

AGENDA

October 17 and 18, 2013 (Thursday and Friday)

Location:

Thursday, October 17th: Tour of Kettle River Seed Orchard (marshal at 10:15 at the Kelowna airport)

Friday, October 18th: Meeting: Kalamalka Forestry Center, Vernon, BC
(Jack's cell 250-715-6285)

Time	Length (min.)	#	Item	Presenter
Thursday, October 17th (also see logistics section on page 2)				
10:15			Marshal at Kelowna airport and drive to the Kettle River site	
1:30	120		Tour orchards	Rick Hansinger / Jack Woods
3:30	150		Travel to Vernon	
Friday, October 18th (meeting Kalamalka Forestry Center)				
8:00	10	1	Welcome and introductions Recognition of Tim Lee	Larry / Brian
8:10	5	2	Approval of agenda and minutes from June 18, 2013	
8:15	10	3	ITAC chair	Jack
8:25	10	4	Old business and action items from June 18, 2013	Jack
8:35	10	5	Report on meeting with Tom Ethier, ADM Resource Stewardship, and Jim Sutherland, Deputy Chief Forester	Brian / Jack
8:45	10	6	Update on LBIS budgets and issues with transfers to universities	Brian
8:55	15	7	Update on FGC Business Plan for 2013/14 and Annual Report for 2012/13	Jack
9:10	15	8	2013 orchard cone crops	Stephen Joyce / Jack
9:25	15	7	Update on the development of climate-based seed transfer standards	Greg O'Neill
9:40	15		Break	
9:55	30	10	Planning for October 24th SelectSeed review meeting	Brian / Larry
10:25	30	11	FGC 5-year Strategic Plan renewal – discussion on process	Brian / Jack
10:55	5	12	New business and date for next meeting	
11:00			Adjourn and begin site tour (for those interested)	Stephen Joyce and others

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Logistics:

October 17th - Thursday

9:45 AM to 10:30 - Meet at the Kelowna airport

Several people are flying in and others are driving. Vehicles are being arranged, so if you're flying in there is no need to rent a car. Please confirm offers/needs for a ride with Jack.

10:30 to 1:30 - Travel to Kettle River Seed Orchards:

The Kettle River Seed Orchard (KRSO) operation is located north of Rock Creek in the Christian Valley. We will drive from the airport on Highway 33 (just under 2 hours). There will be a stop at Subway so you can get some lunch and we'll stop along the way to eat.

1:30 to 3:30 KRSO tour:

The KRSO tour will be hosted by Rick Hansinger. KRSO is a SelectSeed contract operation.

3:30 to 6:00 - Return to Vernon – overnight in Vernon

Supper will be an informal gathering on our own.

October 18th - Friday

8:00 AM - Meet at the Kalamalka Forestry Center

3401 Reservoir Road – just south of Vernon off Highway 97, top of hill, turn east at light and proceed straight for about 500m (jog off the main road that goes to the college). Turn left through a gate to the KFC site. You'll see orchards along Reservoir Road.

11:00 (approximately) – tour of Kalamalka Forestry Center

12:30 Adjourn meeting and tour; travel home

Accommodation in Vernon

Accommodation at the provincial government rate is available at the Best Western Vernon Lodge. <http://www.bestwesternvernonlodge.com/directions/>. Please ensure that Jack and Evelene know that you are using one of the rooms at the government rate.

Address, 3914 32nd street (32nd is also highway 97). West side about half way up the strip.

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Agenda item 2 – Approval of minutes from June 18, 2013

Minutes sent as a separate document

Agenda item 3 – Interior TAC chair

The following process was followed to fill the ITAC Chair position:

1. Request for nominations from ITAC members and from those affiliated with the ITAC (stakeholder group) – this step is now completed
2. Nomination approved by the FGC
3. Recommendation from the FGC forwarded to the Provincial Chief Forester
4. Appointment to Council

There were two nominations under step 1; Stephen Joyce and Nick Ukrainetz. Nick respectfully declined. Council supported the nomination of Stephen.

Current council membership:

Name	Affiliation	Representing
Brian Barber (Co-Chair)	MFLNRO Tree Improvement. Branch	MFLNRO Co-Chair
Kerry McGourlick (Co-Chair)	Western Forest Products Inc.	Industry Co-Chair
Raoul Wiart	Canadian Forest Service	Canadian Forest Service
Dr. Rob Guy	University of BC	Universities
Scott King	Lousiana Pacific	Southern interior industry
Joe Leblanc	Interfor Ltd.	Coast industry
Patti Kagawa	BC Timber Sales	BC Timber Sales Ltd.
Stephen Joyce	MFLNRO Tree Improvement. Branch	Interior Technical Advisory Committee
Larry Gardner	West Fraser Timber Ltd.	Interior industry orchard owners
Dan Peterson	MFLNRO, Southern Int. Region	MFLNRO
John Mitchell	TimberWest Forests Ltd.	Coast industry orchard owners
Barrie Phillips	MFLNRO Tree Improvement. Branch	MFLNRO
Annette van Niejenhuis	Western Forest Products Inc.	Coastal Technical Advisory Committee
Gernot Zemanek	Roserim Forest Nursery	Woodlots and nurseries

Agenda item 4 – Old business and action items

Responsibility	Action	Action
Jack	Prepare a transfer letter to Dr. El-Kassaby with the conditions of funding specified and, if these conditions are acceptable to Dr. El-Kassaby and UBC, make payment to the University of BC for Dr. El-Kassaby's research.	Done; \$55,000 payment made by SelectSeed
Brian, Barrie, Raoul, Annette + Jack and Alvin	The following committee was set up to monitor this situation and to advise on the discussions with GenomeBC regarding an applied genomics lab: Brian, Barrie, Raoul, and Annette, with support from Jack and from Alvin Yanchuk.	Discussion ongoing
Jack	Canvas Council members to find the most suitable dates for the fall FGC meeting and SelectSeed review meetings.	Done

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Old Business

- 1. Forest Genetics 2013 conference:** The joint conference of the Western Forest Genetics Association, the Canadian Forest Genetics Association, and two IUFRO working groups was held from July 22nd to 25th at Whistler. There were 177 participants from 22 countries. By all accounts the conference was a great success and served to bring people together for scientific and information exchange and showcase forest genetics activities in BC and Canada. The FGC donated \$3,000 through SelectSeed Ltd. Overall finances were positive, with about \$11,000 surplus realized. These funds will be turned back to the WFGA and CFGA. The conference organizing committee was Sally Aitken and Lee Charleson (Co-Chairs), Diane Douglas, and Jack Woods. Many others participated on committees and all are sincerely thanked for their assistance. Other conference contributors are UBC, Genome Canada, Genome BC, Alberta Innovates Bio Solutions, TimberWest, Brookfield Timberlands Management, Vernon Seed Orchard Company, and the MFLNRO with in-kind contributions.
- 2. Genomics lab:** This item was raised at the June, 2013 meeting. Discussions continued with the Genome BC, the Canadian Wood Fiber Center, and FP Innovations. In August, Brian, Alvin Yanchuk and Jack made a joint decision to put the potential SelectSeed / MFLNRO effort on hold pending efforts by the Canadian Wood Fiber Center and FP Innovations to pursue a lab opportunity with Genome Canada. At the present time we're waiting for these organizations to make a decision and we've advised GenomeBC that we will not be putting forward a proposal at this time.
- 3. Letter from the SelectSeed Board to Minister Thomson:** This letter was sent in late September with letters of support from West Fraser Timber, Canfor, TimberWest, and Interfor. A response has not been received at this time.

Agenda item 5 – Report on the meeting with ADM Tom Ethier and Deputy Chief Forester, Jim Sutherland – Brian / Jack

Brian and Jack met with Tom and Jim on July 18, 2013 to provide them with an update on Council activities and also on the planned SelectSeed review meeting. They were supportive of the SelectSeed review and appreciative of the annual update on progress and FGC activities. The issue of breeding succession (and the forthcoming letter from SelectSeed) and difficulties with supporting university projects approved by the FGC were also discussed.

Agenda Item 6 – Update on LBIS budgets and issues with transfers to universities - Brian

To be presented.

Agenda item 7 – Update on the FGC Business Plan for 2013/14 and Annual Report for 2012/13 – Jack

The Business Plan and accompanying plans for each seed planning unit was sent to the printer in early October. Printing is expected to be complete by the time the FGC meeting is held. The Annual report is written and one section is being reviewed. It will go to the printer as soon as possible.

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Agenda item 8 – 2013 cone crop update – Stephen / Jack

A summary of 2013 cone crops and expected seed crops will be presented.

Agenda item 9 – Update on the development of climate-based seed transfer standards – Dr. Greg O’Neill

Greg will provide an overview of progress made by the committee that is developing the technical and policy approach to climate-based seed transfer standards.

Agenda item 10 – Planning for the October 24th SelectSeed review meeting

Updated Terms of reference and an agenda for the October 24th meeting will be sent separately. The purpose of this discussion will be to outline the purpose, process and expectations for those attending.

Agenda item 11 – FGC 5-year Strategic Plan renewal

The FGC 5-year strategic plan from 2009 to 2014 will require renewal over the next year. This document is available at

<http://www.fgcouncil.bc.ca/StratPlan0914-Layout-Web-22Dec09.pdf>

Renewal involves substantial discussion on provincial objectives, the development of support information, and work by subcommittees. The purpose of this agenda item is to set out a time line and process for developing a new plan.

Next meeting – Date to be determined (about December 11th)