

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING No. 4
MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2004
AT THE WOOD CENTRE HUONVILLE

Present: Dario Tomat, David McGrath, Malcolm Thomas, Laurie Dillon, Tim Tierney, Mike Bouffard, Basil Hickey, Chris Emmett.

Apologies: Jim Bellamy [NSTI], Holly Hansen, and Tony Ferrier

Minutes from previous meeting confirmed as correct.

Business Arising: Environmental management system, looking at workshop with facilitator, several workshops proposed after hours.

Dario will provide documents of proposals as they become available, as he has done today. Proposed that the workshops work at higher level of detail i.e. plan level. Dario is committed to finishing the first part in early March.

First workshop proposed for 15 March 2004 with facilitator who Dario will organise.

NSTI Progress: Significant equipment installation has been completed since the last meeting. Current plan is for commissioning at the end of March with a crew of 12–15 on site by then.

Truck transport contract has been let to Chas Kelly. It will consist of 2 loads of sawn timber via Glen Huon Rd and 2 loads of woodchips via Geeveston daily.

Long-term plans include putting in kilns and dry mill with up to 60 people employed then.

Intruders entered the site during long weekend painting slogans on the building causing significant damage to the painted surfaces appears linked to protest action in the local area over the past few weeks.

Rotary Veneer Peel Mill: Australian dollar delaying investment decision making. Other proponents will shortly undertake feasibility studies and provide competition to the Korean proponents.

Power Station: The REC review has been completed and a report made public. Looking for resolution over the next 4/5 months. Not likely to see any legislative changes prior to next election. The proponents are still very keen to proceed as long as REC's available.

Merchandising Yard: Linked closely to Rotary Peeler, some discussions have been taking place with NST in respect of log storage.

Wood Chip: Only 150 – 200,000 tonnes to come from the site now which will be parts of logs rejected from peeler plant and sawmill or waste generated by both.

Visitors Centre: Being designed by Helen Taylor, meeting rooms, viewing platform and Wood Centre Shop. NSTI plans to include a visitors' viewing platform in its building.

Web Site: Copy of web site address has been sent to everybody. Everybody is happy with the details available on the site.

Glen Huon Road: Works starting at beginning of April for a period of 14 months.
The work on moving the power poles has already commenced.
The new bridge at Judd's creek is now in use.

Correspondence In: From DPIWE re Permit Conditions for Southwood
Tim will reply advising that this group has now succeeded the previous group.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Huon Valley Councillors are visiting the site this Wednesday.
2. Some work is being completed on Link road, a look will be made at the viability of using this as transport route.
3. Planning for bypass around Geeveston for log transport in and out of Southwood.
4. Judbury intersection to Canes Rd maintenance only, no upgrades at this stage.
Dario will try to get more information from Derek Pearce on plans for this section.
5. All finished product will go down Glen Huon Road. When Rotary Peeler commences operation it will generate an additional 3-4 loads per day.
Improvements are planned for the intersection of Glen Huon Road and The Huon Highway.
6. Woodchip loads will be during daylight hours at this time, a silo system is being installed for storage and loading.
7. Items for next meeting. Nil.

Next meeting to be held in 15th March. To be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 8:25 pm.