



British Columbia Forests Society Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2008

Location: Pacific Forestry Centre

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Old Business:

TFL land withdrawals - A formal review is now well underway by the Auditor General in the WFP forest land affair. The report is expected soon. Indications are that 'all is not well' with the government decision. The next related issue around this situation is that the developer and WFP are attempting to use some administrative delay issues to carry out road building in the area. There is a campaign to request the Government Bylaw Approval Officer to withhold his approval pending a public hearing into any affect that land developments may have upon 'the public good' or 'the public interest'.

Business from the Minutes:

Roundtable - This forum does not appear to be a useful opportunity for us to put forward our ideas and concepts, therefore we will not participate in the process. It is clear from the outcomes of Roundtable meetings in the province that the scope is only a very narrow attempt to advantage industry operations. Individual members are free to contribute.

New Business:

Nomination of Directors - With the loss of Ray Travers' services as a Board member, we are in need of a replacement. We have also not yet filled the vacancy left by Ken Balaski (Vice President). It would be appropriate to pursue two new additions to the Board to be ready for consideration by members at the Fall AGM. The request for members to think about their involvement, or to suggest others, will go out in a communication prior to the AGM.

Establishment of Branches - One of the best ways for the Society to expand its influences is through the development of local branches. The Victoria branch has been running now for 3 years and can provide advice about setup and operation to additional communities. The President will approach, over the Summer and Fall, several contacts in forest communities about establishing a branch, and report back to the AGM.