

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mike Thompson, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:45 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Deane Greenwood, seconded by Paul Foisy. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2008 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul Foisy, seconded by Deane Greenwood. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2008 MEETING

1. Ron has not contact the Tourism rep. This will be brought forward to the next meeting.
2. Ron requested an electronic version of the LCC Handbook from Northwatch.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mike stated that there was one application received for the General Public vacancy.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. AOC Task Team Report - Nathan Mudge/Jeff Hinich

Nathan showed slides of the non Fish and Wildlife AOCs in the new FMP-14 Table format and discussed changes from the current FMP-17 Table.

Jeff Hinich provided copies of the AOC prescriptions by email to all LCC members prior to tonight's meeting.

Changes to AOC Prescriptions included:

- COT Cottaging lakes as identified in NRVIS
- CRa Cat 14 gravel pits permitted within modified management zones but should be kept to a minimum and not visible from the water.
- Hwy Cat 14 gravel pits permitted within modified management zone
- Hydro Same as Hwy
- LUP-RS Clarified description portion to include LUP camps, Trappers cabins identified in NRVIS and permanent seasonal residential structures on private property
AOC dimensions - 100m unless buffered portion of AOC crosses an existing Primary or Branch road
- OFSC Crossings to be kept to a minimum and Cat 14 gravel pits permitted within modified management zone
- Parks AOC dimension 0m from edge of property boundary (no 15m buffer required by Parks)
- PP no change
- Rail new AOC
- Trail Description reworded - "Sanctioned trails registered in NRVIS" and harvesting allowed in modified management zone

Jeff Hinich asked if the wording for trails included trail work permits or not and if wording may require some more discussion.

ACTION: Gary to seek clarification from MNR Lands staff.

Paul Foisy suggested having a booth/display at the Open House to discuss trails and communicate the process for getting trails registered in NRVIS to the public.

2. FMP Planning Update - Nathan Mudge

Nathan handed out copies of FMP Tables 1 and 2 to the members present.

FMP 1 Draft of Planning Inventory work;
Includes Algoma Management Unit (MU) except for Lake Superior PP
PATENT - OTHER includes Patent land and area with trees managed by the Crown - need to separate out and place under Crown Timber column

FMP 2 Crown managed forest
Already submitted to Region - may be some changes required

Nathan also handed out copies of the Objectives and Strategies document. The Objectives and Strategies are from the 2005 FMP handout. The Objectives Task Team is trying to fit objectives from 2005 FMP into the new FMP Format. The Strategies are not part of Figure A-5.

Nathan also updated the members on the Forest Benefits meeting. He had a meeting with the District Manager and he agreed on two Forest Benefits meetings. There will be one held in Sault Ste. Marie and one in Wawa. Locations and dates will be determined shortly. These will not be open meetings but will include LCC members and invited members of the public. There is a need to identify the public members that will be invited to attend. The plan is to use an external facilitator to run the meeting with the support of planning team members and regional staff.

ACTION: LCC members to consult with their sector for suggestions of other sectors/groups to attend.

ACTION: Gary to send an email to all LCC members requesting suggestions of other sectors/groups to attend and to respond back by February 29/08.

Other groups suggested by the members present include BMA holders, Wilderness Riders, First Nations, Baitfish operators and Northwatch.

3. Compliance Update - Tom Croswell

Tom Croswell handed out copies of the latest Compliance Report (April 1 - Dec. 31) to members present. Paul Foisy asked why there is a difference in the number of inspections between MNR and Industry.

ACTION: Tom to check out and report back at the next meeting.

4. Current FMP Update - Clergue/Forest Industry

Mike Thompson (Boniferro) and Don Iacovino (St. Marys) stated that their current operations are the same as reported at the last LCC meeting. Tom Croswell stated that Midway is currently operating on private land and will be back into the Bass Lake Block in March.

5. LCC FMP Update- Jeff Hinich

Jeff emailed a copy of his report to all members prior to the meeting. Jeff stated that the Forest Units are still not finalized and Task Teams continue to meet on a regular basis. The Forest Benefits meeting will take place sometime in May. The next planning team meeting is schedule for February 12th. Jeff asked members for any comments on his report.

6. All Sector Reports - All

None at this time.

7. LCC Budget - Gary Raines

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

8. New Business

- a. The Regional LCC Workshop will take place on May 2-4 in Sault Ste. Marie. Donna, Mike and Allen are on the planning team. Members present suggested the following topics - Sault Fire 13, Tour of MNR Hanger, tour of Prince Wind Farm and Regional Director Presentation. Mike stated that normally about 100 to 150 people attend. Mike also stated that all LCC members should attend the workshop. This is a good opportunity for members to meet and network with members of other LCCs. Paul asked if a schedule of LCC and FMP events could be prepared and circulated to the members.
- b. Steve Dale (alternate Tourism rep) was present and stated that he is definitely willing to stay on as the Tourism Alternate but does not see his attendance improving due to his work schedule. Steve stated that John Schreiber will be unable to attend the meetings for personal reasons and will give up the Primary Member position. Deane Greenwood suggested that the LCC try to recruit a Primary rep which could be road based or remote.
ACTION: The District Manager should recruit a Primary Representative for the Tourism Sector. Steve Dale will stay on as the Alternate member.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 10, 2008 at 5:30 pm at the SSM Region Conservation Authority Office at 1100 Fifth Line East.**

Gary Raines
 Recording Secretary
 Local Citizens' Committee
 Attachments