

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT
Monday, November 11, 2002 - 5:30 p.m.
St. Marys Paper Boardroom**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Start time 5:40 pm
- Call to order by Michael Thompson, chair

2. INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions were made by all for the new people in attendance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved by Art Osborne and seconded by Franc Pridoehl

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2002 MINUTES

- Minutes approved by Kerry Sinibaldi and seconded by Lise Vorlicek

5. ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM OCTOBER 21, 2002 MEETING

- Jim Miller sent out the draft copy of the Terms of Reference
- Members were to submit proposals for meeting locations in the new year

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Michael Thompson sent out an email from Soo Today to LCC members notifying them of the Environmental award received by Clergue Forest Management from the Chamber of Commerce.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

Guest Speaker - Dave Kruetzweiser

Topic: Selective Harvesting of Tolerant Hardwoods in the Turkey Lakes Watershed: Effects on Headwater Streams

Dave did an excellent presentation on experiment results from work performed in the Turkey Lakes Watershed. Dave can be contacted at CFS if people are interested in obtaining further information on this topic.

Some Key Points from the Presentation:

- Past clearcut practices are the basis for most published literature
- Most historical studies did not look at pre and post harvest stream conditions
- The usual 30-90 m buffers for streams were not used in the experiment, and harvesting activities were conducted to within 3 m of the stream
- Intensive harvesting (85% Basal Area removal)

- Up to 42% Basal Area removal is unlikely to cause significant adverse effects in streams even in the absence of riparian buffer zones
- Roads were the major contributor to sedimentation

After the presentation by Dave, Jim Miller discussed the use of guidelines for forest management practices. Dave's study will be considered when guidelines are being updated.

Current FMP Update - Jim Miller

Jim handed out the FMP amendment update, the AWS revision update and the compliance update to all members present.

Jim provided information on the roles and responsibilities of LCCs as described by MNR's submission to the Class EA review and handed out a document entitled Room to Grow. The date of the invitation to participate was pushed back until January 2003. The date change was due to changes of Ministry staff, Heather Barns is moving to Forest Management Branch as the Forest Management Guidelines Specialist. The Ministry would like to fill the Area Forester position prior to sending out the invitation to participate.

Terry Taylor is now the District Manager in Wawa.

Domtar

Michael Thompson discussed current operations by Domtar on the Algoma Forest.

- Avery still on the 67 Road, and will be moving to the start of the road for the winter
- Henson in Pancake Lake area, block 99; they will be moving to the Gaudette block for the winter
- Operations in the Gimlet area are complete with the exception of some remaining wood hauling activities, which will be complete in the next couple of weeks
- The temporary bridge over the Gimlet creek will be removed once hauling operations are complete
- A new contractor for Domtar will be operating in small blocks in the Echo Bay area

NOTE: Some concern was raised about the Henson crew using 200 m of Snow Machine trail to access Gaudette harvest Block. Mike stated that the trail would be widened to satisfy the needs of both parties.

ACTION: Mike and Jim will review this with Garnet Greenwood and Paul Foisy.

Midway Lumber

Jim Miller discussed current operations by Midway on the Algoma Forest.

- Dave Zeppa is working west of Wood Creek
- Jim Lecuyer still in the Penelope Lake area
- Site preparation will begin this week and 75 hectares is expected to be treated in the Penelope Lake area
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St. Marys Paper

Kerry Sinibaldi discussed current operations by St. Marys Paper on the Algoma Forest.

- Due to weather conditions the slash pile burning will not likely take place this year
- No harvesting operations are currently underway by St. Marys Paper

Compliance

- No new issues of non-compliance since the last meeting
- Two issues to date; unmarked trees harvested and an access issue in Pancake Lake area

FMP Planning Update

Jim Miller stated that there is going to be a planning team meeting in Wawa on November 13, 2002. The topic of discussion will address the ecological aspects for the development of forest units for the amalgamated management unit. The two possibilities for the name of the new Forest are Algoma and Agawa.

Terms of Reference

Jim Miller handed out copies of the briefing note on the issues section of the Terms of Reference to those members that do not have email or did not bring a copy with them to the meeting. This is a list of possible issues and conflicts that may arise during the planning process.

First Nations involvement in the planning process was discussed as a responsibility of the MNR District Manager. It was also mentioned that First Nations communities are not familiar with the role of the LCC.

Jim Miller also talked about the development of Resource Stewardship Agreements (RSA's) between the forest industry and tourist operators that are members of NOTO. These agreements are not made available to the public. The portion related to forest management activities will be integrated into the forest management plan once the public has had an opportunity to inspect them.

Road access through the parks was discussed. Roads required for long-term access to timber have been identified by industry. Jim Miller and Kerry Sinibaldi discussed that road maintenance is only performed on roads used for wood hauling purposes.

Communications

Jorma Paloniemi has talked to sporting goods outfitters and recreational groups about the LCC. Questions about the recreational use of the Batchewana Mountain area were raised. Art Osborne and Jim Miller mentioned that there has been a good response from the public on the forestry promotional shows on Channel 10. Show times are 7-9 am, 11am-1pm, 5-7pm and 10pm-12am. The next show will be about the Envirothon.

Franc Pridoehl recently attended the Northwatch meeting where several issues were brought up about current forestry practices. The issue of increased communication between the LCC and

other volunteer groups was raised. Cecelia Fernandez (guest) mentioned that members of the LCC are welcome at the Northwatch meetings and can be placed on the mailing list.

Brad Jourdin stated that RAC is dealing with First Nations and their next meeting will be on Manitoulin Island. Rob Galloway, Regional Director, is dealing directly with First Nations' participation on LCCs.

Budget

Michael Thompson handed out the up to date budget for the LCC

8. NEW BUSINESS

Christmas dinner will be held on Dec. 9, 2002 at 5:30pm at the Water Tower Inn. Michael Thompson took everyone's request for meals. Mike also suggested that members decide on a location for next year's meetings.

ACTION ITEM: Members are to talk to their alternates about attending the Christmas dinner and notify Ron Reffle of their attendance and choice of meal by November 22nd.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Art Osborne and Paul Foisy motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2002 at 5:30pm at the Water Tower Inn in the Library Room. The meal will be served at 6:00pm followed by the meeting.

Minutes By:
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Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee