

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, April 19, 2004 - 5:30 p.m.
Sartini Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, Chairman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:38 p.m. Allen thanked all the members who participated in the Great Outdoor Show especially Art Osborne and Kerry Sinibaldi.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2004 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2004 MEETING

1. Ron made the ad corrections and Gary made the arrangements.
2. Ron provided members with the current Rules of Procedure.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron handed out a copy of a news release announcing that the week of April 18 to 24 has been declared Wildfire Prevention Week in Ontario.
2. Ron received a letter from Northwatch concerning their Workshop on Ecological Objectives in FMP on Friday, April 30th in Sudbury. LCC members had already received this notice on E-Mail. A copy was handed out to all members present.
3. Ron received a note concerning the Northeast Region LCC Forum scheduled for September 17-19, 2004 in Timmins. A copy of the note was handed out to all members present.
4. Ron received a note from Kerry Sinibaldi expressing his thanks to Tim Reece, Tonya Marsolais and David de Geus for their help with LCC booth at the Great Outdoor Show.
5. Mike Thompson stated that the winner of the LCC Great Outdoor Show door prize was Renee Carriere.

6. Don Hall received a thank you note from Mike Charbonneau who was a student who received one of the recent LCC Awards. Allen attended the awards night at Sault College and stated that all three students were very appreciative of their awards.
7. Don Hall also received a letter from Sault College thanking the LCC for participating in the awards and looking for the LCC's continued support in 2005.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update -Jim Miller*

Jim handed out a copy of the notice for the Annual Environmental & Safety Forum organized by Clergue and the Sault Area Forestry Safety Committee to be held on April 30th. LCC members are invited and those interested in going are to let Jim know.

Jim handed out copies of the 2003/04 compliance summary which included 7 non-compliance reports. The most recent non-compliance reports included Midway Lumber leaving merchantable wood standing and Tom Yarduck constructing a skid trail outside of his allocation.

Operations on the Algoma Forest are currently limited to hauling only. Operations will start up in May with tree marking and some road work in early June.

Clergue is moving forward with FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certification. The Minister of Natural Resources announced that the province is moving to require that all SFL holders be certified by the end of 2007. This is a big workload for Clergue with an audit planned for November of this year. LCC members may be interviewed by the audit team.

Jim handed out the latest FMP amendment list. The newest amendment was approved to include areas for crop tree release. Mike Thompson suggested that last year's crop tree release project would be an ideal topic on a field trip.

There were no new AWS revisions.

2. *LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich*

Copies of Jeff's FMP meeting report for the second Information Centres were handed out to LCC members present. There was some discussion on the success of the Sault Ste. Marie open house which took place across the street from the Great Outdoor Show. Members felt that this contributed to the high numbers of public participation.

Jeff also stated that the next FMP planning meeting is scheduled for April 20th in Sault Ste. Marie.

3. FMP Next Steps -David de Geus

David provided members present with a handout with the summary of the second Information Centres. The summary outlined the attendance at the 5 Info Centres and included a brief summary of the 31 comments received to date.

Three people indicated on the back of their comment sheet at the 2nd Info Centre in Sault Ste. Marie that they would like to be contacted by the LCC Chair. David forwarded the names to Allen Prodan.

Jim Miller stated that the next milestone in the process occurs 60 days after the completion on the second Info Centres. The planning team expects to have the draft plan completed by the end of June. Elements of the draft plan will be presented to the LCC as they are developed.

Kitty Lewis asked if there was still an opportunity to provide input. The Trappers have a function coming up and Kitty would like to provide her members with advice on the plan. Jim stated that there is still time and suggested that the individual trappers could come in to the Clergue office to review proposed activities near their trap lines.

4. FMP questions and Answers - All

There were no questions at this time.

5. Communications - All

Art Osborne stated that Shaw TV is very busy but he would try to get some exposure for the LCC with respect to the draft plan.

Art passed around a copy of the Great Outdoor Show newspaper which included an ad for the LCC. (a copy is attached to these minutes).

The Northern Credit Union gave each Great Outdoor Show participant a gift package at the end of the show. Art made a motion that the package should go to Kerry. The motion received unanimous approval.

6. Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out a copy of the final LCC budget and expenditure report for 2003/04.

7. LCC Rules of Procedure - All

The committee reviewed the Rules of Procedure dated September 2000 and recommended no changes to the document.

ACTION: Ron to change the date on the Rules of Procedure.

8. Election of Chair - All

Ron Reffle called for nominations. Brad Jourdin nominated Allen Prodan and Kitty Lewis nominated Mike Thompson. Mike thanked Kitty but declined. Allen Prodan was elected Chair with unanimous support.

8. New Business

1. Ron reviewed the applications for new members with all members present. Ron also read Kerry's note with his comments on the two applicants. Brad Jourdin made a motion to recommend the appointment of Mr. Peter Burtch to the position of Non-Motorized Users of Crown Land rep. and Mr. Brian Anstess to the position of Environment rep. Paul Foisy seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ron to discuss the LCC recommendation with the Acting District Manager.

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 10th at 5:30pm at the Sartini Restuarant.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments