

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, April 11, 2005 - 5:30 p.m.
Sartini Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, 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 guest speaker.

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 7, 2005 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2005 MEETING

There were no action items.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron handed out copies of the February Forest File from Northwatch.
2. A disk was received from MNR Main Office providing training for LCC members on the planning team. If members would like a copy they can contact Tim Reece.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Guest Speaker - Andre Dupont, MNR Area Biologist - New Fisheries Zones

Andre provided an overhead presentation on a new ecological framework for recreational fisheries management in Ontario. He outlined the new fisheries management zones, the state of the resource reporting and discussed enhanced stewardship. A handout is attached to the minutes.

2. Current FMP Update - Tim Reece

Tim stated that the 2000-05 FMP is now completed and the new 2005-10 FMP has commenced as of April 9th. There are currently some harvesting activities being carried out in the Wawa area but is dependant on the weather situation. Activities in the Sault Ste. Marie have not started as yet.

Ron reported that the comment period and bump up window ended on March 29th and there have no requests for bump ups as of today. There was a 10 day period left for mail to be received and opened at the MOE office which has since expired. We do not expect any requests for bump ups at this time.

Tim stated that Jim Miller will provide the quarterly compliance report at the next meeting. Tim suggested that the standing agenda items - Current FMP Update, FMP Next Steps and FMP Q's and A's - be changed to just one item - Current FMP Update. Gary Raines handed out the final list of FMP amendments for the 2000-05 FMP and final list of the 2004-05 AWS Revisions. He also handed out the list of the 2005-10 FMP Amendments and 2005-06 AWS Revisions. Tim explained that the amendments and revisions for the new plan were for the completion of harvest blocks from the pervious AWS referred to in the manual as "bridging" and one of the amendments was to bring some stands into the new plan for renewal and maintenance.

3. Communications Plan- All

Don Hall reported that he attended the Sault College Awards night and handed out the LCC awards to the three successful students. All three students appreciated receiving their awards.

Peter Burtch thanked the LCC on behalf of White Pines for the financial donation to attend the Lake Superior Binational Youth Forum in May. Peter will arrange to have someone from their group report back to the LCC on the forum.

4. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out a copy of the final 2004-05 expenditure report to all members present. The 2005-06 funds have not been allocated as yet.

8. New Business

1. As per the LCC Rules of Procedure, Ron asked for nominations for LCC chair. Brad Jourdin nominated Allen Prodan. Andy Pedersen seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations put forward. Allen accepted the nomination. The nomination was approved by all members present. This is Allen's third and final year as Chair.
2. The members present discussed the schedule for summer meetings. The members felt that since this is a non planning year that summer meetings could be cancelled. This will be further discussed at the May meeting.
3. Ron asked the members if they would like to change the food menu. Members present would like to go back to sandwiches for the next meeting.

4. Ron asked members what type of topics they would like to have in the guest speaker spot. Some of the topics included White Pines student report, biodiversity, DNR and Canada Yew.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 9th at the Sartini Restaurant at 5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments