

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, February 13, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sartini Restaurant**

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**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 not required.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2006 MEETING**

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

**5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2006 MEETING**

1. The members were to review the proposal from the Kapuskasing LCC for a training program for present and aspiring LCC members. LCC members present stated that they support the intent of the proposal but do not wish to contribute at this time.

**ACTION: Ron to send a note back to the proponent on behalf of the LCC.**

2. Members are to review and be prepared to discuss their attendance at the LCC Regional workshop. Allen Prodan will not be at the March meeting but expressed interest in attending the workshop.
3. Clergue sent Paul Foisy a copy of the snowmobile AOC prescription.
4. Ron sent the members the definitions for roads.
5. Ron sent the letter to the Chamber of Commerce - copy sent to LCC.
6. Members agreed on the type of binder required.

**ACTION: Ron to purchase binders.**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron had a call from Angela Anderson, MNR Biologist from the Wawa office asking if the LCC had been consulted on the Michipicoten and Montreal River Water Management Plans back in 1998 or 1999. Ron checked the LCC minutes from those years and did not find a reference to those plans. Members present verified that they could not recall a session on those plans. Members stated that they would be interested in hearing a short overview of the plans and would be more interested in hearing about the public consultation process.

**ACTION: Ron to arrange for a presentation for the March meeting.**

2. Ron distributed copies of the February 9<sup>th</sup> News Release from MNR announcing the new fishing regulations proposed for 2007. This proposal is currently on the EBR for 60 days. The notice included the web site.

## 7. REGULAR BUSINESS

### 1. *Current FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that St. Marys' contractor (Henson) is currently operating in the Butcher Block (Block 7212) and has completed road building and the harvesting and hauling are ongoing. A winter skid bridge is to be installed to cut a 3-4 ha patch. The roads were reopened in the Powerline Block (Block 7201) to resume hauling wood north to Chapleau. The active haul is moving wood east and south to St. Marys Paper, by way of the Ranger N.E., Shortcut, Domtar and Laughing Lake Roads. Wood is also moving west and north to Chapleau by way of the Ranger N. W., Brock Lake and Powerline Roads to the Toll Creek Road and then north to Highway 129. Public inquiries must be cautioned that active hauling is ongoing including weekends. The snowmobile club has been regularly contacted with respect to the trail in the area of the operations. The new trail was checked and the groomer was to use the new trail which will bypass approximately 7 to 8 kilometers of active haul road. The groomer was to check to see if they could groom a trail off the primary road through the power line right-of-way. Signage has been posted along the power line that will be used by both snowmobiles and haul traffic. All efforts will be made to avoid the conflict. A notice was also sent to Halfway Haven for posting.

Mike Thompson stated that Henson has completed harvesting in the east portion of the Kerwin Block (Block 6115) and is still ongoing on the west side. Harvest operations will continue until February 24<sup>th</sup> when they will move to gravel roads in the Pancake Block (Block 6108) to prepare for breakup. Slash and haul will continue in Block 6115 until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the Quemenico Block (Block 6105) Avery will complete harvesting and hauling the entire block this winter. Depending on how early operations are completed, the harvest operations will move to gravel roads in the Joco North Block (Block 6106) or to the Smilsky Block (Block 6103).

Dumas will complete harvesting in the Glendale Block (Block 6502) by February 24<sup>th</sup> with slash and haul ongoing until March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Operations will then be moved to the Leonard Block (Block 6306). The Leonard Lake Road will be plowed up to kilometer 4 and operations will take place along the Leonard Lake Road skidding to gravel. Plowing will commence shortly to provide access for block layout.

Jim Miller stated that Midway's operators are in the Penelope Lake Block and the Bass Lake Block.

Jim handed out the summaries for the FMP amendments and the AWS revisions.

## **2. *Communications - All***

Josiah has been working on changes to the LCC web site. There were several emails from LCC members concerning the "Members Only" section on the web site. Art explained that this was for an on-line filing cabinet for information for members only. From the discussion it appears that this option is not required. Some members asked if it would be possible to check on the number of hits on the web site.

**ACTION: Ron to ask Tracey about web site hits.**

Ron advised the members that, due to the lengthy process required for MNR to place an ad in the newspaper that the recruitment for the Environment position has been delayed. The ad will appear in the Sault Star on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was one call generated from the LCC News Release from two months ago. Art suggested that the ad should be placed on Sootoday.com. Ron will see if this is possible.

## **3. *LCC Budget - Ron Reffle***

Ron handed out copies of the LCC budget to all members present.

## **4. *Election of Chair***

Ron asked members for nominations. Paul and Art nominated Kerry Sinibaldi. Kerry accepted the nomination.

Lester and Brad nominated Art Osborne. Art declined.

All members present agreed to elect Kerry as the new chair.

## **8. *New Business***

There was no new business.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Sartini Restaurant at 5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments