

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, December 9, 2002 - 7:00 p.m.
Water Tower Inn

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Thompson, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:10 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE November 11, 2002 MEETING

Corrections to the minutes on page 2, under Current FMP Update, second paragraph, last sentence should read "The Ministry would like to fill the Area Forester position prior to sending out the Invitation To Participate."

Corrections to the minutes on page 2, under Domtar Note, last sentence should be in the form of an Action Item "Mike and Jim will review this with Garnet Greenwood and Paul Foisy."

Corrections to the minutes on page 3 under Communications, add to the last paragraph " Brad Jourdin stated that RAC is dealing with First Nations and their next meeting will be on Manitoulin Island. Rob Galloway, Regional Director, is dealing directly with First Nations' participation on LCCs."

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE Nov. 11, 2002 MEETING

1. Mike and Jim talked to Paul Foisy concerning the trail in Gaudette Twp.
2. Attendance for tonight's meeting was confirmed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Ron received a letter from Marc Dube, Kerry's alternate, resigning from the LCC and recommending that Don Iacovino take his place.

A letter was received at MNR addressed to the Chair of LCC from the Living Legacy Trust including an applicant's guide for funding under Program 9: Projects Benefiting Northern

Communities through Fish and Wildlife Resources. The Fund will provide leverage funding of \$1.00 for every \$2.00 from the proponent (cash or in-kind). To date they have funded projects that have replaced unsafe bridges, developed hiking trails and constructed raptor observation decks. A copy of the letter and brochure are attached to the minutes.

Don Hall gave Ron a letter from Sault College Bursaries and Awards Committee stating that the awards night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2003. They are also requesting the funds for the awards by December 14, 2002.

ACTION: Ron to forward payment to Sault College.

Michael Thompson mentioned that the MNR Moose Advisory Committee will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2002. Both Mike, representing the LCC, and John Schreiber, representing remote tourism, are members.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out the FMP amendment update, the AWS revision update and the compliance update to all members present.

Jim mentioned an instance of non-compliance on one of the Domtar operations. Michael Thompson stated that one of the contractor's employees decided to make some extra money and proceeded to cut down 20 unmarked trees. The employee was fired.

Jim also reviewed the FMP Amendment number 41 that allowed Midway Lumber to build a winter road into the non-road zone around Penelope Lake. The amendment calls for the access to the road to be destroyed prior to April 1, 2003 outside of the no-road zone.

2. *FMP Planning Update - Jim Miller and Jeff Hinich*

Jeff Hinich handed out his report on the FMP planning team meeting held in Wawa on November 13th. The planning team is recommending that the name of the new forest be called Algoma. The team held discussions around the different methods for subdividing the unit for planning purposes. The next FMP planning team meeting will be on January 15, 2003 at 9:00am at the St. Marys Paper boardroom. Anyone wishing to go to this meeting should contact Jim Miller. A copy of Jeff's and Joe's report is attached to these minutes.

2. *Communication Update - All Members*

Art reminded members of the Forest Focus program on cable 10. He will have a copy of the entire program on video (1 hour in length) so if members would like a copy let Art know.

Art mentioned that the Great Outdoor Show is coming up again on March 28-30, 2003. The cost of a booth is \$290.00 and the ad in \$195.00. Members should think about the LCC participating as last year.

There was general discussion on a possible theme such as FMP and values maps.

ACTION: Members will discuss at next meeting for a decision.

Members also discussed the idea of an LCC press release outlining issues discussed at an LCC meeting. This could be used as a communication tool to let the general public know what the committee is doing. The committee needs to discuss what gets issued and how it is said.

ACTION: Discuss at the next meeting.

4. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out the latest expenditure report. It appears that the LCC budget is in good shape.

ACTION: Ron to estimate expenditures to March 31/03 for the next meeting.

5 Meeting Locations - All Members

There was a general discussion on future meeting locations. Kitty mentioned that the Trappers Council uses Kinsmen Park which costs \$50.00 to rent. Also mentioned was the Sugar Shack, Sault College and other hotels. Kerry stated that the St. Marys Paper boardroom can be made available for meetings. Franc reported that the Federal buildings are really focused on security and suggests that it should not be considered as a possible meeting site.

Members would like to have one meeting place for the entire year.

ACTION: Don Hall to check out Sault College and report back to Ron and Mike by the end of the week.

ACTION: Ron and Mike to decide on the next meeting location.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1). Domtar Mill - Michael Thompson

Mike handed out a copy of the Domtar press release announcing the closure of the hardwood sawmill on Third Line in Sault Ste. Marie by the end of Jan./03. Mike stated that the harvest operations will continue in order to provide the pulpwood to the Espanola mill.

There was some general discussion around wood commitments and a possible LCC resolution concerning job loses and wood flow out of the community. Mike declared a conflict and members present agreed to meet after this meeting to discuss further.

ACTION: Members present agreed to meet after the meeting to draft a resolution and sign individually.

2). News Releases - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out copies of the latest MNR News Releases to all members present.

3). Algoma Headwaters Signature Site - Ron Reffle

Ron showed members present a copy of the Background Information package that will sent out to people on the site's mail list. If anyone does not receive a copy by the end of next week and would like one then let Ron know.

4). Atlas Consultation - Ron Reffle

The 90 day consultation period for the Crown Land Use Atlas starts tomorrow on EBR. The Atlas is a consolidation of all existing information on land use guidelines and the public is being asked to comment only on the usefulness of the Atlas and the accuracy of the information. The internet site for the Atlas is: <http://www.ontarioslivinglegacy.com/crownlanduseatlas/>.

5). Public Advisory Committee for Waterpower - Art Osborne

Art advised that he had the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Terms of Reference for the Mississagi River water management plan. How PACs and LCCs will interact was subject of discussion at the Regional LCC meeting in Kap.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Kerry Sinibaldi. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday January 13, 2003 at 5:30 pm at Minelli's Restaurant, 546 Great Northern Road. The meeting room is just inside the front door on the left.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee

Attachments