

LOCAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, November 10, 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 5:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Robert Pinder, new Algoma Area Supervisor, was introduced to the LCC members.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda under New Business:

- FMZ-10 Report
- LCC Christmas Meeting

A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Lester Hopkins, seconded by Deanne Greenwood. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2008 MEETING

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2008 MEETING

Action Item 8-c: Gary advised that he spoke to Bob Pinder and Cindy Donovan in Peterborough in regards to posting an ad for the recruitment of a Tourism Representative. Since this ad is not considered to be a legislated type of ad we have to follow the formal process which involves the submission to the Auditor General's office for approval. This process will take approximately 6 weeks. Gary will prepare draft of the newspaper ad and arrange for the submission package to be forwarded to the Auditor General's office for approval.

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

Action Item 7-1: Al will be presenting a status report for FMZ-10 at tonight's meeting.

Action Item 8-1: Tom offered to provide some FMP Training to new LCC members and any members who are interested in some FMP 101 Training were advised to contact Mike or Tom. Gary also brought some copies of a CD and a new Brochure on FMP Planning for LCC members and distributed copies to some members.

Action Item 8-2: Gary distributed copies of the current LCC Brochure and Business Cards to the members for comments. After some discussion it was determined that the 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.

The LCC Business Cards are still okay and do not require updating at this time. Gary is to bring Business Cards to the next LCC Meeting and give to the members.

Gary also handed out some name tags to some of the LCC Members and noted that Denise and Hal do not have name tags.

Action Item: Gary to order name tags for Denise Berg and Hal McGonigal.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from the District Manager confirming the appointment of Denise Berg as the SDPA Representative to the Algoma LCC.
2. Letter from Sault College with information and tickets for LCC representation at Awards Night. Gary gave the package to Mike Thompson.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. AOC Presentation - Nathan Mudge

Nathan did a presentation on the Area of Concern Prescriptions (AOC) which has been prepared to date for the 2010 Algoma FMP. Nathan reviewed the Summary of the AOC's that was sent out prior to the meeting. He described the addition of some new AOC's (ie. Species at Risk and Railway) and some changes to the AOC's (ie Cottage Lakes, Canoe Routes, LUP_RS, Trails and some raptors) in the current FMP. Nathan explained that with an AOC there could be a 'reserve' portion (no harvesting is allowed) and/or a 'modified' (road construction and some harvesting is allowed) portion. There was some discussion in regards to which trails and canoe routes were designated to receive AOC protection. Gary advised that the designation of trails and canoe routes was being reviewed with the Lands staff. Brian and Jeff expressed some concern over some trails and canoe routes and they were advised to come into the Sault D.O.

There was also some discussion as to a 'Species at Risk' on the Mile 38 road and the condition of the road at one point where it might slump into the Chippewa River. Mike advised that in the summer road grading or road repairs are not allowed.

Gary mentioned that if any LCC member and/or stakeholder member have any concerns over values and their protection to come into the MNR office now.

2. FMP Update -Mike Thompson, Tom Croswell

Mike advised that Henson & Tregonning is currently operating in Block 6117 (Drew) and operations are ongoing in MOU 6102 (Bow).

Pierre Dumas is currently operating in Block 6305 (Christina South). Meakin Forest Enterprises is currently operating in Block 7301 (Ojidaki) and in Block 7310 (Private Lake) with two processors harvesting white birch.

Winter operations (snow removal) are scheduled for the Christina Mine Road (Henson), Leonard Lake Road (Dumas) and Mile 67 Road (Meakin). Mike has advised the local Snowmobile Club of the proposed winter operations but has not received any response.

Tom advised that Henson & Tregonning has completed the clearcut areas in MOU 7201 (Powerline Road) and MOU 7204 (Headwater South).

Tom also advised that Midway Lumber is currently harvesting and conducting road construction operations in Block 7513 (Bass Lake). Road realignment has been completed on the Carpenter Lake Road.

3. FMP Planning Update - Clergue

Nathan advised that the notice for the 30 day period for the public review of the LTMD was in the Sault Star on October 12, 2008. Comments from the public and OMNR will be received up until November 12, 2008. Then a list of the Required Alterations will be prepared and sent to Clergue by November 27, 2008. A notice for the First Information Centre will be prepared once the LTMD has been endorsed by the Regional Director. The First Public Information Centre is tentatively scheduled for mid January 2009. Work on the AOC's is still continuing.

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

4. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Jeff talked briefly about the LCC Summary Report that he had prepared and thanked Jason for his help in preparing the final LCC Summary Report. Jeff mentioned about the LCC preparing a notice for the Information Centre and trying to get the public more engaged in the FMP process. There was some discussion in regards to the Information Centre (regular MNR and LCC 'User friendly') notices, number and location of the Information Centres. The location in SSM was discussed and the Holiday Inn was suggested as the best location. 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.

5. All Sector Reports - All

Jeff mentioned that he will advise the Chamber of Commerce at their January meeting of the upcoming First Information Centre.

Les mentioned that a beam in the bridge at Km 3 on the MacDonald Creek Road is broken and he covered up the weight limit signs and reported the status of the bridge to MNR.

6. LCC Expenditures Report - Gary Raines

Gary advised the members that this year's LCC budget is \$5,000.00. The total expenditures to date are slightly over \$1,000.00 which includes the \$500.00 to Sault College for the bursary. The LCC ad for the First Information Centre will come out of the LCC Funds. Deanne will submit a bill from SRCA for the meeting room rental for the LCC meetings.

7. FMZ-10 Update - Al Prodan

Al mentioned that he represents the Algoma LCC on the FMZ-10 Advisory Council. The council has been in place for about 18 months. Zone 10 is a large zone but several face to face meetings have taken place as well as 3 or 4 meetings on line. The meetings have been very well attended and the Project Team (Scientists and mainly MNR staff) is just as large as the council (see attached report).

This zone, and particularly our Algoma Region, contains one of the best natural Lake Trout areas in the world. This is a resource that needs nurturing and preservation for the future. The primary focus of this Advisory Council is on Lake trout. The Council is recommending a change to the Lake Trout season in order to improve the Lake Trout fishery in 20 years. The Ontario federation of Anglers & Hunters supports this recommendation. There will be public hearings in February 2009 which are necessary for any proposed changes to the fishing regulations.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim Miller Scholarship Fund

Tom mentioned that donations are down and there will be a mail-out campaign to various businesses and individuals who have supported the Envirothon in the past. Gary mentioned that he included donation forms in the LCC meeting minute packages. Also, Tom handed out more donation forms and information is available on the Ontario Forestry Association website.

2. Annual Christmas LCC Meeting

Gary advised that he booked a room at the Gran Festa Ristorante in the Quality Inn at 180 Bay Street for Monday December 8, 2008 for the Annual LCC Christmas Meeting. Gary canvassed the group to see who would be attending. There was some discussion for a gift for Ron Reffle. The group recommended a donation to the James Miller Scholarship Fund in Ron's name and a gift certificate for dinner.

Action: Gary to invite Ron to the LCC Christmas meeting and to talk to the District Manager in regards to gift for Ron.

Action: Gary is to confirm with Mike if any special plaques for LCC members are required and place the order.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Deane Greenwood. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on **Monday December 8 at 5:00 pm at the Gran Festa**

Gary Raines
A/Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments