

## **FFP London Workshop, 2008 11 06 - Results of Scenario Discussions**

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### **Scenario A - Goods from the Woods**

#### Important messages

- Economically – climate change is not a bad thing
- Industry using climate change to their advantage
- Healthy market
- Effective policy / government regulation to create thriving forestry
- No sense of community

#### How people feel

- Positive but very regulated / controlled
- Consumeristic society not a good thing
- Good economy but community alienation / no sense of community
- Scared because of
  - Increased influence of large corporations
  - Increased international conflict
- Societal behavior (some) is not related to climate change
- Similar to present day (2008)
- Climate change not as scary situation due to ability to adapt

#### Themes to discuss

- Industrial control and governance (regulation)
- Supply and demand of wood
- Lack of community values
- Reduction in snow packs
- Giving control to multinational corporations
- International conflict over resources

#### Unique implications for your province

- USA – no trees left
- Ontario – decrease in forest cover and decrease in part areas
- Ontario – increase in urbanization
- Increase in tourism and industry (up north)
- Water quality improvement because of stronger regulations and privatizations

#### Advice to premier, 2010-2020, Sector policy shifts

- More policy on forest ecosystem protection
- Make more regulations on how much power ultra large multinational corporations have

- Education on community values and importance of community involvement
- Conflict resolution models
- More research on forest management practices
- Incentives for private land owners to practice forestry on their land (afforestation)
- Addressing issues of water shortage
- Focus on bioenergy
- Research and development on how climate change affects forests

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## Scenario B - Peace in the Woods

### Important messages

- Forests protected
- Co-management
- Non-timber values
- Need for protection, cooperation

### How people feel

- Too far fetched
- Not shocking, but hard to believe
- Stagnant
- Not sure if good for economy
- Al Gore solution / future
- Excited that this was a scenario
- Achievable

### Themes to discuss

- E7 vs. G7
- Balance of industry / public interests
- Decrease for fossil fuels ↓
- Increased provincial regulations
- Aboriginal employment

### Unique implications for your province

- Extrapolation of current public interests in decision making process over private lands
- More forest protection than now
- Provincial jealousies over different levels of investments in forests (Ontario vs. others)
- Loss of employment in northern Ontario
- Northern Ontario cottage industry challenged by protection
- Canada seen as a good place to sell wood to
- Second class country
- Would be perfect scenario for Nigeria

- Canada might be blamed for world problems by jealous countries

Advice to premier, 2010-2020

- Challenge
- Economy needs more emphasis
- Country needs new economic mindset
- More collaboration between provinces
- Shift environment priorities to other issues (e.g. water)
- More research and development money for innovation
- More reliance on innovation
- Nationalist policies vs. international
- Don't be too dependent on imports
- Don't become victims of other countries

Alternative names for scenario

- Pleasantville
- Happyland
- Ideal
- Utopia

Other comments

- New people north of tree line
- Can't cut down trees to accommodate new people
- Development controls on cities
- Policies on where new people can live
- Mandatory forest parties
- More industry regulation
- Crush the industry
- Move forest industry toward service oriented
- More parks
- Increase public awareness
- Transfer aboriginal model of control to other groups and sectors

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**Scenario C - Turbulence in the Woods**

Important messages

- Climate out of control
- Adapting
- Everything goes down
- Technology
- Social values / education (key figure)

How people feel

- Collapse
- Worst case
- Discovering

Unique implications for your province

- Total devastation (bugs, fire)
- Change in soil / biodiversity
- Change in the landscape
- Silviculture and technology (more efficient)
- Genetically modified trees? Super trees
- Greed prevails (devastation)
- Profits go down? Increased demand
- Costs increase, sustainability goes down, water decreases
- Biofuel
- 6 - 9% private
- 71-64% provincial
- Monopoly by timber barons
  - Innovation
- Efficiency
- Sustained profit
- Technology

Advice to premier, 2010-2020, Sector policy shifts

- Control prices / supply
- Depressed - lack of will
- Immigrants
- Strong government
- Carbon dictatorship / UN coalition
- Public owned (government)
- Tease to smaller companies
- Quota
- Strengthen regulations on oil companies
- Government - societal values
- Department (teeth) that researches how to stem forestry problems
- Target immigration (imbue forest values)
- Education
- CRTC (ban commercials)
- Unstable
- Adopt a forest
- Co-ops

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## Scenario D - Restoration in the Woods

### Important messages

- Imbalance between biofuel reserves and fuel prices
- Societal values + global energy don't match.
- Riding out climate consequences
- No investment in water and soil resources.
- 'Blind' technology advancement.
- Increased population, increased demands / person

### How people feel

- Happy, interactive community
- Ready to react to change but unprepared
- 'On edge of change'
- Resources are stressed. People are not.
- Sounds like now.
- Population is creating a future risk.
- 'We are the futile (frustrated) generation'
- Kids - same as now

### Unique implications for your province

- Concern about
  - A. 'Green' mini cities
    - Green in style but not in foot print
    - Commute
    - Services
  - B. Museum forests
  - C. Not active
  - D. Needed for esthetics
  - E. 'Virtual' Food production + Forest Products
  - F. Reliance on gasoline products

### Advice to premier, 2010-2020, Sector policy shifts

- Accept population change
- Need to act on "Peak Fuel" alternatives
  - Forest Biofuels
  - Forest alternatives (Hemp)
  - 'Green City' is OK (if 'Green' is Green)
  - Emphasize Efficiency of Resource use (taxation) (incentive)
- Invest now in efficient transportation (subway / train)
- Education in Sustainability