



## Forestry Discussion Group

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### ACTION ITEMS

Tuesday November 25th, 2008 1:00 pm

#### Members in Attendance:

- Bob & Rosanne Murray
- Dan Rollert (Hampton Affiliates Babine Division)
- Alistair Schroff (ComFor)
- Brenda Hiebert (LEDA Chair)
- John Nooski (BLNDC)
- Cindy Shelford (EDO LEDA)
- Josh Pressy
- Bernice Magee (Mayor)
- Bill Miller (Area B)
- Erin Martens (LEDA)
- Christine Vautour (LEDA)

#### Meeting Commenced informally: 1:10 pm

Brenda (Board volunteered chair for the Forestry Discussion group) asked the group for feedback relating to the structure and order of the discussion group. "If there is structure, meetings are a lot smoother," "like the informal feeling, but have topics for the agenda so people can book the time off and attend," "like to know a little about the meeting ahead of time," "a casual structure," "open ended discussion." In the future LEDA will be asking for feedback from the group for agenda topics to provide a head of time.

#### Presentation from Alistair and Dan - Viewscape Management :

Alistair from ComFor and Dan from Hampton Affiliates approached LEDA to give presentation to the Forestry Discussion group. "Viewscape Management – A proposal for the beetle-affected stands in the Lakes Timber Supply Area" September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

#### More JOP ideas from this meeting:

- Saul Creek clean-up
- Babine Lake garbage clean-up. The forestry workers (some whom are out of jobs right now) have machinery that could be utilized to clean up these areas. Proposal ideas for the clean-up and environmental issues for this area.

**ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MONTH:** (*see above*) The JOP committee has not met since last month's meeting. Cindy will bring the group's ideas to the JOP Committee in order to see if these projects will apply for more funding. View the JOP website ([www.cd.gov.bc.ca/cdt/jobs/](http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/cdt/jobs/)) for



approved projects. Josh mentioned to talk to him if the committee is having problems with declined proposals. Josh and the Ministry of Forests now has the authority to bring the projects to a higher level if needed. Bill expressed that the group should bring forward and re-submit a fencing proposal from last year. This way they (group/farmers) can, if approved, use it at a later date if/when needed.

**Ministry of Forest - Josh Pressy:** EDO wanted some information from Josh regarding the 10 community pilot projects John Illes mentioned at the Business Forum. Josh to email LEDA the information.

**BIO-MASS PROJECT STATUS:** Some of the group went to the Business forum and wanted some clarification relating to the two Bio-mass projects and BC Hydro. Both the Cheslatta and the ComFor representatives expressed their frustration with BC Hydro's response, which has been **nothing to date, how much longer do we wait with our fibre tied up?** Some confusion in the community is that Burns Lake doesn't have the power infrastructure, this is not the case. Southside does not, Burns Lake does and is ready. Bill Miller mentioned that representatives will be meeting with Minister Pat Bell next week and WILL discuss this issue.

Different group members provided updates from their areas to keep LEDA in the loop and to see how LEDA can help if need be.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:30 pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 25th @ 1pm