

LOCAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, December 8, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.
SSM REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

AGENDA

1. PRESENTATIONS

1. Bob Johnston, SSM District Manager, presented Andy Pedersen with a plaque for his 14 years of service on the Sault Ste. Marie District LCC.
2. Mike Thompson, LCC Chairman, presented Ron Reffle with some special gifts for his outstanding contribution to the Sault Ste. Marie District LCC over the years.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mike Thompson, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:37 p.m.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Steve Dale was introduced to the LCC members.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Donna Ryckman-Rooney. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Lester Hopkins, seconded by Deanne Greenwood. Motion carried.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING

Action Item 8-c: Gary advised that he spoke to Cindy Donovan in Peterborough in regards to the status of ad for the recruitment of a Tourism Representative. The submission package is in the system and with some minor changes we are on schedule for early January.

Action Item: Gary to provide status update at next LCC meeting.

Action Item 8-2: LCC Brochure - meeting location, list of members and the map on the back need to be updated.

Action Item: Gary is to investigate the cost of updating and reprinting the LCC Brochure.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. E-mail from Donna re Information Centre Poster
Donna suggested that a one page poster be prepared for the upcoming FMP Information Centres. This poster would assist the LCC members to get the information out to the members of their groups.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. FMP Update -Mike Thompson, Tom Croswell

Mike advised that Henson & Tregonning have suspended operations in MOU 6117 (Drew) for the winter and BMW will cease plowing Mile 38/Tilley Lake Roads. Operations in MOU 6102 (Bow) are on-going and are scheduled to be suspended by December 31st. Also, operations in MOU 6303 Christina North are ongoing and are scheduled throughout the winter.

Meakin Forest Enterprises Ltd. have suspended operations for the winter in MOU 7301 (Ojidaki) and will cease plowing Whitman Dam Road. Operations in MOU 7310 (Private Lake) are also suspended for the winter. In addition, operations in MOU 6106 (Jocko North) are ongoing and scheduled throughout the winter.

Pierre Dumas is currently operating in MOU 6305 (Christina South) and is scheduled to be suspended by December 19th. Pierre has recently commenced winter road construction in MOU 6306 (Leonard Lake) and operations are scheduled throughout the winter.

Tom advised that there are no SMPC operations south of the Montreal River. Henson & Tregonning are scheduled to commence operations shortly in MOU 7208 (Saymo Lake) off the Domtar Road. Winter harvest operations are planned for MOU 7205 (Headwater North) off the Ranger Lake North East Road.

Tom also advised that Midway Lumber is currently harvesting and conducting road construction operations in Block 7513 (Bass Lake).

2. FMP Planning Update - Clergue

Nathan advised that the First Public Information Centre is scheduled for February 10th at the Holiday Inn in SSM and February 11th in Wawa at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. Notices for the Information Centres are scheduled for the newspapers in early January.

Gary handed out copies of LCC 'User Friendly' notice which had been used in the past and had been revised for the new 2010 FMP. LCC members were requested to review proposed notice and pass any suggestions back to Gary.

Mike mentioned that the LCC members should advise their members of the upcoming Information Centres.

3. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Jeff talked briefly about the upcoming Public Information Centres and the LCC preparing a notice for the Information Centre and trying to get the public more engaged in the FMP process. The Communications & Consultation Task Team will be meeting prior to the next LCC meeting and will be discussing plans for the Information Centre and will report back to the Planning Team.

4. All Sector Reports - All

Donna mentioned that the Sault Naturalist's next meeting will be December 9th in Sault Michigan at 8:00 p.m. See Donna for details.

5. LCC Expenditures Report - Gary Raines

Gary advised that he would present the expenditure report at the next LCC Meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. FMP Amendment - St. Marys Paper Corp. Contingency Swap MOU 7205
Tim Reece presented the proposed FMP Amendment for St. Marys Paper Corp. (SMPC) to return MOU 7205, amended previously in the FMP to contingency, back to regular harvest in the current FMP. SMPC requires MOU 7205 for this coming winters harvest operations and this new area will supplement the existing allocations to make winter road maintenance in the area more economically feasible.

Tim apologized to the members for not being able to circulate this amendment proposal prior to the LCC meeting. Don Iacovino reiterated that they required this harvest area in the near future and could not wait until the next LCC meeting in January.

After some discussion of the amendment and concern of not being circulated to the LCC members in advance of the meeting, Tim proposed that this amendment be classified as administrative. A motion to categorize this amendment proposal as administrative was made by Don Iacovino, seconded by Bill Vanderburg. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Deane Greenwood. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday January 12 at 5:00 pm at the SSM Region Conservation Authority Office at 1100 Fifth Line East.

Gary Raines
A/Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments