

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, February 10, 2003 - 5:30 p.m.
Minelli's Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Hinich, interim Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:45 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of the new Algoma forester, Gary Raines and the new Algoma forest analyst, David de Geus.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jim Miller and Tim Reece will not be covering items 4,5, and 6 tonight because the planning team meeting of January 22nd was cancelled.

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE January 13, 2003 MEETING

Franc Pridoehl stated that at the January meeting he had asked a question concerning the process for including new values in NRVIS. The process is attached to these minutes.

A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Art Osborne, seconded by Don Hall. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE January 13, 2003 MEETING

1. The local background information on the dumps in Algoma will be carried forward to the next meeting.
2. Ron arranged for the \$200.00 contribution to the Winter Cities Symposium.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron received a note that the next Regional LCC Workshop will be held in North Bay on September 19-21, 2003. (Note attached to minutes).
2. Ron received a note from Sault College confirming the receipt of the \$300.00 for the Local Citizens' Committee Award. (Note attached to the minutes).

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Jim Miller*

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

Jim gave an update of forest operations currently ongoing on the Algoma Forest:

- Avery is on the Mile 67 Road;
- Henson is on the Whitman Dam Road;
- Zeppa is at Snare Lake;
- Lecuyer is at Penelope Lake;
- Dumas is at One Horse Lake.

2. *AWS - 2003/04 Review - Tim Reece*

Tim reviewed the 03/04 draft AWS for all members present. The allocations total 18,000 ha, however they normally harvest 4,000 ha in any given year. The totals include allocations for St. Marys Paper (SMP) even though the plan is for SMP to harvest in the Wawa Forest all year. The allocations for SMP are included in case there are problems in Wawa such as fire. Some of the allocations included in the total are up to 90% harvested but, due to the method of mapping Blocks, the entire area of the block is included. This inflates the AWS depletion total.

The AWS includes 120 ha of site preparation (SIP), 100 ha of tree planting in Snow Township, approximately 900 slash piles for burning (carried over from the 2 previous years) and 400 ha of spraying including 100 ha of ground spraying. There is also some yellow birch crop tree release and 12 ha of renewal and maintenance around Devil's Lake.

The ad for the public inspection of the AWS will be placed in the North Shore paper on March 12th and the Soo Star on March 14th. The ad will combine the notice for both the Algoma Forest and the Northshore Forest.

LCC members can review the AWS in more detail at both the Clergue office and the MNR District office.

3. *2005-2025 Terms of Reference - Jim Miller*

Jim reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for the 2005-2025 FMP which documents the complexity of work to be done for the FMP. He specifically reviewed the sections on the LCC and their responsibilities. The T of R must be signed off by the LCC chairs (both Algoma and Wawa). There was a review and discussion on the Planning Team Mission

statement and the possible issues and conflicts list. This list is only the known items to date and can be added to as the planning process progresses.

A copy of Jim's overheads is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

The next FMP planning meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 9:30 am. If any LCC member wishes to attend they should call Jim for further details.

4. *Communications Plan - All*

Art stated that there is a new LCC brochure in the works and asked about a possible press release for this meeting.

He also asked the committee if they thought that media coverage of our meetings would be recommended. Members had no issues with that proposal.

Art had a tape of all the Cable 10 reports on video. If anyone would like to view the tape they should make arrangements with Art.

The Great Outdoor Show is a go although Ron has not yet received the invoice.

ACTION: Art to provide Ron with the invoice.

5. *LCC Budget - Ron Reffle*

Ron handed out the updated budget summary to all members present.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1). *Winter Cities Symposium - Jim Miller*

Jim attended this symposium and made a presentation entitled "Balanced Development from a Forestry Perspective". Jim stated that there was a lack of attendance at the symposium probably due to the short time available for the city to pull it together and also a possible conflict with Bon Soo.

A copy of Jim's paper is attached to the minutes.

2). *Domtar Mill Update - Jim Miller*

Jim mentioned that Domtar and a potential buyer are in negotiations and that some wood is still going into the Domtar yard.

3). *Memorial for MNR Employees - Allen Prodan*

Allen attended the memorial service held last month for the 4 MNR staff killed in the accident on Jan. 21st. He found the service both tasteful and moving. Allen suggested that the LCC members should forward any suggestions for a lasting memorial for these people to MNR managers.

Ron mentioned that MNR has received many suggestions and a group of staff are working on of them now.

4). Algoma LCC Representation Matrix - Franc Pridhoehl

Franc handed out a draft on reporting back to sectors for LCC discussion. He had been asked on how each member reports LCC business back to their sectors and how their sectors forward issues to the LCC. This item had been discussed at several meetings in the past. There was general discussion on the topic and it was deemed a useful exercise. Art suggested that this could be added to the communications agenda item at each meeting.

ACTION: Ron to add this topic under communications at each meeting.

6. Ideas for the Library - Franc Pridoehl

Franc stated that since the LCC had a few uncommitted funds we could consider donating some books to the public library. Franc handed out a list of possible books that would be a benefit to the community. There was also a discussion concerning a display at the library.

ACTION: Franc to complete the list of books with prices for the next meeting. Members should EMAIL Franc with any other suggestions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Steven Dale. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday March 10, 2003 at 5:30 pm at Minelli's Restaurant, 546 Great Northern Road.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee

Attachments