

Draft Meeting Notes
March 17, 2021
Community Forest Planning Meeting
Zoom Meeting

Participants:

- Lhtako Dene Nation - Jean Christie, Natural Resources Manager
- Nazko First Nation – Councillor Anthony Perry and Florian Bergoin, Natural Resources Manager
- Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation – Regrets
- ?Esdilagh First Nation – Regrets
- City of Quesnel – Mayor Bob Simpson and Erin Robinson, Forestry Initiatives Manager (Recorder) and Lacy Scuffi, Forestry Initiatives Coordinator (Map support)
- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Josh Pressey, District Manager (in attendance until 9:45), Nicole Strand, Licenced Authorizations Officer, Casie Gano, Wildfire Risk Reduction Tech
- Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council (Facilitator and Recorder)

<p>Note - There will be a more fulsome report available the week of March 22 from Fraser Basin Council. This summary simply captures the highlights from the meeting for the purpose of keeping Council apprised of developments.</p>
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Purpose of Meeting:

- To build on previous meetings and previous decisions made
- To finalize the values that will drive the Community Forest Agreement (CFA) application process
- To utilize area-specific values and previous discussions to inform the area selection

Meeting Objectives:

- Finalize values, understand which are required by law, which will drive area selection
- Advance area selection, confirm rough approximate areas

Values discussed to date

- **June 2020** – the big group (Partner Group of elected officials and the Technical Working Group (TWG) created the original list of values including social, economic and *broad* resource management values.
- **August and September 2020** – Through drafting our Project Charter, the list of values was reviewed by the group and no additions were made.
- **October 2020** - The TWG in advance of our meeting with West Fraser Mills to discuss NRFL, added to the list of values “enhanced management values” (road deactivation, riparian/land stability, fibre utilization).
- **January 2021** –The group decided that this topic required a stand-alone meeting and that’s why FBC is facilitating.

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- Development of community forest values is an ongoing iterative process.
- As we move into community engagement, finer details and site-specific values will arise.
- Once we have the area selected, we can divide our proposed area into subunits to gather more spatially explicit input from the community.
- The group worked on identifying the “umbrella values”. There will be times in this process for more site-specific values to be identified.
- The DRAFT values list from the meeting will be made available the week of March 22, 2021

Area Selection

- The group used a map of the Timber Supply Area (TSA) to have a discussion on potential areas for our area based tenure
- A contiguous area around Quesnel will be the *general* location, however this area is already heavily constrained (private lands, woodlots, other tenures)
- The final area for our CFA will likely include areas with constraints (Mule Deer Winter Range, Old Growth Management Areas, socially constrained areas)
- The final area will need to articulate with the other tenure types as well (First Nation tenures, licensee operating areas, etc.) to avoid pockets/slivers of “no-persons-land”
- A map will be available once the general area is more formalized

Actions items from meeting

1. Technical Working Group (TWG) meet with ?Esdilagh and discuss area
2. TWG meet with FLNORD (including the Forest Inventory and Analysis Branch) to determine suitable areas
3. TWG work with FLNRORD on roles and responsibilities moving through the process
4. TWG hire a consultant (Registered Professional Forester/mapper) to assist with area selection analysis

<p>Note – if the Non-replaceable forest licences (NRFL) funding is not in place before we need to hire a consultant, City staff may request funding from City Council in the interim (to be paid back once NRFL funds are ready)</p>

Updates

- The Partnership Agreement is signed by City, Lhtako, Lhoosk’uz [Kluskus], Nakzo and ?Esdilagh) and will act as our interim agreement until a Limited Partnership is formed.
- The NRFL process is ongoing – Forest Tenure Opportunity Agreement (FTOA) amendments are still in progress at Lhtako.
- The Letter of invitation for a community forest is coming soon.

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Note - The City expressed concern over the timeline of letter of invite and speed at the which the group is moving to application phase.

- The new application will be available soon