

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, June 10, 2002 - 5:30 p.m.
Civic Centre, Biggings Room

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Thompson, Chairman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:37 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of Shaw Cable.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE May 13, 2002 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kitty Lewis seconded by Don Hall. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE May 13, 2002 MEETING

- 1) Don Hall will provide information on the Sault College Awards program later in the meeting.
- 2) Jim Miller will provide information on the effects of herbicides on standing water later in the meeting.
- 3) Art Osborne will discuss options for student involvement later in the meeting.
- 4) Art Osborne provided some information on the cost of producing business cards.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Ron received the notice for the 2002 LCC Regional Workshop.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Guest Speaker - Moose Tag Allocations - Jim Saunders - District Biologist*

Jim provided some background on the history of moose management in Ontario and then focused on the local moose population in the District. There has been an increase in the number of applicants for tags and a decrease in the number of tags allocated. MNR's goal for the moose herd is to ensure a sustainable population and provide hunting opportunities.

Jim reviewed the inventory methods and how the tags are calculated. The tag allocation for 2002 is down from the previous year. He also mentioned the work of the Moose Advisory Committee.

John Schreiber mentioned the plight of the remote tourism operators. In some cases there is only one tag for several camps resulting in some outfitters going out of business. He suggested that each camp get one tag. Jim stated that 10% of all tags goes to the remote tourism industry which is provincial direction and not a District decision.

Jim discussed the tag filling rate in detail which led to some more discussions about options to improve the herd size. Kitty Lewis mentioned the loss of calves to bears and suggested that the moose hunt be cancelled until the herd is larger. John Schreiber mentioned that wolves take a lot of calves.

Jim mentioned that the Moose Advisory Committee is still active and is considering several options.

A copy of Jim's overheads are attached to the minutes.

2. *FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Jim provided some handouts from Monsanto on VISION that addressed his action item from the previous meeting. He mentioned that VISION has a short half life of 45 days. Studies carried out on trout indicate that a high concentration is required to affect the fish.

Kerry reported that the tree plant is completed. They planted 500,000 trees and the cool spring followed by wet weather really helped.

Jeff Hinich commented on the proposed amalgamation of the Algoma and Wawa Forests. He stated that he feels that the unit will be too big and will add complexity to the planning and operations. He suggests that the units should remain the way they are. Jim Miller stated that there are larger forests in the province and the amalgamation will provide more stability to the communities within the area. He also said that the FMP guidelines still address specific forest units regardless of where they are located.

John Schreiber mentioned that the bigger problem will be MNR staff from the two districts and the distribution of duties.

Jim stated that each LCC will look after their own areas in the planning process.

Jim mentioned that MNR has submitted their report for the Timber EA project. It is on the web at www.timberca.mnr.gov.on.ca . Comments are due by June 17th.

The report contains some of the recommendations from the FMP Implementation Project.

There is also a separate MOEE review period. Jim suggested that we should ask Brian Hillier from MNR to be the guest speaker at the September LCC meeting to discuss the Timber EA Project.

Jim handed out copies of "The Working Forest" which includes a map of all the SFLs in Ontario.

Jim updated the committee on the FMP training session that he and Heather Barns held on June 3rd. Jim has handouts of the session if anyone is interested.

The Independent Forest Audit response due date has been set back to the end of June.

Mike Thompson stated that Domtar will start operations in the next two weeks. Currently, Henson is working on the Gimlet Road and Avery is upgrading the Mile 67 Road. They are installing an aluminum arched culvert which is new to this area.

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that St. Marys is cleaning up some wood from last season and planning on starting the roadside spraying project.

Jim mentioned that Midway will be starting in Snow Township next month.

Jim briefed the LCC on the status of the certification process. They are looking at the Forest Stewardship Council certification (FSC). The LCC will play an important role during the FSC audit. Jim's notes on this topic are attached to these minutes.

Jim estimates that the FMP process will start soon with the Invitation To Participate notices going out sometime in October or November.

3. Communication Update - Art Osborne

Art was successful in arranging for Shaw Cable to attend this meeting. They will show the film on the "Plugged In" program on the Cable 10 channel in the next week or two.

Don Hall handed out his report on the Sault College awards program. Members present discussed the options and decided to go for three individual \$100.00 awards - one for each of the courses.

Members thanked Don for his efforts.

4. District Update - Ron Reffle

Due to the absence of several staff there is no update for the meeting.

5. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

The LCC budget has not as yet been received from the Regional Office.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1). Meeting Locations

Members present enjoyed the room with the view at the Civic Centre but we not pleased that food is not allowed. Paul Foisy offered the Sault Trailblazers headquarters located behind the Water Tower Inn. Members agreed to hold the September meeting at that location.

2). LCC Regional Meeting

Ron handed out the notice for the September LCC Regional Workshop in Kapuskasing on September 20 to 22nd. Mike Thompson and Allen Prodan are planning on attending. Anyone interested should contact Mike.

3). Summer Meetings

Members present agreed not to hold any meetings in the summer.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lise Vorlicek, seconded by Andy Pedersen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday September 9th. at 5:30 pm at the Sault Trailblazers Clubhouse located directly behind the Water Tower Inn in their rear parking area. The address is 68 Old Garden River Road. The usual meal will be provided.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee

Attachments