

Date: May 26, 2017

Location: Northern Pulp Human Resources Boardroom

Attendees: NPNS Executive; CLC Committee Chair; NPNS Employee Representative; Representatives from Greenhill, Pictou, Abercrombie, Pictou Landing

Regrets: Pictou Landing First Nation (1 member);

Guest: Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal representative

Introductions & welcome members, introduce guest.

2017 Environmental Operation Plan

- Review Draft
- Progress update

Woodlands

Softwood Lumber Agreement

- April 26 SLA initial ruling was announced.
- The US Department of Commerce (DOC) has delayed a decision on the request for a Nova Scotia exclusion and will temporarily impose duties at 19.88%.
- Irving is the exception which successfully argued their position individually – the announcement imposed a 3% duty.
- An optimistic or earliest date would be after the open period for comments which ended May 8 or when the preliminary anti-dumping is announced on June 23.
- The latest date for a decision could be in November when the final determination of the countervailing duty (CVD) and anti-dumping is announced
- Nova Scotia sawmills have not yet been significantly impacted due to prices of lumber
- One small family-owned sawmill in New Brunswick has closed saying they could not wait out the process

2017 Vegetation Management

- Participated in Forestry Communications workshop in April – NS & NB industry joining together to promote same messages and information
- We have 2000 hectares as proposed total to complete this year. 1600 air and 400 ground. Locations yet to be determined.
- This week The Pest Management Regulatory Agency recently released its long awaited final decision document on the re-evaluation of glyphosate; Re-evaluation Decision RVD2017-01, Glyphosate.
- The re-evaluation was initiated in 2010 and has taken over 7 years to complete. It was done in conjunction with other countries including Australia, the United States and the European Union.

- It is one of the most thorough reviews ever completed.
- The document specifies what all manufactures must have on the label starting for the 2018 season.
- There are no new ground or aerial buffer restrictions for forestry applications. Similarly, there are no new buffers restrictions for industrial ground applications. Aerial industrial applications will require a 100m buffer from all water courses.
- There will be no changes to current glyphosate labels for 2017

Cap and Trade

- Participating in consultations with NS government who are currently seeking input from industry throughout the province

Effluent Treatment Centre Replacement Project

- Preliminary design under review jointly with government
- Formal consultation led by OAA with PLFN has begun
- NPNS participated in formal OAA technical briefing held in April with PLFN
- Reviewed preliminary project schedule has been detailed
- Two construction seasons required with an additional six months for commissioning
- Will be a period that two functioning systems will be in operation
- Reviewed water reduction strategies

Environmental Assessment

- Working to understand EA process
- NPNS has begun submitting documents to provincial and federal regulatory agencies (NSE, ECCC, DFO)
- Documents submitted included preliminary design, process descriptions, layouts
- DFO reviewing in relation to navigable waters act
- CLC will be valuable during this project

Boat Harbour Remediation Project

- Separate project
- Berm is now complete
- CLC members to tour Boat Harbour remediation project work late June; will confirm date

Communications

- Ongoing Engagement Efforts
- Sponsorships / Donations

Next Meeting date determined – Fall 2017 Location will be onsite

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm