

**LOCAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, August 11, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**SSM REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deane Greenwood, Interim Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:45 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made for the benefit of those in attendance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Brian Anstess, seconded by Bill Vanderburg. Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2008 MEETING**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Allen Prodan, seconded by Hal McGonigal. Motion carried.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2008 MEETING**

1. Mike had contacted Dr. Euler for tonight's meeting.
2. Mike contacted Sault College concerning the change to the award amount. A copy of Mike's note is attached to these minutes.
3. Bob Johnston contacted Main Office and was advised that the revision to the Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM) will be done in-house and is on a fast-track therefore LCC involvement was not requested. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ron advised the members present that the Annual Report on Forest Management 2005/06 and the State of the Forest Report -2006 are available on a web site. Copies of the sites are attached to these minutes. If anyone wants a hard copy of these reports they should contact Gary Raines.

## 7. REGULAR BUSINESS

### *1. Guest speaker - Dr. David Euler*

Dr. Euler provided members with a power point presentation on suggested ways for LCC members to participate in the planning process and he also outlined his concerns for wildlife and biodiversity in the planning process. Dave stated that one of the major roles for LCC members is contributing to setting the management objectives of the plan. He used the 2008 Nighthawk Forest FMP as an example. He showed slides of the wood supply based on the pine martin guidelines. Pine martins are considered an indication of a mature forest.

His issue focused on the Natural Benchmark from the planning modeling. This benchmark line predicts the wood supply based on no logging or fire protection. Dave stated that the benchmark modeling is incorrect based on a report from the Canadian Wildlife Service in an article in the Forestry Chronicle. The MNR model shows the forest decreasing over time without any human activity and protection. Dave's point is that this does not make sense based on his experience and knowledge.

The same holds true for the modeling down on the red breasted nuthatch and the piliated woodpecker in which the model has erroneous assumptions. He stated that the LCC has the power to make changes to the objectives. The key point is the FMP process. What is the balance of benefits? You can harvest wood but at what cost to the wildlife species and biodiversity.

### *2. FMP Update -Tom Crowell*

Tom advised that Boniferro is operating in the Christina Mine Block, Block 7301 (Ogidaki) and Block 6117 (Drew).

St. Marys Paper is currently harvesting in Block 7204 (Headwater South) off the Ranger Lake /north West Road and finishing up harvest operations in Block 7201 (Powerline Road). Biofibre trials are ongoing in Block 7400A (Hargraft) and chipping operations are about to start in Block 6303A (Christina North).

Midway Lumber is currently harvesting and conducting road construction operations in Block 7510 (Roddy Lake).

Aerial spray operations commenced on July 28<sup>th</sup> and were completed on July 31<sup>st</sup>. A total of 48 hectares of chemical site preparation were completed in Block 6303A (Christina North).

The tree plant is slated for August 13<sup>th</sup>. The contractor is Brinkman Reforestation. Clergue is expecting 75 planters yielding a project completion time of 4-5 days. A total of 556,000 trees (primarily black spruce) will be planted in Block 7400A (Hargraft), Block 6303A (Christina North) and Block 7307A. Block 7519 will be used as an overflow.

Gary Raines handed out the up to date copies of the FMP Amendment list and the AWS Revision list and highlighted some of the new changes.

### *3. FMP Planning Update - Nathan Mudge*

Nathan led the members through a power point presentation on the impact of different harvest flow models on total volume available from the scoping runs completed since the Desired Forest and Benefits meeting. Members would like someone to come to a future LCC meeting to talk about forest modeling. Tom and Nathan suggested Brian Naylor.

### *4. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich*

Jeff could not make tonight's meeting but electronically sent a copy of his report to all members.

### *5. All Sector Reports - All*

There were no reports.

### *6. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle*

Ron advised the members that this year's LCC budget is \$5,000.00. The total expenditures to date are less than \$1,000.00 which includes the \$500.00 to Sault College for the bursary.

## **8. New Business**

- a. Deane Greenwood reported that the July 14<sup>th</sup> LCC field trip was very interesting and enjoyable.
- b. Nathan Mudge recommended that he will try to get a research scientist to come to a future LCC meeting to discuss the decline of mid-tolerant species as a result of the application of tree marking and selection management.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Foisy, seconded by Brad Jourdin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday September 8th at 5:30 pm at the SSM Region Conservation Authority Office at 1100 Fifth Line East.

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments