6. Mark Kornder | Ducks Unlimited Canada |
| 7. John D. Stauffer | District Lakeland #521 |
| 8. John Quinn | Candle Lake Resort Village |
| 9. Robert Follett | MLTC Industrial Investments NorSask |
| 10. Narayan Dhital | Ministry of Environment (MinENV) |
| 11. Mark Doyle | Ministry of Environment (MinENV) |
| 12. Bernadette Slager | Saskatchewan Forestry Association |
| 13. Don Cody | City of Prince Albert |
| 14. John Teer | RM Big River |
| 15. Michelle Young | Meadow Lake OSB |
| 16. Kerry McIntyre | Meadow Lake OSB |
| 17. Mclvor Eninew | Lac La Ronge Indian Band councilor |
| 18. Doug Braybrook | Edgewood |
| 19. David Stevenson | MinENV Forest Service |
| 20. Susan Carr | Prince Albert Model Forest, scribe, facilitator |

Regrets:

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| Naomi Carriere | Lac La Ronge Indian Band |
| Perry Vermette | |
| Kyle Vermette | |
| Joan Corneil | Resort Village Candle Lake (RVCL) |
| Louise Tarasiuk | RVCL |
| Blake Charles | Lac La Ronge Indian Band |

Ann Allen
Bob Gerow
Brad Dahl
Brian Hoffart
David Pezderic
Dean Christiansen
Donna Tymiak
Doug Panter
Gordon Pacholko
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J.E. Kennedy
Lyndon G
Sask trappers
Sask wildlife
Zane Delainey

Meeting Convened 10:10 a.m.

Meeting Objective:

1. Update PAG on FMP progress since last meeting including:
 - Proposed harvest levels
 - Natural Forest Pattern (NFP) management (old seral retention, in-block retention, interior old, event sizes)
 - Caribou management approach
 - Management of visuals
2. To introduce and welcome the new Sakaw Askiy General Manager, Ian MacIver.

Agenda:

Time	Topic	Lead(s)	Visuals
0.10	Welcome & Introductions	Susan Carr PAMF	
0.05	Updates at Sakâw	Ian MacIver	
0.05	Review Agenda April 16 th	Susan Carr	
0.10	Review Minutes of June 17 th , 2014 Action Items Discussion of Oct 17 th 2014 PAG Snowfield Road Field Trip	Susan Carr	
1.45	Update PAG on FMP progress and discussion	Cam Brown	Ppt
0.15	Round Table Issues and Opportunities	PAG	
0.05	Next Meeting Dates and adjournment	PAG	
Lunch provided			

Welcome and Introductions – Susan Carr

Sakâw updates – Ian MacIver

Review of agenda – Susan Carr

Additional discussion item:

Wood left in bush, John Teer

- Who holds contractors accountable, overcutting AAC, sitting in bush and rotting
- Ian – issue is recognized, working with shareholders to get to bottom of it, distressed to hear of the duration of 2- 4 years, particularly softwood logs can't be allowed to deteriorate

- Softwood left along Revo Lake road, 3rd winter coming up, will be ruined, won't be able to get it out
- Dave Stevenson – Forest Service discussed issue with industry last year to address; commitment was made to leave no wood more than one year. It's been raised as an issue again, and we are dealing with companies to find out why issue has persisted. Will be following up with companies.
- Doug Braybrook – Edgewood reports annually to scaling dept, scaled wood removed within 90 days, if there's a reason we can't remove it immediately we stage it and come out as soon as possible, example where highway wash out delayed pick up by 6-8 months before the wood could be reached, apply though to stage them and for an agreed to arrangement, process is in place and works well when it's followed.
- Teer - Big River specifically is an issue
- Dave S. – companies apply for staging and holding when there's a reason, this year there's a volume of softwood that's been left over summer which is an issue, anything over a year isn't supposed to occur, that agreement has been made with industry. Needs to be recognized some of the wood volume is pulp and without a market, there's bit an issue when it's left out there
- Sawlogs are what John Teer is talking about,

Q. Are there still forest officials in the bush checking that regs are followed?

Response: Michelle – they still come out and check and each company has their own, Kerry has report of MLOSB wood left in the bush which we are happy to share.

Tourism around Dore Lake with degraded road conditions

- Dore Lake road in poor shape, after the logging
- Cam Brown – Dept of highways issue
- Dave Knight – social license issue so relevant to the PAG
- Sakaw, Carrier have commitment to leave hard buffer to shield viewscape – won't change harvest that's happened but temporally, the change will come with regeneration
- Dave Stevenson – original purpose of road has been expanded to allow truck traffic to Big River mill, ongoing discussion with Highways, they have an active plan for this summer to address condition of the road and not have that problem repeat itself.
- Michelle – made commitments for haul scheduling on road, around long weekends (shut down of haul early Fridays, start later on Mondays), leaving buffers, increased maintenance and improve coordination with Highways Dept, dust control with calcium.

ACTION – Susan, John, PAG Will follow up again at end of meeting, to set up actions as required to further address these issues.

Review Minutes of June 17th, 2014 and Oct 17th 2014 PAG Snowfield Road Field Trip – Susan Carr

Action Items / No Discussion

Presentation: Update PAG on FMP progress and discussion - Cam Brown

Presentation available Sakaw.ca

- **Natural forest pattern management**, planning attempts to approximate spatial patterns through active management, with range of age classes, mimic structures to provide historically existing habitats and patterns
- Forest retention at stand and at forest level – structure and skips left behind as is the case of fire
- Landscape level – old and very old forest, maintaining 10% as old forest, 5 % as very old
- Spatial distribution using ecological management units – representative forest types within each of those areas

- **Target retention** in areas of high value or areas we didn't want to harvest in the first place, protect those values that we need to protect on the land base
- Significantly increased from last FMP
- Some species prefer interior forest habitat – interior forest is described as being a specified distance from an “edge” (road, harvest block, etc.) The objective is to have at least 20% of the old and very old forest retained as interior forest. This helps to ensure that the old and very old retention are in large enough patches to benefit the plant and wildlife species that require this forest condition.

- **Harvest events** – size and distribution and structure of how we harvest on the ground, lots of diversity, small and large harvest openings, consider those patterns of small fires and large fires, as patterns for how we harvest a land base, what's the current condition of these patches, what's the forest pattern out there today
- Large contiguous areas of forest that are similar, 24% of land base is in patches over 8000ha events, those are too extreme, so we're managing harvesting for smaller categories ranging 100-3500 ha

- **Caribou Range Planning** process – longer process than FMP could adapt to, interim approach until the government's range plan is completed. The strategy is to minimize impact on key caribou areas, managing age class structures on land base and spatially distributing in a way that protects preferred caribou habitat types, being mindful of other key elements that we need to meet for caribou, preserving options while we move forward into that bigger picture of longer range caribou management, have set aside high value caribou habitat of 50,000 ha gross including a mix of lowland and upland, quite a bit of muskeg

Discussion:

- Interesting to note a particularly highly logged area historically, now has caribou in it.
- Caribou – managing for caribou, longer term will be through mgmt. of age classes, ongoing dynamic amount of habitat across the FMA – staying out of high value habitat for now.

- **Management of Visuals**
- Standard guidelines for visuals, includes updated layer in timber supply modeling for lakes,
- Updated regularly whenever addressing cabin owners, dealing with stakeholders

- **Key Management Assumptions**
- Renewal within 2 years
- Protection of riparian and heritage sites
- Retention around recreational areas, cabin sites, etc.
- Viewscapes respected
- Habitat needs
- Spatial harvest distribution in tactical plan

Discussion

- Typically harvesting stands that are older today than they will be when we harvest again in the future
- What about if we aggressively use advanced seed, that can provide quicker results
- Historically don't often cut full HVS, but if markets are strong, we may

Age Class [Slide 26]

Harvest area by types – committed in general to replacing the forest type that we harvest, maintain the same species type in the future

Harvest age over time – 16,000 ha harvested per year, lots of older stands being harvested over first 50-60 years, hardwood, and softwood in 80-90 year range will come online to be harvested, will get a diversity of harvest ages over time

Old Seral being tracked over time –

Moose habitat – browse and cover habitats remain relatively consistent over 200 years analyzed
Fisher and caribou habitat as well is being kept

Discussion:

- **Observation of moose expanding range** southward
- Northeast of La Ronge used to hunt moose, now need to drive south to find moose – question why they're leaving.
- 40 moose counted in aerial survey in north, regularly see large numbers
 - o ACTION Susan will provide link to Dr. Ryan Brook's research:
- <https://www.facebook.com/SaskatchewanFarmlandMooseProject>
- **Issue of meeting Federal Strategy requirements for caribou** habitat given disturbance levels in SK. That will become more apparent as Ministry's Range Planning process is worked through with stakeholders.
- **Forest certification** is left to individual company – does FMP address certification?
- All Sakaw shareholders are certified. Sakaw is licensee for shareholders who are all certified
- ACTION: include that point on website and link to each shareholder – Ian
- FMP includes targets that are related to certification – Sakaw doesn't certify but all shareholders are certified, it's a good business decision

Cam Brown – **demonstration of Sakaw website** – all documents are catalogued online. When Vol. 2 is

completed it will be added there.

Next meeting

- field tour in September/Oct – McIvor suggests Weyakwin area
- group suggests focus theme around visuals and protecting riparian areas
- All agree tour should include a freshly harvested or active cut.
- Topic to also be covered: wood left in the bush

Dave Stevenson – regarding the issues discussed earlier around wood left in the bush, provincial controls are in place with industry and will be revisiting to ensure these are being met. Invites questions, concerns regarding this to be brought to his attention at the Forestry Branch.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Lunch

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