

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, January 9, 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 5:36 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were not required.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Thompson, seconded by Don Hall. Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2005 MEETING**

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

**5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2005 MEETING**

There were no action items.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ron handed out copies of the November Forest File from Northwatch. It also included a proposal from the Kapuskasing LCC for a training program for present and aspiring LCC members.

**ACTION: Members are to review the proposal and provide comments at the next meeting.**

2. Ron had sent out the notice for the 2006 LCC Workshop to be held in Cochrane on May 5-7.

**ACTION: Members to review and be prepared to discuss at the March meeting.**

3. Don Hall received a thank you note from Sault College for the Local Citizens' Award funding.

## 7. REGULAR BUSINESS

### 1. *06/07 AWS Review - Tim Reece*

Tim provided the members with a summary map of the 06/07 allocations and renewal and maintenance blocks. He explained that the proposed allocations are spread out and include approximately 80% of the five year allocations in order to provide flexibility in the operations. The blocks from the current AWS are also included which inflate the numbers since portions of this year's blocks are already depleted.

The silviculture plan calls for the planting of one million seedlings and fertilization and topping in the Curtis Township black spruce seed orchard. The plan also calls for 150 ha of crop tree release, 150 ha of yellow birch site preparation and 3,000 ha of tree marking. There are no plans for aerial spraying, prescribed burns or slash pile burning.

There is a possible issue with the snowmobile trail near Devil's Lake.

The 06/07 AWS is available at both the District Office and Clergue's office for members to review prior to the general public review. If any groups represented by LCC members wish to have a separate review they should contact the Clergue office.

### 2. *FMP Update - Clergue Staff*

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that St. Marys' contractor is currently operating in the Butcher Block and hauling on the Powerline Road. There is very little new snow and they are hauling the spruce south. They are finished hauling on the Whitman Dam Road and operations in that block is suspended. Kerry is keeping the snowmobile club updated.

Mike Thompson stated that Avery is on the Mile 67 Road, Henson is in the Kerwin Block And Dumas is in Glendale.

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. He also handed out a copy of Amendment number 24 (Revision number 53) outlining Clergue's proposal to change the classification of various roads on the forest to primary status. Jim provided some background on the Minister's Forest Council and the MNR's multi-year funding assistance for road maintenance.

Paul Foisy inquired about the change in classification to primary road and the impact on the snowmobile trail. Jim stated that there would no impact. The classification only affects Clergue's ability to apply for road maintenance funds. If the road is required for a winter allocation it will be plowed regardless of classification.

**ACTION: Clergue to send Paul a copy of the snowmobile AOC prescription for review by the club.**

Art asked for the definition of the various road classifications. Paul asked what determines classification.

**ACTION: Clergue to send members the definitions for roads.**

### **3. *Communications - All***

Josiah has been working on changes to the LCC web site. Art mentioned an article in the Sault Star on careers in trades. The committee agreed to send a letter to Chamber of Commerce concerning skilled labour.

**ACTION: Art to draft letter and send to Ron for mailing.**

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

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

### **8. New Business**

1. Allen Prodan requested that the election for chair take place at the Feb. meeting.
2. The members present asked if they could get a binder of some kind to put their papers in.

**ACTION: Ron to look at options.**

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

### **10. NEXT MEETING**

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

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments