

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, June 14, 2004 - 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 5:43 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made for the benefit of special guest, Trevor Woods new District Manager for Sault Ste. Marie District.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2004 MEETING**

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

**5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2004 MEETING**

1. Question from Peter Burch in regards to "How does input occur" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> last sentence of item # 2 on page 2.
2. Comments for Jim's briefing note on access strategy to be covered under regular business.
3. Comments in regards to communications (weekly articles) to be covered under regular business.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**7. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**1. Access Strategy**

Jim advised the committee that he had received some written comments on his access strategy briefing note from Peter Burtch. Peter talked about some of his comments on the briefing note.

Peter read a 6-point e-mail to the group that he prepared and followed it with a brief discussion. The points in his e-mail were as follows:

1. Conclusions 8,12,and 19 of the MNR's "*Findings and Recommendations pertaining to Liability Assessment - Determination of Responsibility - Planning Implications*" prepared by the Forest Industry-MNR Task Team, October 1/03 were applicable to the strategy as they pertained to the need for public consultation and the inclusion of non-industrial use in the access strategy.
2. Establishing formal tenure with all types trail groups offers security in planning, future use and funding acquisition.
3. Non-industrial uses need to be identified within the strategy as they relate directly to the future tourism economy and residents quality of life.
4. The strategy should consider integrating the future roles of OLL sites as access, or the need to limit access, is an integral part of the future management of the protected sites.
5. Programs such as "Species at Risk" are also somewhat dependant on access control and could also be integrated.
6. In 2003 the Algoma and Area Trails Council released a "*Business Case for Trail Development and Use for the Algoma and Area Region*". The integration of this document into the access strategy should be considered.

Peter concluded by stating that access to Crown lands is multi-purpose and should be viewed more as a land-use planning process.

Jeff had some verbal comments as well on some of the conclusions in the same report.

The two main conclusions from the discussion were that MNR is to conduct a public consultation exercise (open house suggested) in order to develop an access strategy for the District and the assignment of responsibility of the roads between Clergue and MNR. Jim proposes to make a presentation at the next LCC meeting on which roads Clergue does not require in the new FMP.

Kitty expressed her concerns that the decommissioning of culverts and bridges is a major problem for local trappers.

**ACTION: MNR has to address the issue of the Achigan road and the use of the road by the cottagers from Achigan Lake.**

## **2. Current FMP Update -Mike Thompson/Jim Miller**

Mike provided the committee with an update of operations by Boniferro. Avery will be harvesting in Blocks 33, 34 and 102. Henson is finishing the Carp Road extension, hauling out of Block 97 and will be in Block 32. A new contractor (Clarida) will be in Block 24. Dumas is finishing Block 106 and then will be moving to Block 113 and 29. Jim advised the committee that St. Marys will be operating in the NE part of the Algoma Forest this summer/fall. For Midway, Lecuyer will be operating near Penelope Lake and Zeppa will harvesting this summer/fall in the Wood Creek block.

Clergue has been doing some yellow birch crop tree release work this spring in the Bass Lake area and Nicolet Township.

Jim handed out the latest FMP amendment and AWS revision list. The newest amendment was approved to change the harvest boundary of MOU 51 to follow the new boundary of Algoma Headwaters park.

### **3. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich**

Copies of Jeff's FMP meeting report for the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were handed out to LCC members present. The planning team is making progress towards a submission of the draft plan; however, it now appears that the draft will be submitted towards the middle of July instead of the end of June.

Jeff also stated that the planning meeting scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> was postponed until June 23<sup>rd</sup> to allow for final adjustments to the allocations. Allocations will approach 8800 ha annually for the period 2005-2010.

The planning team was made aware at their May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting that the LCC's have discussed Jim's briefing note for the access strategy in the new FMP at their previous meeting.

Jeff presented his latest draft of the Algoma LCC Summary Report for draft plan submission to the LCC members.

**ACTION: Members to provide comments to Jeff in order to revise the report.**

### **4. FMP Next Steps -Jim Miller**

Jim stated that the 60 day comment period after second Info Centres had expired. The draft plan has been delayed due to the extra time required to refine the allocations (NDPEG). The planning team expects to have the draft plan completed by the end of July. Elements of the draft plan will be presented to the LCC at the next meeting in July.

Jim presented a handout from the Terms of Reference detailing the issues facing the planning team and provided the progress made to date. In addition, the Sand River & Frater Road can now be added to the list of issues. The two main issues are the spatial pattern of disturbance (NDPE) and the development and maintenance of an access management strategy for the Algoma Forest.

### **5. FMP questions and Answers - All**

Jim Miller presented a map of the proposed harvest allocations for the next plan. Also, Jim provided some background information (handout of the text from the 2<sup>nd</sup> information centre) on the Sand River and Frater roads and used the map to show Clergue's plans to access allocations east of lake Superior Park(LSPP) in the new FMP.

This generated lots of discussion and there were several questions about the allocations and proposed harvesting operations east of LSPP. Also, there were some questions about the allocations in the Searchmont area.

#### **6. Communications - All**

Art Osborne advised the LCC members of the results of his discussions with other local natural resource partners in providing columns on natural resources for a new Chamber of Commerce feature section in sootoday.com. Art advised that he now has 4 players to submit columns. They are the LCC, MNR, Natural resources Canada (CFS) and Algoma Forest Coalition. Jeff Hinich will provide his FMP summary report as the first article for the LCC. Art will advise the LCC of their next turn.

#### **7. Budget - Ron Reffle**

Gary stated that the MNR funding allocation for the LCC has not yet been received. A copy of the expenditure report is attached to the minutes.

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

1. Al Prodan suggested that LCC should schedule a field trip in the fall and that last year's crop tree release project would be an ideal topic.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Thompson, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 12th at 5:30pm at the Sartini Restuarant.**

Gary Raines  
A/Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments