

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, January 10, 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 5:42 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of all members present.

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 DECEMBER 6, 2004 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2004 MEETING

1. A discussion of a possible press release concerning the FMP will be made under communications later tonight.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron received a note of thanks from Sault College for the \$300.00 donation for the awards night.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Current FMP Update- Jim Miller

Mike Thompson provided members with an update on the Boniferro operations:

- Dumas is in the Silver Creek Block doing clean-up and should be completed in two weeks. He has started building winter road into the Laverendrye Block located off of Second Avenue. The Whitman Dam Road will be plowed all winter to Second Avenue (kilometer 18). Harvesting operations will move to the Northland Lake Block in mid-February.
- Henson is cleaning up the Devil's Lake Block and is also in the Kerwin Lakes Block. He is also hauling from the Carp River Road area.

- Avery is almost completed the Caysee Lake area and is continuing with the Round Lake cleanup.
- Clarida is in Block 24.

Kerry Sinibaldi advised that they have completed harvesting in the Fife Lake area and will be hauling until the end of January. Block 119 has also been completed. The rest of the operations have shifted to Wawa.

Jim Miller reported that the Midway operations include Jim Lecuyer in the Penelope Lake Block and Dave Zeppa in the Wood Creek area.

2. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Jeff handed out a copy of his planning team update from the December 8th meeting and asked members to provide him with comments on the final LCC Summary Report by Friday, January 14th.

Jeff has also sent a note to the Wawa LCC rep. asking for thoughts on a joint session.

3. FMP Next Steps -Jim Miller

Jim stated that there are 610 alterations required which will take about two weeks to complete then the final draft will be submitted. The MNR has 2 weeks to review and then the public review period can commence.

Jim stated that he did not see any “dark clouds” at the moment. The Wawa LCC report has been submitted stating that the committee has an issue with the MNR policy on the removal of watercrossings.

Some allocation adjustments were made in the north end due to old growth targets. There is a commitment in the plan to re-assess old growth targets within the first 2 years of the plan. MNR indicated that the old growth targets were not consistent with the current policy direction. The MNR’s old growth policy changed after Clergue started the planning process.

4. FMP Q’s and A’s - All

There were no additional questions at this time.

5. Communications Plan- All

There was a general discussion on the possibility of creating a press release to announce the review of the final draft FMP. It needs to be released at an appropriate time to coincide with the official public review period notices. It was agreed that both Allen and Jeff would be the LCC contacts listed on the press release.

ACTION: Gary and Jim will draft a press release and it will be included with the LCC mail out for these minutes.

There was also some general discussion on the LCC participation at the Great Outdoor Show scheduled for March 18-20. It was apparent that most members were unavailable

to participate and a motion was made by Bill Vanderburg to not participate this year. The motion was seconded by Paul Foisy and passed by all members present. There was some further discussion on the possibility of the committee producing and posting signs concerning garbage as per the proposal from the last two meetings. Various products and prices were shared with members present. The possibility of reproducing the Great Outdoors Map was also discussed. Members agreed that it would be more effective to provide sponsorship for the creation of a new map.

ACTION: Ron to talk to the appropriate staff concerning the possibility of producing a new map.

6. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron will provide the expenditure report with the LCC mailout for the February meeting.

8. New Business

1. Peter Burch provided a handout entitled "Introduction to the Algoma and Area Region Trails Council". The Council has restructured which has brought in a number of new appointments. The Council is a non-profit organization whose members represent land and water trail interest groups for their mutual advantage. Paul Foisy is the president and Peter is the secretary/treasurer. Peter also passed around a copy of the business case study for trail development and use for the Algoma and area region.
2. Mike Thompson mentioned that Boniferro Mill Works has renewed the collective agreement with their employees until 2010.
3. Jim Miller provided an update on Envirothon activities and requested financial support from the LCC. The members present agreed to donate \$300.00 to the program.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

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

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments