



# Request for EAD Meeting Business Item

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Update on a possible Forestry Technical Committee
<b>REQUEST BY:</b>	Jay Simpson
<b>DESCRIPTION/CONTEXT:</b>	<p>Over the years, and as early as 2018, there have been discussions regarding a Forest technical advisory committee that would help directors understand the implications of forestry, road building and logging operations in our areas.</p> <p>I believe the project was added to the DS workplan in 2019 and is currently in the 2021 workplan.</p>
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	<p>In Sept 2018 at an EAD meeting it was identified by Dir. Demenok the need for someone get into the community to explain the forestry lingo regarding cut blocks. In that discussion FLNRORD mentioned their reliance on referral comments from local government.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I am not qualified to make educated comments on these matters, and at this point I don't know if there are staff at the CSR D that are able to either.</p> <p>It was discussed, moved and carried at the May 12, 2019 board meeting for staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing a technical committee to advise staff and directors with respect to logging operations.</p> <p>In all CSR D minutes, I cannot find a report or a result of that request.</p> <p>This month I again find myself dismayed and confused by the vast amount of information provided by BCTS regarding future logging throughout the CSR D. I am not able to respond in any detailed way regarding potential areas of concern, and I'm therefore left with a tepid response of 'do your best and I hope no one gets killed'.</p> <p>The CSR D as a body also responds to these referral requests with some detailed descriptions of how our zoning and bylaws interact with the upcoming timber program. Also, general comments such as <i>"Given the proximity of these proposed cutblocks to residential areas and the impact that they may pose to downslope terrain stability, viewscales, and hydrology, it is recommended that BCTS carry out meaningful consultation with residents of the subject communities to discuss the proposed harvesting plans. It is the CSR D's expectation that BCTS has carried out or will carry out terrain stability assessments and will take any measures necessary to mitigate landslide and debris flow risk."</i></p> <p>Unfortunately, even with public consultations, most local residents are unlikely to know more than we do about possible negative effects of the proposed actions. It would be nice to be able to go to them with some pertinent comments showing</p>

	that we are aware of what's going on and have considered their wellbeing in our response.
<b>OTHER COMMENTS:</b>	<p>I would ask staff to report on the opportunity to provide technical briefings from a knowledgeable and expert person or committee regarding areas of concern for our communities.</p> <p>Can we set up a technical committee to review the BCTS briefings and provide a summary of operations and potential trouble spots within our Electoral Areas?</p>

Timeline of the possibility of a Forestry technical committee to advise on logging operations and possible areas of concern, sourced from meeting minutes over the last 4 years.

### **Sept 25, 2018 EAD meeting**

A delegation from FLNRORD discussed the Forest Stewardship Planning process.

A comment was made by Dir Demenok

"... When consultations are done, there is a need to have someone provide explanation to the forestry lingo in this 114 page document. The need is to get out into the community and talk to them."

Ministry staff commented on the size of their Forestry District and upon their reliance of referral comments from local government.

### **May 12, 2019 Regular board meeting**

2019-0512 **Moved By** Director Demenok **Seconded By** Director Rysz

THAT: staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a technical committee to advise CSRD staff and directors with respect to logging operations.

**CARRIED**

### **June 25, 2019 EAD meeting**

Dir. Demenok reminded us that a motion was made directing staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing a technical committee

### **Sept 10, 2019 EAD meeting**

#### **5.2 Forestry Issues Technical Advisory Committee**

Request from Director Simpson

Discussion regarding the establishment of a Forestry Issues Technical Advisory Committee.

From the May 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting:

THAT: staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a technical committee to advise CSRD staff and directors with respect to logging operations. Prepare report on who would sit on the technical committee, investigate a process, pros/cons, practicality, timeliness with respect to referral comments, for a technical committee.

Update from the Manager, Development Services attached.

Discussion on the highly technical referrals received from industries such as forestry and mining.  
Staff recommended a policy regarding referral responses.

**Moved By** Director Cathcart **Seconded By** Director Talbot

THAT: staff be directed to develop a policy and procedure to assist in the response with forestry or mining referrals.

**CARRIED (unanimous)**

### **Sept 19, 2019 Regular board meeting**

No discussion of this item of the minutes of the EAD meeting were included in the regular board minutes

I can find no further references to the topic in any CSRD minutes.