

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, November 17, 2003 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Royal Canadian Legion**

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**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Allen Prodan, Chairman, was absent. Members present nominated Mike Thompson to chair the meeting. Mike called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:40 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were not required.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Art Osborne stated that Karen Kahtava will join the meeting in progress to make a presentation on the Algoma Forest Coalition website.  
A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Lise Vorlicek. Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2003 MEETING**

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

**5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2003 MEETING**

1. Ron sent out the copy of the revised report to the Trappers Council and a copy to all parties copied on the original letter.
2. Brad will provide a summary of the LCC Regional Workshop under New Business.
3. Kitty will provide examples how trappers' values are addressed on other FMPs at the next meeting.
4. Ron sent copies of the Wheelan request to the LCC members.
5. At a meeting last week, a Sault Trailblazers member who works for an engineering firm stated that the Batchawana bridge on the Hydro Line Road is safe for winter use by the snowmobile club. Ron will review with the MNR Regional Engineer.
6. Envirothon will be discussed tonight under Communications.
7. Ron has made arrangements at Giovanni's Restaurant for the December meeting. The meal will be "family style" so members do not have to pre-order.

**ACTION: Members and their alternates should call Ron to confirm their attendance by December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Members present would like to extend an invitation to Franc Pridoehl to the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ACTION: Ron to invite Franc to the meeting.**

8. Ron sent Franc a thank-you note on behalf of the LCC.
9. Allen Prodan contacted Jorma.

10. Ron discussed recruitment with Serge. Members present discussed the option of advertising before Christmas or after Christmas. The majority of members present agreed that it should be placed in the paper the first Saturday after the new year. All members should see if they know of any appropriate individuals who would fit the “non-motorized users “ sector.

**ACTION: Ron to send members a copy of a letter that outlines what the LCC does and what is expected of a member.**

At the last meeting, Art Osborne had asked if his sector could have an alternate. It appears that he needs more of an assistant than an alternate. Art will explore options through the college and high schools.

## 6. GUEST SPEAKER - KAREN KAHTAVA - ALGOMA FOREST COALITION WEBSITE

Karen is currently a FedNor intern as the Special Project Coordinator for both the Algoma Forest Coalition (AFC) and Ducks Unlimited. Her project with AFC is to update their website and link it to the Forest Management Plan. Karen walked the committee through a presentation. A copy of her presentation is attached to the minutes.

The plan is to have all the material and links available on the AFC website prior to the second open house. They are also exploring a link to the LCC website. The linkages to the FMP and maps would be the first in the province.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron received a note from Kip Bradfield, the District’s Resource Liaison Specialist concerning a proposed Cross-Cultural Awareness Session. (The note is in your package for tonight’s meeting). There is no specific date set for this session. Kip is just checking on interest.

**ACTION: Members are to notify Ron if they are interested in participating.**

2. Don Hall has received the invitation for an one LCC member to attend the annual Sault College Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards night on March 23, 2004.

**ACTION: Ron to discuss with Allen Prodan.**

3. Ron handed out copies of the Moose Workshop poster which is scheduled for November 29, 2003 at the Water Tower Inn. Contact Jim Saunders, MNR District Biologist at 949-1231 extension 243 if you have any questions.
4. Ron received copies of the September “Forest File” from Northwatch. A copy was sent to all LCC members.

## 8. REGULAR BUSINESS

### 1. *Current FMP Update -Jim Miller*

Jim provided members present with the compliance report summary. It includes one new non-compliance issue since the last report from September. There has been no additions to the FMP amendment list or the AWS revision list so copies were not handed out.

Jim outlined the current operations for Midway Lumber. They are operating in the Penelope Lake block and the Snare Lake area. Dave Zeppa will be moving to the Wood Creek Block later in the year.

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that the road work is completed. They could not complete about 2 kilometers of road in the north end but did 5 kilometers extra in the south end. St. Marys Paper has made arrangements to replace the Batchawana bridge next July. Mike Thompson stated that Avery is in Block 102 and will spend the winter in Block 35. Henson is in Vixen Lake/Devil's Lake area and will spend the winter in Blocks 20 and 21 and the Shields/Derouche area. Dumas will be in the Hodgins block all winter. Ron stated that MNR is currently doing some repairs on the Carpenter Lake Road north of the Carpenter Lake Cabins. The work involves brushing, ditching, general road repairs and culvert replacement.

## **2. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich**

Copies of Jeff's FMP meeting report for the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was mailed to LCC members for tonight's meeting. They discussed the open house results and ways to improve attendance.

Jeff stated that the next FMP planning meeting is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Legion in the Sault at 9:00 a.m. Please let Jim Miller know if are planning to attend.

## **3. FMP Next Steps - Jim Miller**

Jim stated that all the attention for the planning team will be around the next open houses that are scheduled for early February 2004.

## **4. FMP questions and Answers - All**

There were no questions at this time.

## **5. Communications - All**

Members present discussed the pros and cons of setting something up at the next Envirothon session in February. Since this session is after the open houses and that the students will be focusing on information that they will need for the competition, it was suggested by David de Geus that a letter be sent to the Envirothon teachers to outline what the LCC is and how it works.

Members present discussed the possibility of having Shaw Cable attend the January meeting in order to provide some pre-open house coverage.

**ACTION: Art to invite Shaw Cable to the January meeting.**

Art passed on some information that he received for the 2004 Great Outdoor Show. It will be held from March 26 - 28 at the Rhodes. The booth cost is \$290.00, the ad is \$195.00 and a door prize is \$75.00. Payment is to be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION: Members to make a decision at the next meeting.**

There was some discussion concerning the Sault Library and their success in finding the appropriate books from our financial donation. The LCC should be getting some exposure at the library display prior to the next open houses.

**ACTION: Art to check on the status at the Library.**

## 6. Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out copies of the LCC budget and expenditure report.

## 9. New Business

### 1. LCC Workshop Update - Brad Jourdin

Brad reported that the focus of the North Bay meeting was access. Most of the attendees wanted access and a few did not want certain areas accessed. It was a very complex issue. The attendees were placed into groups in order to discuss the topic.

The workshop was well-attended by LCC members ( 16 committees were represented) however there was poor attendance from the forest industry. The next RAC meeting in Timmins will also have access as their theme.

2. Kitty Lewis had some concerns on how the forest industry leaves the trails in the area once they remove the crossings. She gave some examples of old trails being destroyed. Mike Thompson stated that, for the example Kitty used off the Ranger Lake Road near the Lewis Road, MTO required the company to make the road impassible as a condition of their entrance permit. He also stated that there was trail access about 200 feet away from their entrance. Kitty also asked about what would be done to ensure traditional access in a location where a 40 foot portable bridge is installed over Gratton Creek. Mike stated that when the bridge is removed the traditional ATV route using the old road through the creek will be left open for ATV access. Kitty asked if the bridge that was being used by snow machines was going to be replaced. Mike stated that the structure was an unstable pallet structure and would not be replaced. Ron stated that any water crossing built on Crown land requires MNR approval.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Hinich, seconded by Kitty Lewis and carried by all members. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Giovanni's Restaurant, 516 Great Northern Road. Members and Alternates can arrive at 5:00 pm for refreshments. Please ensure that you contact Ron to confirm your attendance or provide your regrets.**

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments