

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, November 14, 2005 - 5:30 p.m.
Sartini Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:35 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of Josiah Irwin from the Algoma Forest Coalition.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2005 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2005 MEETING

1. Ron was to draft a press release for the Environment position vacancy.

ACTION: Ron to draft a press release and discuss with Allen Prodan.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron received a copy of a letter from the Kap LCC to the Minister regarding the LCC budget reduction. (copy attached)
2. Ron reminded members of the Forestry Futures Symposium scheduled for next week. Gary Raines has registration forms.
3. Don Hall received a reminder from Sault College for the Local Citizens' Award funding. Members present agreed to the \$300.00 funds for the awards.

ACTION: Ron to arrange for the funds to go to Sault College.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Sand River Road/Frater Road - Jim Miller*

Jim reviewed the background and geographic location on this issue with the members present. He referred to his handout of last meeting for the detailed information. The owner of the private townships Larson and Loach has the right to gate the road that is being constructed through private land. The wood from Crown land allocations will be hauled to the Frater rail siding for shipment by rail. Jim also mentioned that Clergue will be switching an allocation (MOU 6611) from later in the FMP to the current AWS to take advantage of the new access. The Frater Road can be used for hauling wood if required but is subject to timing restrictions so as not to conflict with the Park's busy season.

The Sand River Road can now be used to transport staff and equipment only into the allocations for a three year period after which the road will be decommissioned.

2. *Forest Certification - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out a summary report prepared by SmartWood, the company that certified Clergue on June 21, 2005. The report contains the conditions and observations made by the certifier. Conditions are mandatory requirements for Clergue to action as a condition of certification. Observations are not mandatory. Jim reviewed each condition with members present.

A few of the conditions are contrary to current MNR policy and MNR is discussing these conditions with all certification companies at this time.

3. *FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out the compliance summary for the period from April 1/05 to Nov. 14/05. There were two non-compliance issues which were sent to the LCC members in the last meeting's mailout. The first issue concerned a contractor not having functioning fire equipment available on site and also not following the modified fire guidelines. The second issue dealt with hauling unscaled timber without the proper authority.

Gary Raines reviewed an amendment request (amendment #6) to revise the High Potential Cultural Heritage areas in the FMP. During the preparation of the FMP the potential cultural heritage areas were determined by identifying all major waterways and lakes and including an AOC on each of these candidate sites. More information and instructions became available to the Algoma Planning Team after the plan was approved. This new information helped to fine tune the location of these candidate High Potential Cultural Heritage Areas. Clergue and MNR worked closely with the Provincial Cultural Heritage Coordinator over several months and have now completed the work.

A motion was made to recommend this amendment as administrative and was carried by all members present.

Jim Miller handed out a copy of the results of the LCC questionnaire on their self evaluation during the time of plan preparation.

The members commented on the survey questions which were poorly worded, confusing and, in one case, duplicated. The survey was supplied by MNR and not Clergue.

4. Communications Plan - All

Jim Miller introduced Josiah Irwin from the Algoma Forest Coalition. Josiah will be updating the LCC brochure and any other handout material. He will work under Art Osborne's direction.

4. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out a copy of the LCC budget report.

8. New Business

1. Jim Miller requested funding support (\$500.00) from the LCC for this year's Envirothon activities. A motion to support this request was made by Andy Pedersen and seconded by Mike Thompson. The motion was carried by all members present.
2. The members present agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, December 5th with a second choice of Dec. 6th. The committee agreed that Gran Festa would be the preferred location.

ACTION: Ron to make arrangements for the Christmas meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Paul Foisy. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 5th.at the Gran Festa Restaurant at 5:00 pm.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments