

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, August 11, 2003 - 5:30 p.m.
Minelli's Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:42 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE July 14, 2003 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 July 14, 2003 MEETING

1. Art sent the letter to the editor in response to the Pembina Report.
2. Art to contact Shaw Cable - **forward Action Item to next meeting.**
3. David provided the electronic copy of the public input form to Art.
4. Art to cost out options for putting the public input form on the web page - **forward Action Item to next meeting.**
5. David to review public comments summary from last plan - **forward Action Item to next meeting.**
6. Ron to call North Bay District for an update on the LCC regional workshop. Ron handed out a copy of the registration form to all members present. The deadline for applications is August 22nd.

ACTION: Members interested in going should fill out the application form and submit it as indicated on the form. Transportation arrangements can be discussed at the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Jim provided members present with the FMP amendment update and the AWS revision update. Jim also reviewed current operations with the aid of an area map. Jim also handed out copies of the compliance summary. There was one non-compliance report in the last month. Mike Thompson stated that one of his contractors put a road in a Broad-winged Hawk AOC (timing restriction). MNR is reviewing the issue.

Jim stated that Midway is currently operating in the Snare Lake area with Dave Zeppa. Dave will then move to the Wood Creek block. Mike Thompson advised the committee that BMWI operations include Avery at Huff Lake and the Pancake West area is completed; Henson is going from the Derouche area to the Shields Township block and the Vixen Lake block; Dumas is nearly done the Lewis Road/Ranger Lake Road area and will be moving to the Hodgins Township block. Mike stated that he is having problems contacting one landowner adjacent to the Carp Lake Road extension.

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that the two Quinn River bridges have been replaced. The Whitman Dam Road brushing will be completed in two weeks and he is looking at gravel for the north end. Blasting on the upper part of the road may take place around August 25th. for about 2 weeks.

Nathan mentioned that the aerial spray project will start in early September. The Curtis Township Seed Orchard is currently being rouged.

2. *FMP Amendment - Brock Lake/Hydro Line Road - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out a copy of the amendment map to all members present and reviewed the information that he had sent out two weeks ago. The Chapleau LCC reviewed the proposed amendment at their meeting on August 6th. They supported the amendment with 2 conditions - the SFL needs to deal with the snowmobile club and an adequate sized notice should be put in the local newspapers for public input.

The District Managers in Sault Ste. Marie and Chapleau have instructed staff to proceed with a joint minor amendment.

Gary Raines informed the committee that the notice for the First Information Centre will be out on August 13th. The notice for the amendment will be placed in Sault Star, Timmins Daily Press, Algoma News Review (Wawa), Chapleau Express and the North Shore Sentinel (Thessalon). The review period will be from August 20th. to September 4th. The amendment will be approved if there are no major concerns. A copy of the notice will also be mailed to the FMP mail lists for the two forests.

Paul Fosiy stated that he has had several meetings with Jim, Kerry and Ron and it appears that all parties are working together to accommodate the snowmobile club. There is a good intention to work together.

Al Prodan stated that there were concerns at the last meeting about the speed of the process. Al said that the motion past at the last meeting was primarily for the support for the Living Legacy Trust (LLT) grant for the bridge. The motion to support the amendment was now moot since the MNR is now proceeding with a minor amendment. Jim Miller informed the committee that Clergue's application to LLT has been

approved and they are now working with Hydro One for their financial support for the bridge project.

Jeff Hinich stated that the policy of providing the LCC with information ahead of time is still required.

Steve Dale stated that he has met with Jim Miller to review the proposed amendment as it may impact remote tourism in the area. Steve stated that since no additional access is being created he has no concerns. As long as the existing restriction signage is complied with then tourism values will be protected.

Paul Fosiy asked Kerry Sinibaldi if he was concerned about the work window for the bridge construction. Kerry stated that the crib work is not in the water and the new span will be longer than the current span. Mitigation measures will be taken as directed by MNR and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

A motion to "support the designation of the amendment proposal as minor" was made by Jeff Hinich, seconded by Paul Foisy and was unanimously carried by a show of hands.

3. *LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich*

Jeff reported that the next FMP planning meeting is tomorrow, August 12th. at the Legion in Sault Ste. Marie. The agenda topics include finalizing the management alternatives and scoring, Martin core discussion, harvest eligibility and the open house plans.

The report for the July 17th. planning meeting is not yet available.

Yana Soroka from MNR Main Office is dealing with the socio-economic analysis for FMPs. She is currently developing a survey in order to gather information from other Crown land users. There is an opportunity for some LCC sectors to get involved in this process. It was recommended that Yana should be invited to a future LCC meeting.

4. *First Information Centre - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out and reviewed the checklist action items for the first information centre. There is no LCC ownership required at the first information centre. Jim hopes to have maps available for the next meeting.

Jeff Hinich asked about placing an LCC notice in the newspaper just prior to the open house. This was done during the last plan. He suggested that the notice from last plan could be used but required to be updated and pass by the Wawa LCC.

ACTION: MNR to revise the notice and send to the LCC for review.

Jim suggested asked the committee to consider their participation in the open house including assistance to set up and take down the display material. The open house runs from noon to 8:00pm.

ACTION: Members to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss a schedule for participation.

There was a general discussion on an LCC booth at the open house. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ron reviewed the options for LCC nametags. The members present agreed on gold metal with a magnet holder with the wording "Algoma Forest LCC" and the name of the individual below.

ACTION: Ron to arrange for the nametags.

5. *Silvicultural Ground Rules (SGR) - Nathan Mudge*

Nathan provided a review of some of the standard SGRs. There are over 2,700 different possibilities for SGRs. At the next LCC meeting we will review the preferred ones.

LCC members asked how we could portray SGRs at the open house. Mike Thompson suggested that one poster could have a pie chart showing forest unit definitions and a breakdown of the SGRs. The detailed descriptions could be in binder if anyone wanted to look at them.

6. *Area of Concern Planning - Jim Miller*

Jim explained that the information for the AOCs are taken from the various guidelines. These form the standard AOCs. There are unique AOCs that are developed for values that are not covered by guidelines. Jim suggested that the planning team will likely use the same ones that are in the current plan.

Paul Foisy asked where do the guidelines come from. Jim mentioned that the guidelines cover off the environmental and fish and wildlife concerns. There are nearly 40 guidelines that address the protection of values such as water quality, steep slopes, moose, deer, fish habitat, various bird species etc. There is a guideline for tourism. This provides information on protecting tourism values.

7. *FMP questions and Answers - All*

Paul Foisy asked what is an RSA. Jim stated that an RSA (Resource Stewardship Agreement) is a business-to-business arrangement between a forest company and a tourist operator. If the arrangement or agreement results in an AOC or any other restrictions to the public then the AOC and/or restriction must be part of an FMP and receive public review before it can be approved. The specific details of the arrangement or agreement are not public information, only the potential AOC or restriction.

The RSA process was a result of the years of conflict between the two industries.

8. *Communications - All*

Members asked that a copy of the letter to the editor concerning the Pembina Report be placed in the LCC record. Al Prodan stated that he has received no negative responses to the letter.

8. New Business

Members present reviewed the possible dates for the next two meetings and agreed on September 8th and October 6th. Minelli's Restaurant has now been sold and will be torn down to make way for a road to the site of the new Home Depot. It will be closed on September 30th.

9 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 8th at 5:30pm at Minelli's Restaurant , 546 Great Northern Road.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments