

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, October 16, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.
St. Marys Paper Boardroom

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Sinibaldi, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:35 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of the guests. Kerry welcomed Angela Anderson from Northwatch, Deane Greenwood who is the new LCC member representing the Environment Sector and Marjorie Hall (MNR) who is tonight's guest speaker.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 MEETING

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 MEETING

1. Members were to review the 3 documents provided at the last meeting concerning LCCs and Stewardship, proposal for the association of the Northeastern and Northwestern LCCs and the price quote for video production. Art Osborne is still trying to contact Louis Corbeil concerning the Stewardship paper. There was some discussion on the video costs with questions around who would pay this cost in light of the current fiscal environment. Members are of the opinion that the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) represents the LCCs in the Northeast Region and are asking if the North West Region has a similar committee. They are also asking on what authority are the regional committees established. Kerry mentioned that there are already several training packages developed for LCC training and Northwatch continues efforts to provide training.
ACTION: Ron will report back at the next meeting.
2. Ron was to provide an estimate of LCC expenditures to year end. This will be addressed under the Budget agenda topic at tonight's meeting.
3. Ron was to forward the LCC recommendation to the District Manager supporting Deane Greenwood's appointment to the LCC. This was done and Deane has been appointed to represent the Environment Sector.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The letter from Trevor Woods, District Manager, appointing Deane Greenwood to the LCC was sent to all members.
2. Northwatch sent out a notice concerning the EBR posting of an MNR proposal to make a change to a regulation of the CFSA requiring a licence holder to obtain certification of its forest operations. This notice was sent by email to the LCC.
3. Northwatch sent out a notice concerning the EBR posting of an MNR proposal outlining the Strategy for Preventing and Managing Human-Wildlife Conflicts in Ontario. This notice was sent by email to the LCC.
4. Northwatch sent out a copy of a Federal Government news release on The State of Canada's Forests 2005-2006 report. This notice was sent by email to the LCC. Art Osborne obtained a copy of the report and circulated it to the members present.
5. Ron provided members present with a copy of two letters from MNR concerning the Provincial Annual Report on Forest Management 2002/03 and 2003/04 and the Forest Resources of Ontario, 2006 report. Ron mentioned that the two letters make reference to a web site if members wish to view the reports. Ron has a limited numbers of hard copies of the reports. If members wish a copy they should contact Ron.
6. Kerry reminded members of the Forest Sector Day at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre on Thursday, October 19th. Donna stated that she is going to the Saturday open house.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Guest Speaker - Marjorie Hall - MNR - Enhanced Management Areas*

Marjorie Hall is currently on contract with MNR as a Resource Planner working on the EMA Policy Clarification project. Marjorie is a graduate of the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree and was previously an OLL planner with MNR and an instructor at Sault College.

Marjorie provided the members present with a slide presentation on the Enhanced Management Area (EMA) policy clarification project. As a result of the Ontario Living Legacy (OLL) project several areas were designated as EMAs. These areas were identified as having specific special features or land use values which may lead to modifications in resource management practices. Marjorie's project is limited to EMAs in the Sault Ste. Marie District which includes the southern portion of the Algoma Forest (south of the Montreal River referred to as MRS) and most of the Northshore Forest. There are 15 EMAs in the Sault Ste. Marie District with 4 found in the Algoma Forest (MRS). One of the 4 is the Great Lakes Coastal Area EMA. The other 3 are the Achigan Lake Area, the Batchawana Bay-Carp Lake Raised Delta and the Bellevue Hanging Delta.

The current policy statement found in the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA) for the Great Lakes Coastal Area EMA states that harvesting is generally not permitted. This statement was found to be too general giving no direction to planning teams or the

forest industry. The intent of the Policy Clarification project is to provide clear site-specific direction by clarifying the CLUPA policy reports, update values maps and refine EMA boundaries where required. The CLUPA web site is <http://crownlanduseatlas.mnr.gov.on.ca/>

One area that was initially focused on was the section of the Great Lakes Coastal Area EMA located adjacent to Pancake Provincial Park. A draft clarification policy has been negotiated with MNR, Clergue and Ontario Parks that will allow timber harvesting subject to conditions.

Once the clarification policies are drafted for the EMAs in the Sault Ste. Marie District they will be posted on the EBR for public review. This is currently scheduled for January 15 to February 15, 2007.

If members require further information they can contact Marjorie at the Sault Ste. Marie District Office at 949-1231 extension 215 or by email at: marjorie.hall@Ontario.ca

2. Current FMP Update - Jim Miller

Jim handed out copies of the FMP Amendments and AWS Revisions summaries. Jim mentioned 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 later this fall.

Kerry stated that Lagace is currently completing harvesting in an area in the Christina North Block (6303A) and will then be moving to an area north of Icewater Creek. Hauling is very close to the harvest operation. Once the move is made to Icewater Creek the road work will continue north of the bridge. Bush conditions are being monitored due to the wet weather. Fall site preparation will continue once the contractor gets ahead with road work.

Mike Thompson reported that Avery is operating in the Bow Block (6102) and constructing road in the Joco North Block (6106) for late fall/winter harvest. Henson has completed harvesting in the Joco South Block (6107) with the slash and haul ongoing. Operations are continuing in the Pancake Block (6108) and road construction is taking place in the Hargraft Block (7400) in preparation for winter harvest. Dumas is operating in the Huff Creek Block (6104) and the Quemnico Block (6105) and will move to the Leonard Block (6306) for late fall/winter harvest.

The Christina Mine Road upgrading is completed. The drainage culvert replacement and re-surfacing on the Mile 67 Road is also completed. Mike has a fall brushing project for the Mile 67 road and the Carp Road.

Jim stated that a crop tree release project with a First Nations crew has started east of Echo Lake at Coffee Creek.

Art Osborne asked the industry reps how the current work load compares to a year ago. Mike, Kerry and Jim all stated that it is about the same.

3. *IFA Report - Jeff Hinich*

Jeff provided the LCC with a copy of his report outlining his comments on the IFA field inspections.

Jeff proposed that the LCC should make the following recommendations to the KBM Audit Team:

- The LCC recommends that more time be spent in the field by the five year independent audit to better reflect the size and diversity of the forest;
- The LCC recommends that the independent audit suggest ways that LCCs can better reach their mandate of being “integral to the forest management process”;
- The LCC recommends that the five year audit share information from other mid-term and annual audits that may occur on the forest to gain better benchmark understanding within the five years.

ACTION: Members to review Jeff’s proposed recommendations for the next meeting.

4. *Communications - All Members*

Art Osborne showed the members present a newspaper article concerning National Forest Week for the next fall. He suggested that the LCC should think about doing something during this week. Jim mentioned that there would be a good link to the 2010 FMP which will be advertising the Invitation To Participate sometime in June or July of 2007.

The members discussed the possibility of holding a joint meeting, with the Wawa LCC.

ACTION: Jim Miller to send Ron and Kerry a list of the Wawa LCC members.

ACTION: Kerry will follow up with the Wawa LCC once the contact name is provided.

Allen Prodan reported on the LCC participation (Allen, Kerry, Paul and Jeff) at the International Forestry Partnership Program (IFPP) dinner on September 20th. Allen stated that it was good session.

5. *All Sector Reports - All*

Brian Anstess provided the members with an overhead presentation on “Non - Motorized or Good News Sector”. Brian outlined the various non-motorized activities in the Algoma Forest including the importance of these activities to the local communities. He also presented a case study of the Bellevue Valley area and showed how a small operation has lead to the establishment of other spin off businesses and users.

In summary, there is growth in all non-motorized sectors and an increase in the local cottage industry.

Members thanked Brian for his excellent presentation.

Mike Thompson mentioned that Boniferro Millworks has purchased a new kiln at the Temogami auction for a very cheap price and also has purchase a new saw for the number 2 line and a new re-saw.

6. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out a copy of the expenditures to date and stated that if expenditures are similar to the last fiscal year, the LCC's current allocation may fall short by \$400.00.

8. New Business

1. Ron asked the members present if they would like to continue to support the three awards for Sault College students. The awards total \$300.00 with \$100.00 going to a student in each of the Forestry, Fish & Wildlife and Parks & Outdoor Recreation programs. Members present agreed to continue with the awards.
ACTION: Ron to forward the funds to Sault College.
2. Ron stated that there are sufficient funds to hold the annual LCC Christmas meeting and suggested Gran Festa on December 11th. All members present agreed.
ACTION: Ron to make the appropriate arrangements and to invite Trevor Woods and Don Hall.
3. Ron informed the LCC that the Sault Ste. Marie District LCCs will be hosting the 2007 LCC Regional Workshop. Both the Algoma Forest LCC and the Northshore Resource Management Advisor Committee will be co-hosting. This will be discussed in the New Year.
4. Deane Greenwood stated that he has a candidate for his alternate. Derrick Rice's mail was returned.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 20th at the St. Marys Paper boardroom at 5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments