

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, October 18, 2004 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sartini Restaurant**

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**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Allen Prodan, Chairman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:42 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were not required.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Allen Prodan added the topic, Regional LCC Workshop to the agenda. The agenda was approved by all members present.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE September 13, 2004 MEETING**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Art Osborne, seconded by Kerry Sinibaldi. Motion carried.

**5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE September 13, 2004 MEETING**

1. Achigan Road issue will be dealt with later during the implementation of the new plan.
2. Members will discuss options for field trips later in tonight's meeting.
3. Art will report back on Shaw Cable at the next meeting.  
**Subsequent to this meeting, Art Osborne advised that Shaw TV plans to attend the start of the November meeting at 5:15pm to interview Allen and Jim. Members are advised that they will be included in the cover shots for the Plugged In item that could run on Shaw TV Channel 10 the week of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.**
4. Ron received no response from Mr. Edger.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Northwatch sent copies of the October Forest File project including a letter a notice for their workshop on the use of computer mode.
2. Kitty Lewis handed in her letter of resignation. She has also notified the Trappers Council of her decision. She has been a member of the LCC since 1996. The resignation was accepted with regret. It was advised by Kitty that Lester Hopkins, President of the Trappers Council may be interested in representing that sector.

3. Lise Vorlicek received a thank you note from John Schreiber in response to the get well card from the LCC. John states that he hopes he can rejoin the committee soon.

## 7. REGULAR BUSINESS

### ***1. Forest Certification - Jim Miller***

Jim outlined the field trip portion of the audit which includes a half day on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the Poplar Dale area; a flight to the north on Nov.2<sup>nd</sup>; a full day road trip to the Ranger Lake area on Nov.3<sup>rd</sup> and a full day road trip in the Carp Road and Mile 67 Road area on Nov.4<sup>th</sup>. Jim invited members to attend on the road portions of the audit. Allen Prodan will attend the flight portion of the audit.

Jim reminded members that there is an open house on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Water Tower from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

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

Jim handed out a summary of the compliance report which summarizes all compliance inspections from April 1, 2004 to present. There were 6 issues of non-compliance; 3 for St. Marys Paper, 2 for Bonifero and one for Tom Yarduk (an overlapping license on the SFL). Kerry Sinibaldi and Mike Thompson reviewed each of their respective issues for the committee. There were no additional FMP amendments since the last meeting. A copy of the AWS revision list is attached to these minutes. Kerry mentioned that the Batchawana Bridge is now completed.

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

Jeff stated that the next FMP meeting will be held on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> in the St. Marys Paper boardroom at 9:00am.

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

Jim stated that the list of required alterations have been received by Clergue from MNR. The list includes 607 alterations which are about average for a draft FMP. The public review periods for the draft plan and the list of alterations is available for public review from October 13<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the executive summary of the draft plan is attached to these minutes.

Jim reviewed some of the more substantial issues which include:

- Road Access;
- Road Use Management Strategies;
- Analysis of Management Alternatives;

- Old Growth Targets;
- White and Red Pine Management;
- Mixedwood Management Strategies;
- Age Class Substitution;
- NDPE;
- Planned Harvest Area;
- Spruce/Pine/Fir (SPF) Volume Increase;
- Prescribed Burns and Slash Pine Burns;
- Silvicultural Ground Rules (SGR);
- Poplar (Aspen) Wood Supply.

There was some general discussion around the poplar supply issue. According to the draft plan, the estimates of the poplar supply are down by 30% which will impact several mills including St. Marys Paper. At the same time, conifer supply is up by 35%. Clergue has asked MNR to assist in sorting out some options for poplar.

#### ***5. LCC Field Trip Options - All***

There was some general discussion around field trip options. The consensus was to leave it up to individual members to contact either members of the forest industry or MNR if they wish to accompany inspectors on specific days.

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

There were no additional questions at this time.

#### ***7. Environmental Posters - Allen Prodan***

Allen mentioned that the Timmins LCC, in a partnership with Crime Stoppers, has produced signs reminding the public to take their garbage with them when they leave the bush as part of their anti-litter campaign.

**ACTION: Art, Allen and Paul will work on a sign project and report back.**

Jim mentioned that we need a common map for the new forest. Currently the Great Outdoors map, which was supported by the Algoma Forest Coalition and MNR has only the old Algoma Forest on it.

**ACTION: Ron to discuss this with the Information Management Section.**

#### ***8. Communications Plan- All***

Art mentioned that the resources column in Sootoday.com is becoming more difficult to meet the deadlines. Jeff mentioned an individual that could provide an article as a guest columnist.

**ACTION: Jeff to pursue this and report back.**

### 9. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out a copy of the LCC budget and expenditure report to all members present. The LCC is in good financial shape which allow the committee to pursue project like the anti-littering campaign.

### 8. New Business

1. Kerry undated the committee on the successful Envirothon event held on Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>. There we 90 students from 7 Algoma high schools in attendance. The day featured maple sugar bush management, shoreline habitat, aquatic and terrestrial ecology, forest site and soils and forestry. They also had an opportunity to learn about rural living and pastimes including gardening, bee-keeping, maple syrup production and agriculture. This is becoming a popular event due to the continued contribution from various partners and teachers. A note from Kerry is attached to these minutes.
2. Allen updated the committee on the recent LCC Regional Workshop held in Timmins in September. Allen, Art, Mike and Brad attended. It was a well organized event with quite a few MNR employees attending. The highlight for many was the field trip which had staged forest operations at various sites. One of the messages from the session was that LCCs may be asked to do to more than FMPs such as Water Power. The next workshop will be held in Cochrane in 2005.
3. Mike Thompson mentioned that Jim Boniferro was recently recognized as the Northern Ontario Entrepreneur of the Year at a recent awards ceremony. The Committee asked Mike to pass on the LCC's congratulations to Mr. Boniferro.
4. Mike also mentioned that Boniferro Mill Works successfully hosted the "Opera-to-go" at the Third Line Mill. Over 600 people attended.
5. Ron asked the committee if they would like to continue to sponsor the Sault College Awards for \$300.00 as in the past two years. Members present were in support.
6. Ron also asked for the members' thoughts on the LCC Christmas meeting location. Several locations were suggested (Franzisi's, Cesira's). The meeting will be held on Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION: Ron to provide details and options at the next meeting.**

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Thompson, seconded by Paul Foisy carried by all members. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. at **5:30pm** at the **Sartini Restaurant**.

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee  
Attachments