

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, December 11, 2006 - 5:00 p.m.
Gran Festa - Bay South Room

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Sinibaldi, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:45 p.m. following the annual Christmas social part of the evening. Ron presented Don Hall with a plaque recognizing Don's contributions to the LCC as a member representing the Sault Naturalists from 1997 to 2006.

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 NOVEMBER 20, 2006 MEETING

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2006 MEETING

1. Kerry drafted the LCC letter to KBM and the letter was mailed.
2. Gary found three training packages available for the LCC. They include a DVD prepared by Main Office, the Northwatch LCC Handbook project and the recently released MNR brochure "Help Shape the Future of our Forests".
3. Ron sent Envirothon a \$500.00 donation on behalf of the LCC.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Northwatch sent a notice concerning their Forest Project and a copy of the September Forest File.
2. Ron signed and mailed Kerry's letter to KBM as previously discussed.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Clergue*

Jim stated that Midway Lumber's operators are currently working in the Carpenter Lake Road area (Zeppa) and the Snow Township area (Lecuyer). Zeppa will be moving to the Bass Lake Block shortly.

Kerry stated that Lagace is currently harvesting on the north side of Icewater Creek in the Christina North Block (6303A). Bush conditions are being monitored due to the wet weather.

Mike Thompson reported that Avery is operating in the Bow Block (6102) on a small area (25 ha) that will be harvested once the ground freezes. Avery will continue to harvest in the Joco North Block (6106) throughout the winter. Henson has completed harvesting and slashing in the Pancake Block (6108) with 75 loads (2500 m3) left to haul. This should be completed by December 25th and the Carp Road will not be plowed for the remainder of the winter. Harvesting will continue throughout the winter in the Hargraft Block (7400).

Dumas has completed operations in the Christina West Block (6304) and the Christina South Block (6305) and is currently in the Leonard Block (6306) for the winter.

Trev Woods, District Manager, stated that MNR has recently met with the local forest industry and discussed the upcoming FMP process for the Algoma and Northshore Forests. They roughed out an action plan which will be launched early in the New Year. He stated that this would include a review of the representation on the LCC, update changes to the FMP process, produce a critical path and highlight changes and milestones in the FMP process. This would begin in February.

Kerry asked the LCC members to give some thought to who the LCC would like to represent them on the FMP Planning Team.

ACTION: LCC members to recommend an LCC representative to the Algoma Forest Planning Team at the Jan/07 meeting.

2. *Communications - All*

There was nothing to report.

3. *All Sector Reports - All*

Donna mentioned that the Sault Naturalists have scheduled the Christmas Bird Count for this Saturday. Let Donna know if you are interested.

Brad Jourdin stated that the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is still following up with the Minister's Competitive Committee.

Art asked if there was any update on the Metis logging situation that has been in the newspapers over the last week. Trev Woods mentioned that Ron was going to meet with them on Wednesday of this week.

4. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron will attach a copy of the report with the minutes.

8. New Business

1. Ron asked if the members would like Mike Barker to re-schedule his presentation on Forestry Futures Trust. Members agreed.
2. Trev Woods stated that the Sault District is the lead for Fisheries Management Zone 10 (FMZ 10) and is in the process of establishing a Fisheries Management Council. The Sault is one of the three zones in Ontario that is establishing a Council as a pilot project. The other two are Thunder Bay and Peterborough. The Council will be providing advice to the ministry on a broad landscape level and will be made up of 12 to 16 members. Trev is looking for an LCC rep to sit on the council. Zone 10 covers several MNR Districts and LCCs but there will be only one LCC rep on the Council. There will be a selection process and a letter will be sent to the chair of each LCC requesting nominations by mid January.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 8th at the St. Marys Paper boardroom at 5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments