

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, May 12, 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 5:40 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE April 14, 2003 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kitty Lewis, seconded by Jeff Hinich. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE April 14, 2003 MEETING

There were no action items.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Ron received the notice for the 2003 LCC Northeast Regional Forum that will be held in North Bay on September 19-21, 2003. More information will be provided when available.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Pembina Report - Allen Prodan

Al played a tape of an interview with one of the report authors and handed out a copy of a newspaper article and a copy of the report's Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations section.

Don Hall stated that the report indicates that when MNR does compliance there are 2 to 3 times more infractions discovered. Jim Miller explained that the report used the non-compliance numbers from Temagami and extrapolated this across Ontario. There was a reference in the report that the company inspectors were "lay people". Jim stated that company inspectors take the government's certification course although

they are not required to do so. Jim also mentioned that MNR has done a review of the forest compliance program. A copy is available if members would like to read it. Jim indicated that he would be prepared to make a presentation to the LCC on the Pembina Report should the committee be interested in this.

Art suggested that the members should think about a special meeting to discuss this report in depth. Kitty suggested a workshop in conjunction with a field trip. It was pointed out that we have poor attendance on field trips. Kerry stated that he would like to read all the material first and then meet later.

It was decided to hold a special meeting on this topic on either June 2nd or 9th.

ACTION: Ron to arrange this meeting and provide several speakers on the topics of the report and the MNR compliance program.

2. Current FMP Update - Jim Miller

Jim outlined the spring activities by the local forest industry.

Nathan Mudge, Silvicultural Forester from Clergue provided an update on the yellow birch crop tree release project, the ground spraying project, and the June 2nd tree plant.

Kerry provided an update on the Living Legacy Trust (LLT) funded roads project. This includes the repairs to the Whitman Dam Road starting on May 26th, the Domtar and Ranger North West and the replacement of 3 bridges and one crossing.

Kerry also mentioned that currently the Whitman Dam Road is not passable beyond kilometre 14.

Jim Miller mentioned that the Boy Scout tree plant took place on May 10th and included 60 scouts. There is an FMP team meeting tomorrow at Minelli's.

Jim mentioned that the 2nd Annual Sustainable Forest Summit will be held in Sault Ste. Marie in early June. Their brochure states that, on June 10th there is a tour on non-timber forest uses at Hiawatha from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm that includes LCC participation. The summit planning committee had not discussed this with the LCC but Jim did make contact in order to bring this to the LCC's attention. All LCC members are encouraged to participate. Jeff Hinich will follow up with the summit planning committee.

3. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Jeff provided a summary of the planning team meeting held April 15-16 in Wawa, which included a discussion on Caribou and an RSA update. Jeff's report was not available at the meeting due to computer problems but a copy is attached to these minutes.

4. FMP Correspondence - David de Geus

David reviewed the process on how LCC members respond to public input. David will provide Public Correspondence Summary Forms to the LCC at the next meeting to assist in tracking FMP related correspondence.

5. *Introduction to Socio-Economic Analysis - David de Geus & Gary Raines*

David made a slide presentation (copy attached) on the factors considered when doing the analysis for communities.

6. *Introduction To Silvicultural Ground Rules - Nathan Mudge*

Due to time constraints, this topic will be put on the next meeting agenda.

7. *Objectives & Strategies - David de Geus*

This document was sent out to members by email last week. David made an overhead presentation on this topic (copy attached). The document is very long and the planning manual requires most of the sections. Members should focus their review on Part B Sections 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2, 3 and 4.

Jim mentioned that the September Open Houses are scheduled for September 15th in the Sault Ste. Marie at the Legion Hall and September 16th in Wawa at the Legion Hall.

8. *Communications Plan - All*

Art showed the display used at the Great Outdoor Show. Members can borrow this display for any meetings or functions.

The committee congratulated Paul Foisy who recently received a volunteer of the year award for his work with the snowmobile club.

9. *LCC Budget - Ron Reffle*

A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Hall, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 9, 2003 at 5:30 pm at Minelli's Restaurant, 546 Great Northern Road.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments