

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, June 9, 2003 - 5:30 p.m.
Minelli's 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 not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bill Vanderburg, seconded by Kerry Sinibaldi. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE May 12, 2003 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE May 12, 2003 MEETING

The Pembina Report is on tonight's meeting therefore no special meeting is required.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Ron received a note from Northwatch including the May issue of the Forest File. A copy of this was mailed to all members.

Ron also received a copy of a letter from the Lake Nipigon West Area LCC to the Minister of Natural Resources concerning the management of dumps on Ontario. A copy of this letter is attached to the minutes.

Ron also received a copy of a report entitled " Views About Forest Management in Ontario: Highlights from Surveys with the Ontario Public". The report is 26 pages in length. If anyone would like a copy or would like to borrow the report just give Ron a call. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached to the minutes.

Mike Thompson received a letter from MNR thanking members of the district's Moose Advisory Committee (MAC) and disbanding the committee. Mike was our member on MAC. Serge explained that MAC had gone as far as it could and District staff will now push the key recommendations forward.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Jim provided members present with the FMP amendment update and the AWS revision update. Jim also reviewed current operations with the aid of an area map. Jim also handed out copies of the compliance summary.

Kerry Sinibaldi discussed this year's road improvement projects and provided members present with an update on the status of road repairs.

2. *LCC FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out a copy of Jeff's and Joe's planning team updates for the meetings of April 15th and 16th and May 14th.

3. *FMP Q's and A's - Jim Miller*

Al explained that this time slot is available for members to ask Jim Miller any general questions on FMP.

Paul Fosi asked where in the FMP process is land use considered. Jim explained that the FMP is not a land use planning exercise. Land use planning is done at a higher level. MNR prepared District Land Use Guidelines (DLUG) in 1983 and has currently incorporated all the Living Legacy parks and conservation reserves into what is now called the Crown Land Use Atlas. Later this year there will be an opportunity to revise the Atlas. The Atlas is available on the web at

<http://ontarioslivinglegacy.com/crownlanduseatlas/> .

Paul asked how MNR defines a remote lake. Ron stated that in the 1983 DLUG these lakes are called tourism lake and the key criteria is the lack of accessibility. (A copy of the criteria is attached to these minutes). The list will be reviewed when the Atlas is revised. Jim mentioned that during the FMP process, the planning team attempts to maintain the status quo on access to lakes that currently have no access.

Paul asked how Areas of Concern (AOC) are developed. Gary Raines stated that once a value is identified then the planning team reviews the specific guideline and applies the appropriate AOC prescription. Ron mentioned that there currently exists numerous guidelines for values such as Moose habitat, water quality, nests etc. These guidelines have been developed over the last 20 years with public input. The guidelines are considered law since they are linked to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA). Gary mentioned that there are certain emerging values that do not have guidelines as yet. In those cases, an AOC can be proposed by the planning team using the best advice available from the science community.

Allen Prodan suggested that "FMP Q's and A's" be added as a standing item on future agendas.

4. *Introduction To Silvicultural Ground Rules (SGR) - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out several samples of SGRs and reviewed the SGR tables explaining the contents. The SGRs are very technical and include about 250 pages of documents. Each forest unit will include an SGR for every possible silvicultural option allowed under the guidelines. The selection of the actual SGR is made at the Annual Work Schedule stage when all the field work has been completed.

5. *Objectives and strategies - David de Geus*

David reviewed Part B of the new draft with all members present. Paul Fosiy suggested that trails should be placed under commercial tourism. There was a general discussion on whether to put trails on an expanded section 1.2 or add a new section 1.5. There was some general discussion on access management and cultural heritage values.

Kitty Lewis stated that some trail locations are too close to some wildlife areas such as deer yards. Some of the trail riders are harassing the wildlife. Kitty will let Ron know the exact locations.

David also handed out summary forms for public input. Members should use these forms when receiving FMP comments from their sector.

6. *Communications Plan - All*

Art mentioned that the Northwatch letter could be used as a link to our LCC website and, perhaps, our website could be linked back to theirs. They also made reference to a workshop called "Forest Management Planning 101" which can be made available for LCCs and other local groups.

ACTION: Franc Pridoehl to check out the workshop content and report back to LCC.

7. *LCC Budget - Ron Reffle*

A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

8. *Pembina Report - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out a 2 page summary of the report to all members present. The summary was broken down under 6 headings.

The committee reviewed Jim's summary and had a general discussion on each item.

Jim mentioned that several of the partner companies' employees are certified inspectors or are scheduled to take the training. Although it is not mandatory to have company staff certified, it is Clergue's intention for staff to take the course. The key is to have a consistent approach to forest compliance across the Algoma Forest.

Jim also mentioned that the company carried out 89 inspections last year of which 32 were joint inspections with MNR. MNR carried out a total of 41 inspections.

Art, in conjunction with some other members, volunteered to draft a document outlining the information discussed at tonight's meeting in response to the Pembina Report.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Allen Prodan, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 14, 2003 at 5:30 pm at Minelli's Restaurant, 546 Great Northern Road.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments