

Freshwater – Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: May 29, 2002

Meeting: Regular Meeting

Location: Stroud Building

Time: 7:30 pm

Present:

Gord Stewart, 533-2371

Fred Holloway, 533-9122

John Baird, 533-2657

Steve Way, 533-2464

Austin Stewart, 533-2381

Ephram Feltham, 677-2748

Carson Martin, 467-5372

William J Mercer, 677-2042

Ed Stewart, Forest Resources, 466-7439

Steve Barnable, Crown Lands, 256-1407

Motion: 02/05/29/1 Austin Stewart/Steve Way

To adopt the minutes of April 24. Carried

Motion: 02/05/29/2 Gord Stewart/Austin Stewart

To adopt the agenda. Carried

Proposed Cutting Area in Pinsent's Brook Area of Terra Nova Watershed

Ed Stewart, District Manager of the Dept of Forest Resources and Agrifoods, presented a proposal to harvest approximately 100 hectares of forest land in the Pinsent's Brook area of Terra Nova watershed (i.e. approximately 2 kilometres from 8-Mile Bridge). The area lies adjacent to an existing access road, which will be upgraded for logging trucks. A number of cabins are located in the vicinity. The Department had contacted most of the cabin owners and several attended the meeting. Mr. Stewart committed the Department to maintaining a 100-metre no-cut buffer zone along the road in the vicinity of the cabins. The cabin owners indicated they had no objection as long as this buffer zone was maintained. No other concerns were raised.

Motion: 02/05/29/3 Gord Stewart/Austin Stewart

That FABEC support the proposed cutting area on Terra Nova River conditional to the maintenance of a 100-metre no-cut buffer zone on both sides of the road in areas surrounding existing cabins. Carried

Crown Lands Cabin Policy

Members were pleased to welcome Steve Barnable of Crown Lands, Gander to the meeting. Steve informed the group that Crown Lands is reviewing its cabin policies in this region and would welcome input from FABEC. Members made Steve aware of our concerns about the impacts of cabin development particularly in the George's Pond area in Terra Nova watershed and the First and Second Burnt Pond area of the Middle Brook watershed. He concurred with our suggestion for a meeting with stakeholders to discuss Crown Lands cabin policies in the Terra Nova River, Gambo River, and Middle Brook watersheds.

Motion: 02/05/29/4 Austin Stewart/Gord Stewart

That FABEC arrange a meeting of stakeholders to discuss cabin development policy in the Terra Nova River, Gambo River, and Middle Brook watersheds. Stakeholders to be invited to this meeting will include Crown Lands, Forest Resources and Agrifoods, Inland Fish and Wildlife, Fisheries and Oceans, Environment, Tourism, Terra Nova National Park, Abitibi Consolidated, Corner Brook Pulp and Paper, sawmill owners operating in the watersheds, and other stakeholders as identified.

Motion: 02/05/29/5 Austin Stewart/Gord Stewart

That FABEC send a letter to Crown Lands to ask the further approvals for cabin lots on George's Pond, First Burnt Pond and Second Burnt Pond be deferred until after a review of cabin development plans for the region has taken place.

Summer Students

Six summer students will be available to FABEC this summer for eight weeks. The Gambo/Indian Bay Development Association is providing two of these students and the other four will be hired directly through FABEC and the Alexander Bay Development Association. They will undertake various assignments including attitude and creel surveys in the Middle Brook watershed in association with the Inland Fish division. The surveys will include cabin owners in Butt's Pond and Square Pond and trout anglers in all ponds of the watershed.

Family Fishing Fun Day

Fred Holloway and Steve Way presented a proposal for FABEC to sponsor a Family Fishing Fun Day in cooperation with the Kittiwake Development Corporation. The Gander River Management Association and the Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation will sponsor similar events in their areas. It will include trout fishing in Station Pond, a family barbecue, entertainment, a river talk, and prizes. Corporate sponsors will be asked to contribute.

Motion: 02/05/29/6 Steve Way/Gord Stewart

That FABEC sponsor a Family Fun Fish Day during National Fishing Week and seek support from corporate sponsors.