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Next Meeting:

Date: July 15th, 1997
Place: Stanley Park pavilion
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Speaker: Meg Hickling

Minutes from our Meeting – June 17, 1997

Mr. Brice Macdougall introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Patrick Moore, of the Forest Alliance, an industry supported organization.

Dr. Moore was one of the founding members of Greenpeace, and with his background, can speak very competently to the environmental side as well as the industrial position on our forestry practices. Also, Dr. Moore grew up in a logging environment, as his grandfather was a logging contractor in northern Vancouver Island. Dr. Moore presented a series of slides to illustrate the points in his presentation.

The point most stressed was the sustainability and the continuing rebirth of forests. After cutting, the forests either regrow naturally or through planned reforestation. The planting of seedlings and subsequent juvenile spacing will produce a new forest much quicker than by natural means.

Another point made was Dr. Moore's rebuttal of the argument that clearcutting will lead to species extinction. He stated that none of the environmentalists could give an example of any species that has been wiped out through forestry.

As an example of the way that the public has been manipulated and conditioned to think that logging is "evil", he cited the example of a farm with fences, livestock and crops as idyllic, which when you think of it, is the ultimate clearcut with no new trees growing.

In the same vein, he spoke of monoculture with a product such as hemp to replace trees, which would have the same end result, i.e. no trees.

He concluded his talk with a review of the salient points and his belief that a diverse forest could be grown on the site of a logged area, which would give a sustainable product base for future generations.

Dr. Moore was thanked by Mr. Hank Hansen.

Doug Lambert
Secretary Pro Tem