

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, April 10, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sartini Restaurant**

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**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Kerry Sinibaldi, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:33 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Andre Dupont, Algoma Area Biologist with MNR introduced himself.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2006 MEETING**

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

**5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2006 MEETING**

There were no action items from the meeting.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**7. REGULAR BUSINESS**

***1. Guest Speaker - Andre Dupont - Deer Season Changes on St. Joe's Island***

Andre provided a handout to members present outlining the history of the options and recommended changes to the Deer season in Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) #45 on St. Joe's Island.

The proposal to add two weekend days to the front of the rifle season and move the rifle and late archery season one week is currently on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR) for a 45 day comment period ending on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The earliest possible date that these changes could take effect would be the fall of 2006.

If the proposal is approved it will not show up in the 2006 Hunting Regulations Summary since the deadline for change was in December.

Andre mentioned that the deer herd in WMU #45 is close to carrying capacity and the number hunters is going down. MNR receives very good information about the kill due to the efforts of Sault College at the check station. The mild winters have also contributed to the good health of the herd.

## **2. FMP Update - Tim Reece**

Tim handed out the latest FMP Amendment list and AWS Revision list to all members present. Amendment #24 concerning the change to road classifications was presented to the Wawa LCC on March 21<sup>st</sup> with no issues noted. This amendment is now approved. Amendment #21 concerning changes to residual tree requirements is still being discussed.

Tim stated that Midway operations have been completed for this winter in the Bass Lake Block with the operator moving to the Carpenter Lake Block. They will be back into the Fish Lake Block by mid-June. Their other operator has completed Block 6517 and going to the Penelope Lake Block.

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that St. Marys operator has completed hauling in the Butcher Block (7212) and removed two portable bridges. Operations in this block are suspended and the area will be re-inspected in the early spring prior to the final FOIP report being submitted. Hauling in the Powerline Block (7201) has now ceased due to spring breakup with approximately 40 loads remaining on gravel roads. Operations are suspended and will be re-inspected this spring.

There is still some logging operations equipment on site which will be removed once access roads are suitable. This equipment will be moving to Wawa for the next few years.

Mike Thompson stated that Boniferro contractors are all done for this year and all of their wood is off the winter roads. Dumas will be back in the winter in the Leonard Lake Block (6306) and will spend next summer in the Christina Mine area. Henson still has some wood to haul from the winter operations and will spend the summer in the Jocko and Pancake Lake area. Avery has completed the Quemenco Block (6105) and will be in the Smilsky and Bow Lake Block this summer and the Jocko North Block this winter.

Boniferro currently has one month of wood in their yard at the mill.

Lester Hopkins mentioned that there will likely be some changes in the guides for harvesting to the water's edge near small potholes and lakes for beaver habitat. The current guides result in small tree reserves around these small water bodies that are adversely impacting the beaver population. Lester also asked about planting trees on roads and trails. Mike, Tim and Kerry stated that it is not a practice to plant trees on road beds as the success rate is very poor. They do plant winter roads where appropriate. If the company knows ahead of time that the trail or road is of interest to a trapper then they can avoid planting them.

Lester Hopkins had a question for Mike Thompson on crossing removals. Mike Thompson stated that the crossings removed in Block 6115 were portable bridges and culverts on new winter road systems that did not impact any traditional access. Crossings that will be removed in Block 6502 (Glendale) will be returned to the state of traditional use which is ATV only. Entrances off the Ranger Lake Road will be ditched as per MTO entrance permit requirements. Mike Thompson also stated that there are problems with garbage dumping this year.

Tim handed out the compliance summary for the 05/06 season. The summary includes all non-compliance reports by both industry and MNR for the whole Algoma Forest. There were 6 non-compliance reports on the SFL and one on a third party. Most of the reports dealt with process violations rather than environmental issues. Two were in the Wawa portion of the Forest.

Members thanked Tim for the excellent one-page summary that everyone could understand.

### **3. *Communications - All***

Don Hall stated that the Sault College Awards night went ahead but he could not attend due to the strike. One of the three recipients of the LCC awards was present at the event.

**ACTION: Don to send Ron the names of the award winners.**

Ron mentioned that he has had no written responses to the LCC Vacancy Ad for the Environment position. Members discussed options and it was agreed that members would make contact with some individuals and Clean North to see if there is any interest. Members discussed the option of posting the ad on the LCC web site.

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

Ron handed out the final expenditure report for 05/06. The LCC had \$163.49 remaining in their account at year end. MNR has not as yet received the LCC budget allocation for 06/07.

## **8. New Business**

1. Ron provided Brad and Mike with the agenda and map for the LCC Workshop scheduled for Cochrane in May.
2. Ron will send out a copy of the current LCC Terms of Reference for members to review and comment on for this year.
3. Received a call from the Independent Forest Audit contractor requesting a meeting with the LCC on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Members present discussed the option of holding the regularly scheduled LCC meeting on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and a separate meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Members agreed to hold only one meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The IFA presentation and discussion period should take about 2 hours.
4. Jeff Hinich suggested that the LCC add another standing agenda item entitled "All Sector Reports". Members would be able to update the committee with events and topics from their sector. All members agreed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 17th at the St. Marys Paper boardroom at 5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments