

**Prince Albert FMA – Sakâw**  
**Public Advisory Group Meeting Minutes**  
**Prince Albert Travelodge April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

See separate sign in sheet

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Overview of Sakâw**, shareholders and FMA – presentation on file and available online

- Sakâw is successor to Weyerhaeuser and Domtar, taking over FMA in Dec 2010
- 8 shareholders
- Chronology forest mgmt in SK – must be sustainable and is all plans require Ministry of Environment, Forest Service approval
- Breakdown of FMA 3.3 MA ha
- Total harvesting land base 60% of that our 2.0MA of economically viable timber harvest area
- Annual allowable cut 2.9 MA m<sup>3</sup>
- Area logged at full 20,000 ha or 1% of harvestable land base
  
- Sakaw is developing the plan that will eventually replace the Weyerhaeuser operating plan which forms the basis for their planning. Available online.
- Challenges
- Economic Context – 2006-07 housing start peak followed in 2007 by major market collapse
- Gradually climbing back
- Woodlands staffing 2005 vs. 2013-04-29 Results based management
- Wood supplies in major licence area
- Governance – 8 partners: 6 facility based; 2 First Nations AC Forestry and Montreal Lake Business Ventures
- Province provides timber allocations to each of the 8 partners, of that total, 44% have aboriginal interest: NorSask and L&M as well as AC Forestry and Montreal Lake Bus Ventures
- Regulatory governance – have an MOU with the provincial government, Sakâw and each of the shareholders
- Shareholders manage their own allocations
- Tenure models in SK
- Map showing flow of raw and finished wood through the FMA
- Map of operating zones
- Factors affecting future wood supply calculations

Q. What about certification?

A. Each shareholder is responsible and each will be certified under SFI label. Internal audits are complete in Montreal Lake, Carriere and Meadow Lake OSB. External audit will be completed in July. Whole FMA will be certified.

Q. The plan will be certified then?

A. Yes, with 8 individual certificates for each of the shareholders. This information will be available to the government.

Q. What is the fire situation in the park? Concerned about over mature stands and blow down. Meadow Lake is in bad shape for blow downs.

A. Prince Albert National Park operates under a long-term Fire Management Plan using various techniques to manage age class and areas of concern in park: prescribed burns, etc.

Q. Constraints on allocations – they manage for environmental issues, what about aesthetic issues? Are their guidelines for those available to the public? Resort village is making a land management plan to include the aesthetic values.

A. There is in the FMA Operating Standards a visual quality standard. It can be found on both the Ministry of Environment's website but easier to locate on Sakaw.ca. Province will be applying those standards province-wide.

Q. Representative Areas Network (RANS) – what is the percentage in the FMA that will be set aside from the total land base? 3 are represented on the land base: Caribou Flats, Selwyn, Wapawekka is just outside of the boundaries. There are also the parks of Clarence Steepbank, Candle Lake and in the future, the Emma/Anglin area.

Action: Dave will follow up with a percentage of the area.

Q. Is logging allowed in provincial Parks?

A. Not yet, some parks are interested but this hasn't been coordinated yet.

Q. We are seeing more and more intense storms, blowdown, not just of old stands. With climate change, this will only increase. We need to address how we deal with these big areas of blowdown. Also from a tourism perspective, visitors are very concerned to see this volume laying waste.

A. Harvest design and planning for future will include modelling for climate change and increased storm events and intensity.

### **11 a.m. Terms of Reference and Workplan review**

Documents online [www.sakaw.ca](http://www.sakaw.ca)

- New 20 year plan due in December 2014, will include caribou and park issues
- Technical team meet monthly
- Advisory team

- Staged approval process of FMP through MoE

Q. impressed with level of environmental issues, concerned about the aesthetic issues, fringe areas aren't covered?

A. Those issues will be discussed in PAG – one of the action items is to have a representative from this group to sit on the technical planning team to communicate those concerns and see they are addressed satisfactorily.

Q. Who is Mistik?

A. FMA north of Meadow Lake – leader in forest management in SK

Q. How is woodland caribou being addressed?

A. Federal Recovery strategy has laid out legal requirements for each of the provinces. Saskatchewan Woodland Caribou Technical Committee has a 6 year Directed Studies plan of research that will provide the information to be used in the regional Range Plans that will be designed to meet the Federal requirements.

#### **11:40 a.m. Public consultation Plan**

- Dave Knight and Pat Mackasey key contacts
- PAG representation – at next meeting, this group will need to select someone to represent them on the planning team. ACTION
- Vol. 1 – background on historic FMA activities of past 15 years, land use, general biophysical, harvest/regen, comparative baseline for future activities
- Draft Forest Estate Modeling – yield curves, how much volume at various age classes, assumptions, regen, harvest age – the technical document
- FMP Vol 2. Draft – strategic direction – activities on land base and how it will be done, road crossings, visual aesthetics, woodland caribou concerns

There will be public sessions for each of the above

PAG will organize and plan these meetings

The purpose will be to gather feedback on the various plans and report back through the engagement form.

#### **12:50 p.m. Terms of Reference – available online**

Propose a facilitator to chair these meetings

Meetings held typically second Monday of April, June, October, December from 1-4

Locations could rotate between Meadow Lake, Big River, P.A., whichever is most convenient for participants.

Q. Add definition of advisory members to T of R, tech group specific to team

How is this different from Member at Large – include the structure

p. 10 helps to clarify

P. 11 clarify authorized PAG reps – external communications – who is authorized  
Action: will forward all information and it is available online

Q. Facilitator – could it be from provincial government.  
A. perceived conflict as we are the approving body for the plans.

Mistik has a professional facilitator who runs their meetings who is very good.  
Action: submit names of facilitators you wish the group to consider.

Pasquia Porcupine FMA has just been restarted. Meadow Lake OSB may or may not do an FMA on their Term Supply Licence if it roils into the PA FMA, it will become part of this process.

**Next Steps:**

Public Advisory group (PAG) Satisfaction Survey completed by each participant at end of the meeting  
Minutes will be sent out next week.  
DUC will be signed on as official PAG members – Mark Kornder as main, Chris Smith alternate

**Next Meeting of PAG:**

Tuesday, June 11 at 10 a.m. in Prince Albert.

Agenda to include:

1. Actions arising from this meeting and review of Satisfaction Survey including suggestions.
2. Update on progress to date
3. Overview of the FMP process by Forest Service to help inform the PAG and the PAG representative on the Planning Team.
4. Please forward other items to Cam Brown ( Forsite) or Dave Knight ( Sakâw)

Attending Meeting:

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| 1. Dave Knight        | Sakâw  |
| 2. Don Cody           | City of PA                                   |
| 3. Bob Romanchuk      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party operators              |
| 4. Ed Kwiatkowski     | Sakâw  |
| 5. Roman Charko       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Operators              |
| 6. Mike LeBlanc       | Forest Service                               |
| 7. Doug Panter        | RM of Big River                              |
| 8. Shirley Gange      | Provincial Association of Resort Communities |
| 9. John Quinn         | Resort Village of Candle Lake                |
| 10. Joan Corneil      | Administrator, Candle Lake                   |
| 11. Don Gordon        | Saskatchewan Trappers Association            |
| 12. Lyndon Gliège     | Saskatchewan Outfitters Association          |
| 13. Ken Tlirmen       | Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation             |
| 14. Cheryl Bauer Hyde | District of Lakeland #521                    |
| 15. Dave E Dmytruk    | District of Lakeland #521                    |
| 16. Dean Christiansen | #3rd Party Operators                         |

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| 17. Mark Konder       | Ducks Unlimited Canada            |
| 18. Chris Smith       | Ducks Unlimited Canada            |
| 19. Susan Carr        | Prince Albert Model Forest        |
| 20. Bernadette Slager | Saskatchewan Forestry Association |
| 21. Jackie Kennedy    | Green Lake Council                |