

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, September 12, 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 not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2005 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2005 MEETING

There were no action items.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron received and mailed out a letter of resignation from Peter Burtch.
2. Ron received and mailed out the June edition of the "Forest File" from Northwatch.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Current FMP Update - Gary Raines

Gary provided members with an update on the Midway operations. Dave Zeppa is starting to work in the Bass Lake area for this fall and winter. Jim Lecuyer will be in the Penelope Lake/Vaporem Creek area for the fall and winter.

A note from Mike Thompson stated that Henson is in the Leonard Lake Block (MOU 6306) and has completed the harvesting of yellow birch. Skidding should be completed by the end of the week. Slash and haul should be completed by the end of the month. The remainder of MOU 6303 will be completed next year.

Henson is also in the Pancake Lake area (MOU 6108) and Pipe Lake east (MOU 6109). Both of these blocks are adjacent along the Carp Road system. Two harvesters will be working in this area until December when all operations will move to the Kerwin block (MOU 6115) for the winter.

Dumas is working in the Glendale area (MOU 6502). Operations will continue in this block year round. The snowmobile trail has been upgraded to a summer road and this section will not be used in the winter. There are 5 gangs currently working in this block.

Avery is in the Smilsky South block (MOU 6103). Operations have just commenced and no wood has been slashed or hauled to date. There is one harvester working in this block until December.

Production has been behind schedule due to the heat and fire restrictions. Fuel prices are also having a financial impact.

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that St. Marys Paper is harvesting in the Ranger North area. Harvesting in the Fife Lake block (MOU 7211) began in June and as a result of the fire season the operations were shut down for 6 weeks. There were also some mechanical problems. The harvesting should be completed by September 30th. Slashing/delimiting and hauling will be completed approximately 2 to 3 weeks later.

Harvesting and road building are ongoing in the Scriven West block (MOU 7200).

Harvesting will commence in the East Brock Lake block (MOU 7201) with cutting the road right of way when the Fife Lake block is completed.

Harvesting in the Private Lake block (MOU 7310) will commence around October 1st provided that transportation of wood can be arranged.

Depending upon the movement of white birch road operations in the Headwater South block (MOU 7204) may commence in preparation to carry harvest areas until the winter.

The proposed winter operations have been recently walked and are turning out to not be as typed as the inventory. Alternate areas are being inspected and reviewed with Clergue and MNR. There will be more updates on this later.

A note from Nathan Mudge states that site preparation (SIP) includes 55 Ha in Wawa and 250 Ha in the old Algoma unit which is currently ongoing. Tree planting totaled 1.2 million seedlings of which 90% was spruce and 10% white pine and red pine. There was 458 Ha sprayed by air of which 23 Ha were oversprayed. This was reported to MOE and MNR. A mist blower on a skidder was used to ground spray 140 Ha. Slash piling is ongoing in the north end but there are no plans to burn any this year. Black spruce cone collection is planned for this fall from the Curtis Seed Orchard. Approximately 20% of the orchard was cleaned this past summer.

Allen Prodan asked for an update on the Sand River Road. John Schreiber wanted to know who would be allowed to use the new Frater Road. Jim Miller will provide an update at the next LCC meeting.

ACTION: Jim Miller to provide the LCC with an update on the Sand River Road and Frater Road at the October meeting.

Gary Raines stated that the new plan was approved and operations commenced on April 9, 2005. Changes to operations in the first year are covered off by amendments to the FMP and revisions to the Annual Work Schedule. Gary handed out the list of

amendments and revisions to date and he summarized and discussed some of these amendments and revisions with members present. There were some specific questions from Paul Foisy and John Schreiber on a trail AOC removal and a change to a tourism timing AOC.

2. *Communications Plan- All*

Art Osborne brought a copy of a LCC booklet from the Nipissing LCC which they use for public relations purposes. Paul Foisy suggested that the Algoma Forest LCC should try to get some media notice or press release in the recruitment of new members to fill some vacancies.

3. *LCC Budget - Gary Raines*

Gary handed out copies of the 2005/06 LCC budget and expenditure report and discussed the shortfall of funds and impacts on the LCC. There was motion made by Jeff Hinich, seconded by Brad Jourdin, to have the LCC chairman draft a formal letter to the MNR Regional Director regarding the cancellation of the Regional LCC Workshop and the reduction in funding for the LCC's operating budget. The Motion was carried by members present.

8. New Business

1. Gary was asked by several members to see if Geoff Meakin would be available as a guest speaker for the October meeting to discuss his role in the Minister's Council of Forestry.
2. Members present discussed the vacancy created by the departure of Peter Burtch. Gary mentioned that there were two candidates for the previous vacancies (Non-motorized Crown Land Users and the Environment). Both Peter and Brian Anstess wanted the same position and after some discussion Peter was offered the Non-motorized Crown Land Users position and Brian was offered the Environment. MNR will discuss with Brian to see if he would prefer to switch to the Non-motorized Crown Land Users position. Jeff would like the LCC to maintain the two positions. Kerry suggested that in the interim Brian could cover off both positions.

ACTION: Ron to discuss these options with Brian.

3. Allen expressed interest in attending the Northwatch session on Audits and Monitoring scheduled for October 28th in Sudbury but may decline due to our reduced funding.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Foisy, seconded by all members. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 17^h** at the **Sartini Restaurant** at **5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments