



**Haida Gwaii Management Council
Draft Quarterly Meeting Minutes
February 6-8, 2017
Skidegate CHN Board Room**

In attendance (for all or part of the meeting):

Council:

Percy Crosby	Member – CHN
Sharon Hadway	Member – BC
Tyler Bellis	Member – CHN
Brian Bawtinheimer	Member – BC
Warren Mitchell	HGMC—Chair

Council Support:

Laurie Whitehead	IC—CHN
Veronica via teleconference	IC—BC

Guests:

Christine Fletcher (via teleconference)
Colin Richardson
Karen McDowell (via teleconference)
Len Munt
Lucy Stefanyk
Mark Salzl
Nick Reynolds
Robert Russ
Sean Brennan

Representatives of the Parties:

Peter Lantin President, CHN
Trevor Russ Vice President, CHN
Doug Caul Deputy Minister, MARR
Tim Sheldon Deputy Minister, FLNRO (via tele)
Craig Sutherland Assistant Deputy Minister, FLNRO

Staff:

Day 1 - Monday, February 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am

1. HGMC Administrative Topics

a. Adoption of Agenda

Decision: Agenda approved. Agenda items time adjusted.

b. Adoption of Minutes from Dec. 15, 2016 and Nov. 8-9, 2016 meetings

Decision: Adopted with no changes

c. Review of action items from August 3, 2016 and Nov. 8-9, 2016

Reviewed and revisions made

2. Solutions Table Report - Sean Brennan, Colin Richardson, Mark Salzl

Discussion: The extent of non-consensus applications has become an issue. There is concern that the non-consensus applications are not being resolved, it hinders the work that needs to be done and hinders the progress of the Solutions Table.

a. Shared/Joint decision-making and the KKR Agreement

Discussion: Focused on concerns from the Haida representative that the province has approved applications and Haida representative feels there is lack of partnership between the parties. Colin spoke to technical reviews not fitting with Haida view of interconnectedness. There is concern that there is a need for substantive change. Suggestions to hold a public forum to hear the Haida citizens' opinion on what is happening as they are under the impression right now that nothing has changed. The parties need to discuss the frustration in the process of the Solutions Table.

Action item: Colin: work with Solutions Table to make a list of the issues [technical vs. political]. Get the document to AA before May [date changed to April 24-26]; get it out with Agenda to discuss more thoroughly.

Action item: Warren or AA: Invite the Solutions Table to the next quarterly meeting.

3. Protected Areas Information Session

- a. **Presentation by Brian:** *"Provincial Framework for Managing Protected Areas in BC: Provincial Laws and Policies for Current Management of Protected Areas"*

Discussion: Brian offered a disclaimer that this presentation comes from a BC perspective. There have been no amendments to the Haida Gwaii Reconciliation Act. The [Protected Areas] plans are intended to guide decision maker to make decisions based on this. The Duu Guusd plan was written by joint team—collaboration between CHN and BC, but not HGMC. HGMC has little role in protected areas until the council signs off on the plans.

- b. **Upcoming Protected Areas workshop:**

Discussion: Regarding drafting procedures for building and the approval of management plans, HGMC suggested creating a Joint Technical Team to work out the details. Land Use Objectives Order (LUOO) process has been developed for major and minor amendments. This would position HGMC to begin approving. Robert Russ will work with HGMC to review plans and figure out how the plans might be updated in the future.

Action Item: Tyler and Brian: Work on Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies what they want (in 1-2 pages) (why they want [contract money, working group, protected areas session] and what a contractor can do), run it by the HGMC, have discussion over the next month.

Action item: HGMC: Need to identify a working group

Meeting adjourned 3:43pm

Day 2- Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am

4. Timber Supply Review/Technical Working Group Nick and Christine

Discussion: Update on The Forest Cover Inventory and Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI) data and Licensee engagement process. Discussed timeline, summary of technical contracts and budget tracking and update on current analysis. In 2014, a photo interpretation of all Haida Gwaii was done. Photos were taken and analysts interpreted the Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI), which showed less volume than inventories used in Timber Supply Review (TSR) 2010-2012. Analysis to be done by March that will be comparing new VRI with VRI composite that was done in 2010. The data has been released for the inventory up until 2015. Managed by VRI from Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

(FLNRO). The Haida will end up having their own inventory separate from the province. Silvacare Inc. will figure out where there are gaps in the inventory, bring this information to HGMC, and then HGMC will work with licensees to submit their results or give inventory with all attributes with all characteristics. The licensees were concerned with not quantifying the impacts of the Land Use Order.

a. Licensee Engagement

Discussion: Warren signed off on the letter to licensees on January 23, 2017. No concerns on the level of engagement. There has not been a further approach to licensees as staff believe that licensees will eventually give the information.

b. Contracts:

Discussion: SHN manages the contract. HGMC has records of contracts.

A report will be sent from SHN to HGMC on a monthly basis. There was a budget identified at the beginning of the year and the monthly report will allow HGMC to better manage this budget.

c. TSR budget 2016-2017

Discussion: Budget needs to be adjusted to fit the SHN format and resubmit to the HGMC and AA, as well as Veronica and Laurie. Need to confer with Lisa Edwards to figure out and make sure the number (6,000 vs 11,000) is updated.

Decision: SHN will create the TSR budget reports. The AA should be knowledgeable about finances so that HGMC does not have to go through SHN or another route to get information that is needed.

d. Contracts

Discussion: Lidar to develop active fluvial unit mapping. Geotech Ltd. working for major licensees will do a review. Depletion update has already been discussed-meeting with Technical Working Group (TWG) next week-make sure they are okay with schedule. Check in with Gwaii Trust and Hecate Strait Employment Development Society. Technical Working Group needs to work with HGMC to discuss. The HGMC will be involved in draft stages of the socioeconomic analysis.

e. Timber harvesting Land Base—Net downs

Discussion: Not a lot of operational data for the 2012 TSR—now there is 5 years of accumulated data. Between 2012 and 2015 there have been 300 blocks and over 15,000 spatial points.

5. LUOO

Discussion: Last Friday, the Land Use Objectives Order was launched, series of info in the HG observer, Gazette, provincial website, HGMC website. LUOO consolidated order, brochure of summary and proposed edits. Comments will be made, fill out PDF and can be exported to spreadsheet, and compiled into a spreadsheet, summarize in a spreadsheet. Each comment should be logged--who sent comments, initial record of who sent and when. April 4 is the end of the commentary period. Name, date received, and a description. A suggestion was made to host a meeting with licensees when they are on island. Between now and April 4: Nick mentioned licensees would be on island doing a series of public meetings disclosing activity on island, district and CHN. Should have input from the public review and bring that to the licensees.

Website needs to be updated. There have been major updates, minutes have been updated, but the overall website has not been updated.

Decision: Percy, Tyler, and Nick to attend meeting with licensees.

Decision: For the next HGMC, put off meeting in Masset and go to lower mainland—April, south to Vancouver. One day for licensees. 26-28 [Changed after meeting to 24-26] of April, Vancouver. Next one in July in Masset and out in the field.

Action item: Warren: send an email to the licensees to request that they come to the April meeting in Vancouver, to be held at the Coast Opportunity building.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm

Day 3- Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am

6. Annual meeting of the Parties

Discussion: The meeting began with some comments from the Parties representatives. Accommodations from KKR led to Haico and the creation of its local logging company. What are the next steps in reconciliation? Pressure on Haida Nation with the title case, there are decisions to be made with reconciliation. What does the title case mean for Haida nation, CHN, HGMC, and Province? There cannot be two parties making decisions and having one prevailing over the other. Making improvements in the forest inventory for Haida Gwaii. Updating harvest history. Cedar inventory is clearly on the minds of Haida people, they want the best information on the status of their cedar. Sufficient information is required to support subsequent analysis in order to determine whether a partition is needed.

The HGMC members updated the Party representatives on the current HGMC initiatives:

a. TSR and Social and economic objectives:

Discussion: The HGMC has begun the process of a new Timber Supply Review. A Technical Working Group (TWG) has been formed and a timeline for an Allowable Annual Cut determination is planned for late 2017 or early 2018. Key topics of discussion included the cedar harvest on Haida Gwaii and socio-economic considerations. The Parties plan to provide the HGMC with a joint letter asking the HGMC to include a socio-economic analysis as part of their TSR. The Haida may also provide some additional consideration as, from the Haida perspective, there are additional socio-economic factors to consider. The Haida want to make life better for Haida people. Aside from more jobs, it is also about getting back out on the land so Haida people can get better and wellness for all.

b. LUOO

Discussion: At the beginning of Kunst'aa guu Kunst'aayah Reconciliation Protocol, many Haida values were left out. Haida Gwaii Management Council needs to repair that. Need for a commitment on the part of licensees that they will work with the Haida. Colin has heard concerns about the clear-cut near Skidegate. It is not good in the sense of Haida Law. Reconciliation is about places where substantial change can be made. It is not evolving; it is causing angst on Haida Gwaii. Need change at the table

today. If the community dissension bubbles, things will come apart. If they cannot report to the people that something is happening to remedy this, they will trample over all of us to stop it.

c. Heritage policy

Discussion: Haida believe that there should not be any intrusion into a Haida archaeological site. The province says that they can disturb to a certain level. Big problem that there is such a big difference in perspective of what is allowed. Province hired an archaeologist that wants to work on Haida Gwaii. Haida have not filled the position for an archaeologist yet. Steering committee has been formed. More to be done on the part of the Haida. Does not require legislative change. Finalize the document that goes forward to the Parties. Contactor to formulate policy document, may have to clarify language in the document that has been highlighted. A Haida archaeologist would serve best for the interest of Haida culture and values.

d. Protected areas:

Discussion: Background info and discussion with Robert Russ. What reconciliation means for HGMC role. Decision making authority: Protected Areas are guided by management plans. Management plans are outdated. It will be a challenge to update. Tell the story better; facilitate the vision of protected areas. Make sure the plans reflect that.

e. Communications:

Discussion: Need for increased communication from HGMC to the public—commitment from the parties. Suggestion that HGMC hire a communications person, come up with a job description. Haida's lack of knowledge of what HGMC does. People are not aware of what the HGMC does. Worked with Simon on a job description and a draft is done. Full time position. Communications needs will grow in the future therefore there is a need to create the communications, "make sure people see the progress. Not just what the governments/HGMC are doing together, but how we are doing it together." A major problem with local media is that the Haida Nation is becoming its own media. Do the local schools know about KKR? What do we do with the local governments? Priorities need to be local—communications need to be a local priority.

7. Recap from this morning's meeting:

Discussion: The big issue is around the Reconciliation table, which is making a good connection with HGMC. Long-term sustainability coming to the forefront with the HGMC. It is possible that a potential recommendation for a cedar partition can be made to the forester. Nick and Christine had suggested having regular meetings to discuss the comments that are made in the LUOO amendment period.

Action item: Warren: write a letter to the Reconciliation Table/Parties to convey the HGMC's thanks for their attendance.

Action item: Sharon: review the previous TSR rationale to confirm what might have been said about a potential cedar partition.

Action item: Warren: draft a letter to the Parties advising them of the HGMC revised work plan and budget for FY 2017-18.

8. Heritage Policy

Discussion: Al Mackie has responded to questions from the HGMC on a draft heritage policy (this was for the CHN initially as the HGMC was not involved in the contract) that will be used as the basis to

create a heritage policy document. This has raised other questions in his responses—indicating a need for further conversation with Al Mackie. For example, if there is a map with place names—is it the intent to protect everyplace with a Haida name? Al was more focused on archaeological sites, but the words suggest its all places with names.

Action item: Sharon: take lead in working with Percy, Tyler and Brian on developing a direction piece that outlines the task for Al and Jessica to follow (may go on the agenda for April meeting).

9. Communications:

Discussion: Primary goal is transparency to the Haida Gwaii local community concerning broader notions of reconciliation. Job description—possibly through contract to hire someone. Take technical information and translate to a language that the public can understand. Writer/researcher work through communication goals, funding for this in the budget. Additional conversations will occur at the Reconciliation Table. Assessment needs to come from people on the island—Colin, Len, Percy, Tyler. Focus should be on the Land Use Objectives Order amendments and Timber Supply Review, to make them clearer for the public to understand. Review candidates; get this moving forward to get someone hired. Tyler will help in the process of finding someone. Haida Gwaii Higher Education: unique way of explaining in written word—opportunity to use this. When the contract is made, talk to Len and Colin about the goals of communication.

Action item: Tyler and Karen: follow up with Simon about contract funding for communications

10. Next meeting:

Discussion: Next meeting -April 24-26, 2017 in Vancouver, with the licensees invited for the first day. The 2nd Quarter meeting will occur in Old Masset between July 17-21, 2017.

Meeting adjourned 2:52 pm