

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING  
Sault Ste. Marie District  
Monday, March 10, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.  
SSM REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mike Thompson, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:50 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 MEETING

Mike Thompson requested a change to the draft minutes in two of the sections. Section 6 "CORRESPONDENCE" should be changed to "Mike stated that there was at least one application received for the General Public vacancy". Section 8 b) "NEW BUSINESS" should be changed to "Steve Dale 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". The ACTION should read "The District Manager should recruit a Primary Representative for the Tourism Sector. Steve Dale will stay on as the Alternate member". A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Deane Greenwood, seconded by Brian Anstess. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 MEETING

1. Gary was to seek clarification from MNR Lands staff concerning trails. This will be put over to the next meeting.
2. LCC members were to consult with their sectors for suggestions of other groups to be invited to the Forest Benefits meeting. Jeff Hinich was the only one to respond.
3. Gary sent the email requesting suggestions as per item #2 above.
4. Nathan stated that the table on the top of the compliance report included the entire Forest and the table at the bottom was only for the Montreal River South (MRS) portion of the Forest.  
**ACTION: Committee requests that Clergue provide compliance reports on only the MRS portion of the Forest.**

5. There was some discussion on the best way to fill the Tourism vacancy. It was agreed that MNR will use the list of tourism establishments that have a Resource Based Tourism (RBT) licence and limit the search to businesses that use Crown land as part of their business.

**ACTION: MNR to fill the vacancy using the above method.**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron received a reply from Katie Pearson concerning the LCC Handbook. Katie does not work for Northwatch anymore and forwarded Ron's note to Northwatch. A copy of Katie's replay was sent to the LCC members.
2. Ron received a letter from Sault College stating the names of the Sault College winners of the LCC Award in memory of Jim Miller. A copy was sent to the LCC members and the LCC web site has been updated.
3. Ron received a thank-you letter from Robert McDonald who was the recipient of the above award in the Parks and Outdoor Recreation program.
4. Ron received an electronic copy of the LCC Handbook from Northwatch. It was forwarded to all members present.

## 7. REGULAR BUSINESS

### *1. Forest Benefits Meeting Update - Gary Raines*

Gary provided members present with a handout of the Forest Benefits Meeting outline and a list of proposed invitees. The meeting dates are tentative pending a response from MNR Regional staff concerning their availability to assist. There was some discussion concerning the dates and it was decided that we would go with those dates and if the Regional staff could not attend then their places would be filled by either planning team members and/or MNR staff. Gary will give them until March 19<sup>th</sup> to respond. There was some discussion concerning Aboriginal attendance. The District Manager/planning team will offer those communities to choose either an invitation to the Forest Benefits meeting or a separate meeting. It was decided by the planning team that the forest science community could attend the regular FMP open house and were not included in the Forest Benefits invitee list.

### *2. Current FMP Update - Mike Thompson/Nathan Mudge*

Mike Thompson stated that Henson is operating in Block 6303 (Christina North) and Block 6304 (Christina West), Avery is operating in Block 7401 (Vixen) and Dumas is in Block 6306 (Leonard). All operations will continue until break-up occurs and road restrictions take effect.

Mike stated that the bush inventory is low and hauling is keeping tight with the harvest volumes.

Nathan stated that St. Marys is currently cleaning up the operations in Block 6303A (Christina North) and in Block 7400 (Hargraft) and is also currently operating in Block 7519. Nathan had no update from Midway Lumber.

Nathan advised the LCC that Clergue has received a Compliance Order from MNR for conducting operations not in accordance with the FMP. One of Clergue's harvest contractors cut a road right-of-way in an AOC without approval. The AOC was in place as a restricted road area. There was no environmental damage.

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

Nathan advised the members of a disagreement between the planning team and the Region over the Mixed Conifer Forest Unit. The issue has been forwarded to the Steering Committee and will hopefully be resolved by the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next planning team meeting is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Jeff is not available for tonight's meeting but he had electronically sent his summary to all LCC members.

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

Donna advised the members that there is Naturalist meeting tomorrow and the guest speaker is Bill Gardner whose topic will be on sturgeon.

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

Ron stated that there is an expected surplus in the LCC fund of \$1,000. Member discussed some ways of spending this amount. Some suggestions included binders and name tags and expenditures for the Regional Workshop.

## **8. New Business**

- a. Nathan outlined a corrective action request initiated from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification assessment that states that: "By the end of year 3 of certification, Clergue shall have worked with ENGOs, other stakeholders and First Nations to identify gaps in the protected area representation and lead in the process of approaching the provincial government with proposals or options to complete the network of protected areas". There is an identical corrective action request for the Northshore Forest. Both forests must show progress on this certification condition this year. Failure to do so could lead to additional corrective action requests or loss of certification. In order to initiate this process, Clergue and Northshore are holding a one day workshop on April 9<sup>th</sup> in Sault Ste. Marie which will include

participants from MNR, ENGOs, First Nations and other stakeholders. Tom Croswell is extending an invitation to one or two members of the LCC to participate in this meeting. Tom has provided Ron with more details in an email.

**ACTION: Ron to send members a copy of Tom's note.**

- b. Mike and Donna provided members with an update on the LCC Regional Workshop. The plan is to focus on Climate Change and alternate energy. Three tours are planned for the Friday afternoon - Prince Wind Farm, St. Marys Paper and one of the research facilities. The dates are May 2-4.
- c. Lester Hopkins asked about salvage opportunities in the area known as Sault Fire 13. Mike and Nathan stated that the timber was small diameter and chipping burnt wood damages that quality of the chips making them useless in the pulping process.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donna Ryckman-Rooney, seconded by Deane Greenwood. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

#### 10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 5:30 pm at the SSM Region Conservation Authority Office at 1100 Fifth Line East.

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments