

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, April 14, 2003 - 5:30 p.m.
Minelli's Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Thompson, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:40 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE March 10, 2003 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE March 10, 2003 MEETING

1. Ron reviewed the issue of a possible trespass at the Bellvue Valley Hanging Delta site and a copy of the report was included in the mailout for this meeting.
2. Ron made arrangements for the purchase of books for the library.
3. The discussion of an LCC student is on tonight's agenda.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron received a letter from Sault College (copy attached) thanking the LCC for the three \$100.00 awards and included pictures of the three recipients. The College asked if there are any changes to the criteria they should be notified by April 25th. Members present agreed to let the criteria and awards value remain as is for next year. Don Hall commented that each of the three students were very pleased to receive the funds. Art Osborne will include the photos on the LCC web page.
2. Ron received a reminder letter from the Lake Nipigon West Area LCC concerning waste disposal sites that are operated by MNR. (copy attached). Ron reviewed the MNR Capital Instructions and Guidelines for 2003/04 which clearly state that operating funds for dumps are not part of normal MNR business. Members present discussed the issue and decided that waste disposal in the Algoma Forest is not an issue. Ron was advised not to respond to the letter.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Jim Miller handed out the FMP amendment update and the AWS revision update to all members present. He also handed out a draft of the final 02/03 compliance report. Jim reported two non-compliance issues: one administrative penalty for harvesting unmarked trees and one repair order for harvesting a road right-of-way.

Art Osborne asked about the recent newspaper articles concerning the Pembina Institute Report on forest compliance. Jim Miller stated that the report outlines a conflict with company reps reporting on their own operations.

Allen Prodan stated that he had a tape of the report and a copy of the article and the issues raised. He wondered if the LCC should have an opinion of this topic. Allen asked that this topic be put on the next meeting's agenda.

Jeff Hinich stated that it is the LCC's role to monitor plan performance but it is difficult to get members out on field trips. He also stated that we should review our field sub-committee.

ACTION: Ron to put the Pembina Institute Report on the May agenda.

2. *LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich*

Jeff handed out the report prepared by himself and Joe Bucknell (LCC rep. Wawa) on the March 26/03 FMP planning team meeting. Jeff mentioned that they need to look at the RSA process. Also, a forum to capture all public comments has been developed.

Art Osborne commented that the socio-economic analysis seems complicated. Tim Reece mentioned that the socio-economic analysis is MNR's responsibility. They look at demographic profiles and census data. This will be discussed in more detail at another meeting.

There will be an FMP planning team meeting on May 5th and 6th. This will be a full two day session lead by the Regional staff. It will probably be held in the St. Marys Paper boardroom. All members are welcome but should let Jim Miller know if you are attending. Jorma asked about the silvicultural guidelines for cedar. Jim stated that the planning team is working on the silvicultural ground rules (SGR) for this specie. Nathan Mudge from Clergue is drafting the SGRs and they will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. *Forest Units - Tim Reece*

Tim made an overhead presentation on the final draft of the forest units. The planning team has decided on 15 forest units for the new forest.

4. Introduction To Management Alternatives - Tim Reece

Tim made an overhead presentation outlining the discussions to date on the selection of management alternatives. The first steps for the selection of alternatives will be covered in more detail at the next meeting.

5. Draft Objectives for the Algoma Forest - David de Geus

David made an slide presentation (copy attached) on how objectives are developed, what are the categories and how they are assessed. He also covered some of the draft objectives to date. If LCC members have any objectives they would like discussed at a planning team meeting they should contact Ron Reffle or Jeff Hinich.

6. First Open House - Jim Miller

Jim provided a handout of the checklist of products required for the first open house. At the next LCC meeting there will be a discussion on roles/responsibilities at the information centre. The first open house will be scheduled for September.

7. Communications Plan - All

Art stated that the Great Outdoor Show was a big success and thanked all participating LCC members. Over 800 people put their names in for the draw and these names will be put on a database for future use. The photos taken at the show will be on the LCC web page. Jeff Hinich suggested that, for next year's show, members should consider a prize from each sector.

It was suggested that the LCC display could be used at the FMP open houses. Art would like to have someone take pictures of all LCC members at the next meeting.

8. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out the draft final expenditures from the 2002/03 fiscal year. The committee had a balance of \$371.74 left in the account.

9. LCC Student - All

There was a general discussion around the pros and cons of having a student participate in some LCC work. It was decided not to pursue this matter.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Hinich, on behalf of the LCC, thanked Michael Thompson for his three years as chairman. This is Mike's last meeting in that capacity.

9. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ron Reffle presided over the election of chair. Ron called for nominations. Brad Jourdin nominated Art Osborne. Kitty Lewis nominated Jeff Hinich. Jeff Hinich nominated Allen Prodan.

Both Jeff and Art declined due to their existing work loads. Allen let his name stand. All members approved the appointment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Vanderburg, seconded by Lise Vorlicek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday May 12, 2003 at 5:30 pm at Minelli's Restaurant, 546 Great Northern Road.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee

Attachments