

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, May 10, 2004 - 5:30 p.m.
Sartini Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, Chairman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:38 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of the two new LCC members, Peter Burtch and Brian Anstess, and the guest speaker, Debra MacEwen.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by all members present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2004 MEETING

Mike Thompson had one correction on page 2, Section 7.1. The second sentence in the second paragraph should read "leaving merchantable wood standing".
A motion to approve the revised minutes was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Bill Vanderburg. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2004 MEETING

1. Ron changed the date on the Rules of Procedure.
2. The A/District Manager approved the appointment of the two new members.
3. David de Geus provided Allen Prodan with the names of three individuals from the FMP comment sheets. Allen contacted one of them who was concerned about the Sand River Road access and Allen left messages for the other two.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron sent out copies of the appointment letters for the two new members.
2. Ron received a letter from Envirothon thanking the committee for their financial contribution.
3. Ron received copies of the latest Forest File from Northwatch.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Guest Speaker - Debra MacEwen, MNR Forest Industry Liaison Officer - Wood Supply

Debra made a presentation on the supply of wood, by species, in the Northeast Region including the projections for the declining supply to the mills. She also discussed how the level of wood supply to each mill is assigned using the MROL. There was general discussion on the reasons for the declining supply of wood and the importance of the forest industry to the local communities. Jim Miller pointed out that several communities in the Algoma Forest are so dependant on their mills that even a small reduction of supply would be critical to their economic viability and their chances of surviving are remote. The LCC should be aware of the impacts of various FMP guides on the wood supply to these mills.

2. Access Strategy - Jim Miller

Jim handed out a copy of his briefing note on the above topic. There was general discussion by all members present on this topic and some recommended changes to the briefing note. This topic needs to be cleared up prior to submission of the draft plan. Several suggestions for improvements were made at the meeting. This includes; In the safety section, "The MNR has indicated that once a crossing does not meet minimum standards that it should be removed or replaced. The sentence "The increased use of temporary bridges will mean that historic crossings, which generally do not meet minimum standard, will not be replaced." This sentence is confusing and should be improved. The final paragraph indicates that resource users will have an opportunity to provide their input into the development of tertiary road strategies. How does this input occur. Members also expressed interest in receiving a final version for circulation to their respective groups.

ACTION: Members to provide comments to Jim Miller in order to revise the note.

3. Current FMP Update - Jim Miller

Mike Thompson stated that operations will start soon in Block 106. Kerry Sinibaldi stated that St. Marys Paper will start grading the major roads.

4. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Jeff handed out copies of the April 20th report. The next FMP meeting is on Thursday May 13th at St. Marys Paper.

5. FMP Next Steps - Jim Miller

Jim stated that the planning team is working towards an early July submission of the draft plan.

6. FMP Q's and A's - All

There were no questions at this time.

7. Communications - All

Art Osborne discussed an opportunity for LCC members to consider providing columns on natural resources for a new Chamber of Commerce feature section in sootoday.com. There was general discussion from members on their availability to provide weekly articles. Members felt that they could not commit to anything that time consuming and further discussed contributing once every three months. Jeff Hinich offered to provide his FMP summary report as an article. This was supported by all members.

ACTION: Art to discuss with other local natural resource partners such as OFRI, Natural Resources Canada and the Algoma Forest Coalition to determine their interest in participating on a rotation basis with the LCC.

8. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

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

8. New Business

1. Kerry Sinibaldi updated the committee on the success of this year's Envirothon. Seventy students participated and a team from White Pines won the competition. The winning team went on to the provincial competition in Tobermory.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 14th. At 5:30 pm at the Sartini Restaurant.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments