

## Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease General Meeting Minutes

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Expo Centre, Edmonton, Alberta

Agenda Item:	Responsibility
1. Call to Order & Welcome 5:43pm	Milton D.
Attendance: Jackie Powell (Secretary) , Milton Davies (Chair & Arbor-Pro Tree Consulting Ltd), Dr. Ieun Evans (Vice Chair), Elaine Johnson (Treasurer & City of Red Deer), M.J “Mimi” Cole (Director & Rocky Tree Girl Ltd), Mike Jenkins (Director & City of Edmonton), Bill Barr & Bonnie Fermanuik (City of Edmonton), Lindsay Bell & Dave Walser (City of Lethbridge), Dr. Ken Fry (Olds College), Lorraine Taylor (County of Lac Ste. Anne), Al Dorman (Town of Provost), Sunil Ranasinghe (ESRD), Andrea Saunders (CFIA) Susan Katzell (City of Red Deer), Gail Rankins, Chris Seifert, Erin Mortreuil & Anita Heuver (Eagle Lake Nurseries), Dan Tavenier (Nait), Felina Arsenault (Simon Bos Nurseries), Brendan Casement, Janet Feddes-Calpas (STOPDED Executive Director)	
2. Reading of Meeting Notice	Jackie P.
2.1 Quorum: (Article 5)	Jackie P
2.2 Regrets: Gary Patzer, Jim Watts	Milton D.
2.3 Introductions – Board Members	Milton D.
2.4 Introduction - Special Guest	
2.5 Introductions – All present	Milton D.
2.6 “Rules of Engagement” - Protocol & Meeting Operating Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meeting <i>decorum</i> (properness, modesty, and orderliness of dress, speech, behavior, etc.) is expected to be followed at all STOPDED meetings.</li> <li>➤ Each member of the board and the Society would be treated with respect &amp; dignity.</li> <li>➤ Anything other and the member will be ruled “out of order” and lose their privilege of continuing to speak to a matter before the board or meeting.</li> <li>➤ There is great need to build and come to consensus on many issues.</li> <li>➤ However, all critical issues would be decided via vote should consensus be impossible to obtain. Robert’s Rules (US Senate) or Bourinot's Rules of Order (1977 – Canadian Rules of Order) will be followed for all meetings.</li> </ul>	Milton D.
3. Agenda Approval <b>Motion:</b> Mike Jenkins moved the agenda be approved. Second: Al Dorman <b>*** Carried***</b> 3.1 Additions, Tabled Items, etc None	All
4. Correspondence: Letter to Honorable Doug Horner, March 28, 2012 Email from to Honorable Doug Horner, October 1, 2012	Milton D.
5. Reports (verbal reports will suffice as updates.)	Milton D.

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<p>5.1 Chairman Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Since two of the ministries (Municipal Affairs and Tourism, Parks and Recreation) opted out with the 2012/2013 funding, a letter was written to Honorable Doug Horner, Finance Minister to address this \$50,000 short fall.</li> <li>○ STOPDED received core funding from Agriculture and Rural Development and Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.</li> <li>○ Everything has been running smoothly. Board has been dealing with issues/concerns when they occur.</li> <li>○ A working relationship between the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), STOPDED, and Olds College has continued this past year. STOPDED has established an IAS monitoring program in Alberta for the early detection of wood boring insects. This marks the beginning of a long-term commitment to protect and save our trees from IAS.</li> <li>○ STOPDED will continue to form partnerships so program prevention program components and projects can be done more efficiently and effectively.</li> <li>○ STOPDED co-sponsored the ISA Workshop held today. Prairie Chapter members are a valuable partner to STOPDED in the prevention of DED and other tree pests and this partnership is very important to use.</li> </ul>	
<p>5.2 STOPDED Executive Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Over all was again a busy year. Organized the monitoring program for both the DED and the IAS program.</li> <li>○ As a result of budget reduction, public awareness was decreased substantially.</li> <li>○ Continue to sent out STOPDED e-Bulletins on DED and other tree IAS to all members.</li> <li>○ STOPDED booth at the 2012 ISA Prairie Chapter Conference/tradeshaw, October 15 -17, in Canmore donated by ISA.</li> <li>○ STOPDED Booth at the 2012 Green Industry donated by LANTA.</li> <li>○ Due to budget reduction no surveillance projects were done this year.</li> <li>○ DED vector monitoring season ran well from approximately April 15<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>st</sup>. 1708 traps are set up by STOPDED volunteers and the larger cities. All STOPDED traps are inspected by Dr Ken Fry and students at Olds College.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All traps for smaller municipalities were purchased by STOPDED. Larger cities purchase their own.</li> <li>● 66 Municipalities (cities, towns, villages, hamlets) are monitored.</li> <li>● 30 Parks (Provincial and Municipal)</li> <li>● 5 US/Canada Port of Entry</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ STOPDED Hot line is being used.</li> <li>○ <b>No DED</b> found in the Province for the 2012 season.</li> <li>○ The 2012/2013 annual report will be found on the STOPDED website when completed</li> </ul>	Janet F-C
<p>5.3 Vice President's Report</p> <p>5.3.1 Constitution &amp; Bylaws – Status, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New bylaws and constitution were registered with AB Corporate Registry August 17, 2010.</li> <li>○ A few amendments were registered September 15, 2011.</li> </ul> <p>5.3.2 Casino Report Progress Report</p>	Dr. Ieuan E.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A review of our request for a casino licence is now complete. STOPDED will be considered for a casino in July/August/September 2013 in Calgary.</li> <li>○ Last casino was held January 17 &amp; 18, 2012. STOPDED. Made \$76,215.79.</li> </ul>	
<p>5.4 Treasurer Report :</p> <p>5.4.1 STOPDED had the SVS Group Chartered Accountants review STOPDED's books which was completed in September. STOPDED received a GST rebate for 2011/2012 in the amount of 2876.99.</p>	Elaine J.
<p>5.5 Director Central Report: No report</p>	Mimi C.
<p>5.6 Director North Report: No report. Gave municipal report in 5.11</p>	Mike J
<p>5.7 Director South Report: No report</p>	Gary absent
<p>5.8 Research Committee Report –all projects are funded using casino funds.</p> <p>5.8.1 2012 Alberta Servicing Elm Bark Beetle Traps in Alberta approved \$5400 in August 2012. Completed.</p> <p>5.8.2 2011 and 2012 Monitoring Invasive Alien Wood Boring Insects in Alberta \$10,000. Completed.</p>	Janet for Dr. James C.
<p>5.9 2012 STOPDED Elm Bark Beetle and Invasive Alien Species Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2012 STOPDED Elm Bark Beetle Survey Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In 2012 Elm Bark Beetle traps were received at Olds College for assessment. A total of one hundred five (105) out of one hundred twenty five (125) traps were received from the summer trapping period for inspection. This is a return rate of 84%.</li> <li>● A total of zero (0) Smaller European Elm Bark Beetles and Banded Elm Bark Beetles were detected.</li> <li>● Twelve (12) traps had the lures removed or were lost on site, and fourteen (14) had no indication of a lure being present.</li> <li>● For the fall trapping period a total of one hundred nine (109) out of one hundred forty six (146) traps were received for inspection. This is a return rate of 75%.</li> <li>● A total of zero (0) Smaller European Elm Bark Beetles and eleven (11) Banded Elm Bark Beetles were detected. Localities with BEBB include Dunmore (8 beetles), Irvine (1 beetle), and Walsh (2 beetles).</li> <li>● Eleven (11) traps had the lures removed or were lost on site, and seventeen (17) had no indication of a lure being present.</li> <li>● Two (2) Olds College students were trained to inspect the traps. All detections of bark beetles or those insects suspected of being bark beetles were checked by me. Questionable specimens were removed from the traps, cleaned in a solvent and inspected under a microscope.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 2012 Invasive Alien Species Survey Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In 2012 traps from 2011 and 2012 were examined for invasive alien species. All traps were processed from the whirlpak bags into vials. By-catch was separated into a separate vial. All specimens will be inspected this winter and a full accounting of species will be reported at the spring STOPDED meeting.</li> <li>● The pre-existing database was examined by students for completeness and accuracy. There are several hundred specimen records still to be entered into the overall database. All material processed (cleaned and pinned) last year has been labelled.</li> <li>● Several hundred specimens still reside in Ottawa, awaiting identification and return. I have made enquiries with Ottawa as to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Dr. Ken F.

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<p>the fate of the specimens. No response has been received as yet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although the project budget was expended without full processing of samples, the system has been refined such that the processing of 2012 samples can be accomplished within the 2013 budget should the project be funded for 2013.</li> </ul> <p>○ Alien Invasive Species Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 1, 2012 Olds College, in conjunction with STOPDED and CFIA, organised and hosted the Alien Invasive Species Forum. The forum welcomed 95 attendees to witness presentations and activity sessions by Janet Feddes-Calpas (DED, STOPDED), Jeff Gooliaf (BEBB, SME), Troy Kimoto (EAB, CFIA), Jean Turgeon (ALHB &amp; ES, CFS), Dan Lux (MPB, SRD), and Kristy Jackson (Regulations, CFIA). We also had a demonstration of traps and pheromones provided by PheroTech. The forum can be considered a success in terms of training and raising awareness of alien invasive species of threat to our urban forests</li> </ul> <p>○ Bark Beetle Identification Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the support of Olds College and STOPDED I attended a week-long bark beetle identification workshop at the Pacific Forestry Centre hosted by Greg Smith. The workshop was led by the two leading bark beetle experts in the northwest of North America, James LaBonte and Joshua Vlach of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The workshop was instrumental in improving my ability to identify bark beetles. Several identification tools (keys) were obtained at the workshop and copies will be made available to STOPDED. The cost was shared between STOPDED (30%, see AIS 2011/2012 Budget above) and Olds College (70%).</li> </ul> <p>○ Invasive Alien Species collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The collection now fills nine (9) museum drawers. All pinned material has been entered into the database, assigned a unique identifier, and labeled. Final identification and sorting remains to be performed on 3 drawers of specimens.</li> <li>• The collection was showcased at the Olds College Open House March 31, 2012.</li> <li>• A future consideration is to have the existing database transformed into a digital format compatible with international databases. It would be a student project that could take an entire summer.</li> </ul>	
<p>5.10 Update on the enforcement of DED under the APA Suggests that STOPDED get letter of support from stakeholders to get prevention measures into a regulations.</p>	Gayah Sieusahai
<p>5.11 Municipal Insect &amp; Disease (Update and sharing)</p> <p>○ City of Edmonton – Mike Jenkins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White avenue elm trees between 96 and 97 street are declining. 31 elms will be removed this week. Press release will be going out on Tuesday. These trees were pruned summer of 2011 and EBB were found in elm traps in that area in 2012.</li> <li>• Reports there were 370 DED vector traps set up. SEEBB found in Edmonton (31), Strathcona County (1), St. Albert (11), Fort Saskatchewan (2), Spruce Grove (1), 1 SEEBB captured on in St. Albert, 1 BEBB captured in Edmonton and 1 BEBB in Stony Plain.</li> <li>• Lilac ash borer infestation with 60% trees in south Edmonton being hit. Going after small trees.</li> </ul>	All

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 sites set up with funnel traps for the IAS</li> <li>• 3 sites set up with funnel traps for MPB</li> <li>• Mike handed out Forest Pest Reference Collection Beetle boxes to all cities. These were assembled by the City of Edmonton Pest Management Lab. A big thank you to Mike and his crew for doing this.</li> <li>○ Town of Provost – Al Dorman             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports all is going well.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ City of Calgary - Jim Watts reported by phone that they still need to inspect their 2012 traps.</li> <li>○ City of Lethbridge – Lindsay Bell             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent 17 suspect EBB to Dr. Ken Fry for verification.</li> <li>• Lilac borer number is a bit high for Lethbridge. 15 locations</li> <li>• Red elm weevil numbers are lower. Mike at Lethbridge Research Station is keeping an eye on the elms there.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ City of Medicine Hat – Mike Jenkins for Gary Patzer             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Edmonton inspects all the City of Medicine Hats EBB traps. Mike Jenkins had reported that 3000 BEBB were found on the traps throughout the City of Medicine Hat.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ City of Red Deer- Elaine Johnson             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have not completed going through their traps</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ City of Grande Prairie- Janet for Jim Donnelly and Amy Kaut             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest tent –Severe defoliation nor of Grande Prairie in spring of 2012</li> <li>• Yellow-headed spruce sawfly- outbreak is in its 3-4 year, many trees showing severe damage.</li> <li>• Mountain pine beetle-Canfor a log yard located in the middle of city trapped 63,000 beetles. Only 10 city owned trees lost in 2012</li> <li>• Unidentified aphid in hawthorns. Completely defoliated.</li> <li>• Spotted polar aphid found in Swedish aspens.</li> <li>• Black Know survey/pruning program keeping disease under control.</li> <li>• Bronze leaf disease confirmed on Swedish columnar and Tower poplars in Sept 2012. 300 infected trees so far.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>6. New Business:</p> <p>6.1 Because this meeting is focused on tree issues throughout our province and the exchange of information on tree diseases and insects that are affecting our AB urban &amp; landscape trees, all other business will be held over or tabled to our AGM in Olds in April 2013.</p>	
<p>7. Additions:</p> <p>Andrea Saunders – CFIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IAS project- CFIA will be able to fund the lures used 2013 IAS project.</li> <li>○ A new disease in ash trees, ash dieback <i>Chalara fraxinea</i> is found in European countries on European ash trees and narrow leaf ash trees and is causing ash trees to die.</li> <li>○ Initially, small necrotic spots appear on stems and branches which enlarge resulting in wilting, dieback of branches and the</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>death of the top of the crown. Often chronic but can be lethal.</li><li>○ This disease is added to the Pest alert list.</li><li>○ The CFIA has recently completed a pest categorization for <i>Chalara fraxinea</i> as a response to the different detections of this pathogen in Europe. The pest categorization was requested to determine if actions had to be taken by the CFIA to prevent the introduction of the pathogen in Canada.</li><li>○ The CFIA currently regulates importation of ash propagative and non-propagative material from off-continent due to previously indentified risks. In light of the identification of emerging risk associated with <i>Chalara fraxinea</i> the agency is undertaking a review of these previously existing requirements to ensure that they provide an adequate level of protection to the Canadian plant resource base.</li></ul>	
8. Next Annual Meeting – Olds College in April 2013	
3. Adjournment – Stated Time: 8:30 PM <b>Motion:</b> Elaine Johnson moved that the meeting be Adjourned. Second: Mike Jenkins <b>***Carried***</b>	

Respectfully submitted,

J. Powell, STOPDED Secretary