

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING  
Sault Ste. Marie District  
Monday, October 15, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.  
SSM REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Hinich, Interim Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:31 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 MEETING

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 MEETING

1. The draft ad for the General Public vacancy is not as yet completed.  
**ACTION: Ron to send members a draft of an ad for their review.**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

*1. Guest Speaker - Nathan Mudge - FMP Background Information Summary*

Nathan provided a power point presentation on all the items referenced in the background information section required for the preparation of the 2010 Algoma Forest FMP.

There was some general discussion around the values information and LCC members are encouraged to go back to their sectors and recommend that if there is new information or if they want to ensure that specific values are accounted for and in the correct location that they can do this now by contacting the MNR District Office. There

was also some discussion on how best to get this message out to the sector members. It was suggested that a note be placed on the LCC web site. Ron mentioned that LCC members may wish to mail info out to their members and if there were any costs associated with this that they could come back to the LCC and request funding. A copy of Nathan's presentation is attached to these minutes.

## *2. Current FMP Update - Clergue/Forest Industry Staff*

Tom Crowell read an update provide by Mike Thompson of Boniferro Mill Works. Henson's operations in Block 7400 (Hargraft) on the Lewis Lake Road are suspended until freeze-up. There is about one week of haul remaining. Henson's operations in Block 6304 (Christina West) are on-going and will continue throughout the winter. Avery's operations in Block 7307 (Whitman Dam) are now completed. Operations are on-going in Block 6303 (Christina North). Road construction has started in Block 7401 (Vixen) and the harvesting will commence on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Work on the Rebecca's Road is suspended for the season. Gravelling is required on approximately 50% of the road base and is scheduled for next June.

The extreme rainfall over the Thanksgiving weekend has caused several major washouts on the Carp Road and Pipe Lake Road. Boniferro is currently working on an action plan for emergency road repairs.

Gary Raines provided members present with an update of the roads damaged during the Thanksgiving weekend storm. Sections of the Mile 38 Road, Carp Road, Pipe Lake Road, Tilley Lakes Road, Tribag Road and Wolfe Lake Road were all affected. The majority of the damage was at crossing locations with many of the culverts blown out. Canadian Forestry Service is doing emergency repairs on the private road portion of the Mile 38 Road and the Tilley Lakes Road. MNR staff have flagged and posted all the major areas that are public hazards. MNR and Forest Industry are assessing the damage and working on a repair plan. All stranded vehicles have been removed by their owners.

Tom stated that most of St. Marys operations are in the Wawa portion of the forest. Henson's harvest operation in Block 7400 (Hargraft) is the only St. Marys operation going on in the Sault portion of the forest.

Midway is operating in the Bass Lake area and would like to start in the red pine plantations later this week.

Tom also stated that the crop tree release project in the Echo Lake area has been completed by Dennis Jones. The SIP project in the Christina Mine Road area will start shortly.

The first quarter compliance report was briefly discussed and the summary to the end of September will be provided at the next LCC meeting.

### *3. FMP Planning Update - Clergue*

The planning team meet on September 25<sup>th</sup> and discussed progress to date. A copy of the minutes will be provided to the LCC. The next meeting schedule for October 23<sup>rd</sup> has been moved to later in November. The planning team will be attending a training session in Timmins on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

Jeff provided copies of his report to the members prior to tonight's meeting. There was some discussion on the Socio-Economic Section. Gary Raines stated that he would send out the draft of the survey for members' comments. He requires a quick turn around on this since the survey results are required for the Invitation to Participate scheduled for early December.

### *5. Communications Plan - All*

There was nothing to report.

### *6. All Sector Reports - All*

There was nothing to report. At the next meeting it is expected that each sector will report on their plans on how to contact their respective sector.

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

A copy of the budget is attached to the minutes.

### *8. Election of Chair - All*

The election of the chair was postponed until the November meeting.

### **8. New Business**

- a. Tom Crowell mentioned that at the last Envirothon meeting it was decided that a special trophy and bursary will be established in memory of Jim Miller.
- b. Ron asked members if they wish to continue with the LCC Awards with Sault College. Members agreed and would like the awards to be changed to the "LLC Award in memory of Jim Miller".  
**ACTION: Ron to make arrangements with Sault College.**
- c. Members agreed that the LCC Workshop would best be held on the first weekend in May of 2008. Donna and Allen confirmed their participation on the planning team.
- d. There was some discussion concerning the annual Christmas meeting. Members agreed that December 3<sup>rd</sup> was an acceptable date. There will a few retired members invited such as Kerry Sinibaldi and Art Osborne.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 19th at 5:30 pm at the SSM Region Conservation Authority Office at 1100 Fifth Line East.

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments