

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, February 7, 2005 - 5:30 p.m.
Sartini Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, Chairman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:41 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of the guest speaker.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Paul Foisy, seconded by Art Osborne. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2005 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2005 MEETING

1. Jim Miller handed out a draft ad which could be revised into a press release format. Jim will redraft and send to Jeff Hinich for review. Jeff will send it to Ron when completed.
2. Ron arranged to have Grant Mitchell attend tonight's meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Guest Speaker - Grant Mitchell - MITIG

Grant is the owner of MITIG which produces a variety of maps for public use. He provided the committee with several examples of other maps such as 1:20,000 township maps which sell for \$15.00 and 1:50,000 maps covering 9 townships which sell for \$20.00. The larger scale maps are custom orders but the more popular 1:20,000 are sold locally at the Trading Post and Joe's Sport. MITIG has a license to produce these maps but requires the road update layer from the forest industry. The very popular Great Outdoor map will be reproduced later this year.

There was some general discussion around the option of producing a map that would cover the Clergue SFL, which is the old Algoma Forest and the old Wawa Forest. Grant is also considering a Wawa - Chapleau map. It appears that the current map will be produced in its current form - old Algoma with the Northshore Forest on the flip side.

The LCC was interested in having their logo and environmental message on the new map. Grant stated that he was willing to include this on the new Great Outdoor map for no charge.

2.2005/06 AWS and Current FMP Update - Jim Miller

Jim handed out the quarterly summary of the compliance inspections and discussed two non-compliance issues. The first one dealt with harvesting in a canoe route AOC which did not result in any impact on the AOC. The Ministry issued a Compliance Order which will require Clergue to site prepare and plant the area. The second issue dealt with the harvesting of trees marked with blue paint (trees to be retained) within a white pine shelterwood/seed tree cut. The company stated that they needed to expand their road right-of-way. The Ministry fined Clergue \$1,000.00 as a penalty. Jim also mentioned that, due to the unseasonably warm weather, the haul has slowed down.

Pat Rosebrook, Tim Reese and Nathan Mudge made individual presentations on the 2005/06 Annual Work Schedule to all members present. A copy of their presentations was not available at time of mailing.

LCC members were reminded that the AWS is available for their review at both the MNR office and the Clergue office. The general public inspection will take place in mid March.

There was some general discussion concerning the company plans to remove all water crossings once the operations are completed. The company is following to MNR policy due to liability issues. Once a crossing is determined by the company to be surplus to their needs then MNR has the option of taking over the crossing or seeking a third party that may be interested in maintaining the access. The committee discussed the option of sending the Forest Council a letter expressing their concerns over this policy.

ACTION: Art to draft letter and get members' input.

3. LCC FMP Update -Jeff Hinich

Jeff stated that the final version of the LCC Summary is included in the Final Draft Plan and there are no more planning team meetings scheduled.

4. FMP Next Steps - Jim Miller

Jim stated that the Final Draft Plan was submitted to MNR late on Friday, February 4th. MNR is currently reviewing the draft specifically the list of required alterations to see if they have been dealt with in an acceptable manner. Once the review is complete

and the plan is approved then there will be a 30 day public inspection period prior to commencement of operations. During the 30 day public inspection period there is an opportunity for requests for individual Environmental Assessments (bump-ups) which are dealt with by the Ministry of the Environment.

Ron Reffle mentioned that the time frame for the MNR review and the public review are very tight.

Both MNR and Clergue are planning for an April 1st startup.

5. *Communications Plan- All*

Art mentioned that there was an article in the paper last week concerning a call from one of the forest companies for the MNR to carry out an audit of the timber inventory. He asked if the members thought it would be appropriate for the LCC to send a letter with their comments. Ron suggested that if the members wished to do so they may want to consider only referencing the local situation. MNR's Forest Division would likely respond to the original request. An audit of the provincial forest inventory would take many months to complete rather than a week or so that most people would be led to believe.

Art also mentioned that there will be a session on the Lake Abitibi Model Forest at the Great Lakes Forestry Research Centre on February 11th.

6. *LCC Budget - Ron Reffle*

Ron will provide the expenditure report with the LCC mailout for the March meeting. The committee has \$4,000.00 left in their annual budget.

Paul Foisy made a motion to increase the committee's contribution to Envirothon from \$300.00 to \$1,000.00. All members present supported the motion.

8. New Business

1. Jim mentioned that the annual Clergue Safety Meeting will be held on May 6th at the Rhodes Arena in the morning. All LCC members are welcome to attend.
2. Art mentioned that there will be a CIF session held on Feb. 15th at Sault College on the Challenges Facing Ontario's Forest Industry which will include Jim Miller as one of the speakers.
3. Jeff Hinich mentioned that the Algoma Headwaters Signature Site will be holding open houses in Searchmont, Sault Ste. Marie and Chapleau the week of February 28th. (See attached newspaper ad).
4. Jim mentioned that the Envirothon field day will be held at Camp Korah on February 25th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Thompson, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 7th at the Sartini Restaurant at 5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments