

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, October 20, 2003 - 5:30 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:33 p.m. Allen mentioned that the meeting must conclude by 8:00 p.m. because the band practices in this meeting room every Monday night at that time. This may be a problem in the future if we have a long agenda.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made. Gary Raines introduced Teri Winter, Forest Policy Intern from Roberta Bondar Building. Teri will be working at the District office for a while on some FMP projects.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

David de Geus requested the addition of the socio-economic survey forms. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Jeff Hinich. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 MEETING

1. The Whitman Dam Road field trip took place on Sept. 22nd. The draft report was attached to tonight's mailout. St. Marys Paper has already responded to the Trappers Council's letter.
ACTION: Ron to send a copy of the revised report to the Trappers Council and a copy to all parties copied on the original letter.
Allen Prodan looked at other road brushing projects in the local area and found that the results were the same as they saw on the Whitman Dam Road. It appears to be the normal practice. Allen handed out some photos taken of a similar project in Laird Township. Paul Foisy asked about the policy behind slash pile burning. Kerry Sinibaldi stated that the purpose is to recover as much productive forest as possible and also to reduce unsightly brush piles. Jeff Hinich commented that it is important for the LCC to respond to all issues brought up by the public.
2. Kitty Lewis was to check for examples in other FMPs to see how trappers' values have been addressed. This will be postponed to the next meeting.
3. Brad Jourdin attended the LCC Regional Workshop in North Bay.

ACTION: Brad to provide a summary report of the workshop at the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A note received from Paul Glassford outlining some options that MNR is considering to provide LCCs in Ontario with information on the new Class EA for Forest Management on Crown lands. Members present discussed the options and decided that it would be best if MNR provided a video of their presentation and a phone number if members had any questions.
2. Ron received a note from Franc Pridoehl resigning from the LCC.
3. Jeff Hinich received a proposal from Mr. Bob Whelan requesting the LCC's support for the creation of conservation reserve in memory of his son who was injured while working for Great Lakes Power and then died as a result of the August power failure. Members present discussed the proposal and agreed that it was a land use decision rather than an FMP issue. They also commented that it would set a precedent for this type of request.

ACTION: Ron to provide a copy of the proposal to LCC members.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Nathan Mudge*

Nathan provided members present with the FMP amendment update and the AWS revision update.

Nathan mentioned that the aerial spray project was completed and the slash pile burn project should start on October 21st.

Nathan and Gary Raines provided an update on Jim Miller's health and all members present signed a card which was provided by Lise Vorlicek.

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that the brushing project will be completed once they get to kilometer 30 on the Ranger North West Road. They spent two days with the Living Legacy Trust (LLT) review committee and received favourable comments. There are a few trees left to be picked up along with some scrap culverts.

Mike Thompson stated that Avery is at Huff Creek, Henson is in the Derouche/Shields block and Vixen Lake. Dumas is operating in the Glendale block.

Mike also said that BMWI would not be crossing the Goulais River this winter.

2. *FMP Amendment - Brock Lake/Hydro Line Road - Gary Raines*

Gary stated that Brock Lake/Hydro Road amendment has generated one written comment. Jim Miller will meet with the individual once he returns. Gary also stated that the District Manager signed and approved the amendment on September 26th.

Kerry stated that, since the LLT program ends March 31, 2004, he will be discussing the bridge construction project with LLT staff since St. Marys will be constructing the bridge next summer. They have the site survey completed and are currently designing the cribs, however, they are running out of time. Paul Foisy then inquired if the Sault Trailblazers would still be able to use the existing bridge this winter since MNR still has some safety concerns.

ACTION: Ron to check with the MNR Regional Engineer.

3. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Copies of Jeff's FMP meeting reports and summary report was mailed to LCC members for tonight's meeting. Jeff discussed the summary report in some detail. Members present commented that it was a good summary.

Jeff stated that the next FMP planning meeting is scheduled for October 30th. In Wawa.

4. First Information Centres - Gary Raines

Gary provided a summary of the attendance at the open houses:

Sept. 15/03	SSM	General Public - 75 people
Sept. 16/03	Wawa	General Public - 43 people
Sept. 17/03	Wawa Michipicoten FN	- 34 people
Sept. 30/03	Thessalon	- Thessalon FN (with Northshore) - 20 people
Oct. 01/03	Blind River	- Mississauga FN - 6 people
Oct. 16/03	SSM	- Batchawana FN - 13 people

5. FMP questions and Answers - All

Bill Vanderburg asked what happens to tree planting if a company goes bankrupt. Gary responded that the Forestry Futures Trust established under the CFSA provides for the funding of silvicultural expenses on land that is subject to a forest resource licence if the licensee becomes insolvent.

6. Communications - All

Jeff Hinich mentioned that he and Jim Miller produced a note for the Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

Mike Thompson stated that BMWI put out a letter with the info centre notice to the mill employees.

Members present discussed the option of using email notices.

Art Osborne mentioned that Shaw TV is willing to do some LCC filming but only after the municipal election. Art also talked about the LCC press release option. A draft could be brought to the meeting and approved at the meeting for a release the next day. Art stated he would bring a draft to the November meeting.

Art also suggested that the LCC could be mentioned at Envirothon. Kerry Sinibaldi and some other members present participated earlier today at that event. Kerry said that there is another session of Envirothon at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre in February.

ACTION: Discuss options for the February Envirothon at the next LCC meeting.

7. Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out copies of the LCC budget and expenditure report. The \$300.00 has been sent to Sault College via Don Hall for the awards program. MNR did not reduce the LCC budget as part of the recent constraint exercise. Ron asked members if they would like to continue with the LCC Christmas meeting as before. Members agreed and would like to look at other locations.

ACTION: Ron to arrange the Christmas dinner meeting for December 8th.

8. Socio-Economic Survey Form - David de Geus

David handed out samples of these forms which were discussed by all members. Gary Raines stated that MNR has not done enough of this type of work in the past plans and anything we do now would be an improvement. All comments on these forms should be sent to David.

8. New Business

1. Since Franc has resigned, the members asked about the process for filling his sector. Ron stated that the MNR would need to advertise the position. Mike Thompson mentioned that Jorma has been absent from meetings for a long time.

ACTION: Ron to send Franc a thank you note on behalf of the LCC.

ACTION: Allen Prodan to contact Jorma to check on his status.

(NOTE: Allen reported the next day that Jorma is resigning since he is now working out of town.)

Art Osborne asked if his sector could have an alternate.

ACTION: Ron to discuss recruitment with the District Manager.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and carried by all members. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 17th at 5:30pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, 96 Great Northern Road.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments