

# MKMA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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## Meeting Minutes October 14, 2015

- Location:** Stuart Boardroom, Wood Innovation & Design Centre, Prince George, BC.
- In Attendance:** Stephanie Killam (Chair), Shawna Case, Juergen Puetter, Barry Holland, Gavin Dirom (by phone), Johnny Mikes, Wayne Sawchuk, David Luff, Corrine Porter and Peter Stone
- Regrets:** Lana Lowe, Lori Warren, and Reg Gardner
- Guests:** N/A

### 8:30 AM

- Chair welcome and opening remarks and welcome new members (Sean Olmstead and Tanya Ball) and reappointed members
- Call for additions to agenda- None

### 8:35 AM

#### UPDATES

#### 1. UNBC Public Session

Those who attended thought it was a successful meeting and well attended.

#### 2. Wilderness Definition and Vision (Phil Zacharatos & WG Members)

The board went through Section 5 of the document in considerable detail and provided good feedback to the WG. Final edits to be sent to WG for a teleconference to finalize the document and then begin engagement with ministry officials to seek shared and common understanding. Board agreed with recommendation to finalize document and begin engagement process with Government officials.

**ACTION:** Phil to finalize edits, send to working group and schedule telecon with the working group before end of November.

#### 3. Fox/Obo Working Group Update (Phil Zacharatos & WG Members)

Board was provided with update of information learned to date. With Kwadacha likely to be granted a First Nation's Woodland License the Board discussed several roles or opportunities where it could provide value added to Government with respect to forestry operations in the Fox/Obo.

Board agreed with recommendation for Stephanie and Phil to engage with Greg Rawling to give him updates on Wilderness and Fox/Obo Working Group progress and to explore role or opportunities for the Board to play with respect to the Fox/Obo.

**ACTION:** Phil to follow up with Greg to meet with Stephanie and others.

#### 4. UNBC – MKMA Partnership Agreement (David Luff)

The WG has made good progress on identifying areas of mutual interest particularly with respect to creating an overarching management framework based on Cumulative Effects principles as well as supporting the creation of a wilderness quality and characteristics data layer in Nobi Suzuki's model.

**12:30 PM**

**Response to Greg Rawling Advice of February 11, 2015 (Phil Zacharatos)**

There were four areas of focus provided by Greg to the Board:

- 1) Continue using tools like Nobu Suzuki's work to assess risk in a transparent way and to guide future work through assessment of risk;
- 2) Provide advice on potential forestry operations;
- 3) Provide advice on potential wind resource development proposals; and
- 4) Provide advice on how industry can take into account wilderness values.

The Board focused its discussions on the future and nature of forestry operations in the Fox/Obo and whether or not it should concern itself with developing evaluation criteria when proposals to change management zone objectives arise. The Board concluded it would be better if it had this discussion when there was more information to focus the Board's discussion.

The Board turned its attention to the advice it would provide to Greg regarding wind resource development proposals. The Board could not reach a consensus on providing advice that no wind resource development should occur within the MKMA nor providing advice that it supported wind resource development within the MKMA.

The Board concluded it would not state a position on whether or not wind resource development should occur within the MKMA but, rather, it would provide to Greg its observations of areas of concern or issues/items that decision makers should weigh when a wind exploration development proposal is submitted. The Board would prefer to remain engaged when such a proposal is submitted to provide additional and more focused feedback/advice during the adjudication period.

**ACTION:** Phil to prepare a document listing the issues or factors that the Board has identified with respect to wind resource development for Greg Rawling.

**3:00 PM Review of Draft Strategic Priorities (Phil Zacharatos)**

Draft priorities were discussed to set the stage for a potential funding uplift request to ameliorate the persistent funding pressure of approximately \$23,000.

The Board directed the creation of a First Nation's Relations Working Group. Volunteers were Corrine Porter, Tanya Ball, David Luff and Johnny Mikes. In the interim, Corrine will act as chair.

**3:30 PM**

**Review of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget (Phil Zacharatos)**

Forecasts since beginning of fiscal have been accurate and despite measures to reduce the projected funding pressure of \$23,000 the Board reviewed funding options. There is a desire to proceed with funding a strategic Advisory Board meeting (face to face) on February 24/25<sup>th</sup> as well as to fund face to face Wilderness Definition engagement sessions with Government (to reach a shared and common understanding of the definitions). Therefore, the Board has agreed to request a budget uplift of \$40,000 to carry it to fiscal year end.

**ACTION:** Phil to prepare uplift request on behalf of the Board.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

February 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined. Subject to funding.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.**