

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, September 13, 2004 - 5:30 p.m.
Sartini Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, Chairman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:46 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of the guest speaker, Dave Euler.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Allen Prodan added the topic, Sand River Road to the agenda.
A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Mike Thompson, seconded by Andy Pedersen. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE June 14, 2004 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE June 14, 2004 MEETING

1. Achigan Road issue and the use of the road by the cottagers will be deferred to the next meeting.
2. Members provided Jeff Hinich with comments on the draft LCC Summary Report.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Northwatch sent a survey to both Ron and Allen concerning their Forest File project.
2. Ron received some information concerning the Protected Areas Legislation Review. There will be an open house at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday, September 29th from 4pm to 7pm.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. GUEST SPEAKER - David Euler - High Conservation Value Forests

Jim introduced David Euler who is a consultant on contract to Clergue preparing a report as part of the requirements for Clergue's application for forest certification. Prior to David's presentation, Jim handed out a briefing note to members present outlining the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification process and schedule of

events. Jim briefly discussed the 10 FSC principles of which principle #9 is an assessment of forest values and their conservation from a global, regional and local perspective.

David provided the committee with a slide presentation on his project including the history of forest certification. His report is in draft form and he is making a presentation to a selected local audience tomorrow.

Jim mentioned that the FSC audit will take place November 1 to 4th and he would welcome one or two LCC members.

You can check out the website www.fsccanada.org for more information on forest certification.

2. Current FMP Update- Jim Miller

Jim handed out the latest FMP amendment and AWS revision list. There was a question about a revision to remove an AOC. Ron stated that an AOC can be removed if the value that it was there to protect is now gone. Revision 10 removed the AOC along a hydro line since the hydro line had been removed due to the recent upgrade project. The quarterly compliance report will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Jeff was not available for tonight's meeting but his latest draft of the Algoma LCC Summary Report was included in the draft plan submission.

4. FMP Next Steps -Jim Miller

Jim stated that the draft plan was submitted to MNR for their internal review and that the newspaper ad was in last week's paper announcing the public review of the draft will start on October 13th and be completed by December 11th. There is no open house associated with the draft plan review.

5. LCC Field Trip Options - All

A filed trip did not take place last weekend as the company staff would like to hear what members would like to see prior to organizing a trip. There has been poor attendance in the past and company staff are reluctant to make plans without members making a commitment to attend. Ron reminded members that company and MNR staff would be more than happy to provide opportunities for field visits for LCC members. Members can make their arrangements with the individual inspectors. Ron also asked members to consider forming an LCC monitoring group similar to the LCC FMP rep. This group or individual can go out on site inspections and report back to the committee.

ACTION: Members to discuss options for field trips at next meeting.

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

Allen attended the Northwatch meeting held at Algoma University in August which was well attended. He said that they discussed the new Forest Management Planning Manual and how difficult it is to understand. Don Hall, Jeff Hinich and Tim Reece also attended this session.

7. Communications Plan- All

Art suggested that Shaw Cable might be interested in doing another spot on the LCC. Members discussed the possibility of focusing on the draft plan review. They now have lots of background footage and could do a voice-over for a TV spot.

ACTION: Art will draft a script for the next meeting.

8. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out a copy of the LCC budget and expenditure report to all members present.

9. Sand River Road - Allen Prodan

Allen stated that he is getting some correspondence on the Park Management Plan review. Jim stated that the Lake Superior Provincial Park plan is under review that will include the use of the Sand River Road and the Frater Road.

8. New Business

1. Art mentioned that David Edger of Sault Ste. Marie is a member of the Ontario Parks Board. Considering that there is a review of Parks legislation with an open house in the Sault on September 29th we should consider inviting Mr. Edger to the LCC as a guest speaker.

ACTION: Ron to contact Mr. Edger and invite him to the October meeting.

2. Ron received copies of the Annual Report on Forest Management for 2001/2002. Copies will be mailed to each member. If you do not wish to keep your copy then return it at the next meeting since there is a limited supply.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 18th** at **5:30pm** at the **Sartini Restaurant**.

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments