

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, April 16, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**MNR FIRE OFFICE**

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**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Kerry Sinibaldi, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:32 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were not required.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2007 MEETING**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Allen Prodan, seconded by Mike Thompson. Motion carried.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2007 MEETING**

1. Jim provided members with a list of the 2007 silvicultural operations.
2. Members received a notice on the Naturalists' meeting.
3. Ron sent members a copy of the draft Nipissing LCC Handbook.
4. Ron will contact Dr. McKenny to arrange his attendance at a future meeting as guest speaker.
5. Kerry sent a note to Tim Reece concerning the compliance report.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ron sent members a copy of an article on the mountain pine beetle.
2. Ron received thank-you notes from two of the recipients of the Sault College LCC Awards.
3. Ron sent members a copy of the Algoma Headwaters Signature Site notice for final inspection of the approved management plan. Members are to contact Ron if they would like a hard copy of the plan.
4. Ron and Kerry received copies of a survey on Forest Tenure. Kerry and Ron will fill it out since it does not apply to the LCC.
5. Ron handed out a copy of a notice for an AOC workshop scheduled for May 4, 2007 in Sault Ste. Marie hosted by Northwatch's Forest Project.

## 7. REGULAR BUSINESS

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

Kerry stated that there are no active St. Marys field operations at this time. The mill operations will be completed on Friday. There is a tender process for all or part of the mill that closes on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Monitor will make recommendations to the court on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The mill will be closed after Friday but the steam plant will still be running. The remaining wood will be part of the sale. Clergue will loss about 1/3 of it's operating expenses and the shareholders will need to respond to this loss of income.

Mike Thompson stated that all Boniferro operations are suspended and start-up operations are scheduled for mid to late June. The stockpile of hardwood pulpwood in the Avery yard at Heyden is being hauled to a rail siding in Sault Ste. Marie. This will continue throughout breakup until the inventory is depleted. Approximately 4,800 cubic metres (150 loads) of tolerant hardwood remains on site in the Hargraft Block (7400). Slash and haul will resume once load restrictions are lifted (May 28<sup>th</sup>). Tree marking and line running are scheduled to commence in mid-May.

Jim Miller stated that the forest industry in Ontario harvest on average 22 million cubic metres of wood per year. Last year's harvest was 18 million and this year will be even less than that. The downturn is causing a structural change to the Ontario forest industry resulting in the loss of good jobs for northern Ontario. In the last 5 years the industry has lost 9,484 jobs.

Jim stated that Midway Lumber has no active field operations at this time and that their yard is full of logs.

Clergue has started the crop tree release operation and is getting ready for the spring tree plant.

Jim handed out the FMP Amendment list and the final 06/07 AWS Revision list.

Jim mentioned that the 2010 Algoma Forest FMP planning team held their first meeting earlier today. Tom Mispel-Beyer (MNR Planning and Information Supervisor) is the project manager and planning team chair and Nathan Mudge (Clergue) is the plan author. There will be nine task teams assigned to the planning team and the draft Terms of Reference will be completed by mid May.

Jeff Hinich, who is one of the LCC representatives on the planning team attended the meeting this morning and reported that Danny Lacasse, the other LCC representative also attended. Danny is from the Wawa LCC.

Mike Thompson stated that the 2010 plan is for 10 years and the majority of the work will be done at the start of the planning process. Candidate allocations will be available at the first Open House.

Gary Raines stated that the plan is to send out the Invitation to Participate this December and the first Open House is tentatively scheduled for December 2008.

## **2. FMP Proposed Amendments - Clergue/Forest Industry Staff**

Jim Miller provided the members present with 3 proposed amendments. The first 2 dealt with changes to the status of 2 roads. Jim handed a map showing the location of a small block south of Devil's Lake that they would like to put in the FMP for a fuelwood operation. After some discussion the LCC recommended that this amendment could proceed as administrative with focused consultation.

**ACTION: MNR staff will carryout focused consultation for Amendment #53.**

Steve Dale had some questions on Amendments #4 and #5.

**ACTION: Jim Miller to send Steve a note with the answers.**

## **3. FMP Training - Ron Reffle**

Ron handed out the Northwatch brochure outlining their Forest Projects Workshops. After some discussion it was agreed that the MNR should arrange for Northwatch to attend the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and present the first component "Forest Management Planning - Getting Started". This session will be the focus of the May meeting. The presentation should take between 1.5 to 2 hours including questions.

**ACTION: MNR to arrange for Northwatch to deliver this segment at the May meeting.**

## **4. Communications - All**

There were some general discussions concerning a proposal for the LCC to draft an LCC annual report.

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

Lester Hopkins reported that the Blind River Trappers Council held a live auction which was attended by 150 people. This council has 70 members. Also the Sault Trappers Council, which has 170 members, has an 11 member executive with Lester as president. Lester mentioned that he recommends that the LCC invite David Kreutzweiser from the Great Lakes Forestry Centre to be a guest speaker. Kerry mentioned that Dave made a presentation to the LCC several years ago. Lester also mentioned a change to the Federal regulations on traps.

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

Ron handed out a copy of the final 06/07 budget report to the members present. Expenditures exceeded the allocation by \$173.69. Ron covered the over-expenditure with other MNR funds.

## 8. New Business

1. Art Osborne announced his retirement from the LCC. Members thanked Art for his past efforts.
2. Ron asked the members present for suggested future meeting locations due to the current situation at St. Marys Paper. Members provided some suggestions.  
**ACTION: Ron to arrange for a suitable meeting location for the May meeting.**
3. Ron stated that the Regional LCC Workshop is going forward and asked for volunteers from the members to sit on the organizing committee. Allen, Mike and Donna all volunteered.
4. The committee agreed to postpone the election of the LCC chair until a later meeting due to the situation at St. Marys Paper.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 14th at 5:30 pm. A location will be announced prior to the 14th.**

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments