

Nipissing Forest LCC Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2008
5.00 pm, MNR North Bay District Office

- Present:** Andy Straughan, Silvicultural Contractor
Jan Vandermeer, Education
Lorie Reed, Nipissing Naturalists
Dave Minden, Cottagers
Ric Hansel, NFRM Operations Forester
John McNutt, Regional Forester, Tembec Industries
Guylaine Thauvette, Nipissing Area Forester, MNR
Tracey Cain, Public at large
Mary Lou McKeen, Planning & Information Supervisor, MNR
Randy Morrison, Nipissing Area Supervisor, MNR
Roy Summers, Local Cultural Heritage Groups
Elwyn Behnke, Independent Logger
Lloyd Anderson, Access Groups, Anglers and Hunters
Gail Laird (Recorder)
- Regrets:** Chris Mayne, Brennain Lloyd, Tim Toepfner, Doug Billingsley, Jennifer McCourt, Frank Tagliamonte and Dave Joannis
- Visitors:** Kim Groenendyk, Acting District Manager, MNR (part)
Dr. Walter Mark, Professor from California and Terry Dawyd, Forester, Thunder Bay (auditors for FSC)

Agenda:

1. 5:30 Call to Order/ Introductions – Dave Minden (Co Chair)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes of LCC meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2008.
4. Forest Management Planning Items – Lorie Reed
 - 4.1 LCC Self-Evaluation – further changes?
 - 4.2 Tentative Dates & Locations for FMP Information Centres
(North Bay: Sept. 13, Sturgeon: Sept. 16, Restoule: Sept. 17, Mattawa: Sept.18)
 - 4.3 FMP Supplementary Notices - other advertising methods such as paid ads
 - 4.4 Alternatives to Restoule's proposed primary roads – John McNutt
 - 4.5 Areas of Concern – continuing discussion of items deferred from May 20
5. State of the Forest Report (2006)
6. Annual Agenda Item – Review of Administrative Amendments – Guylaine Thauvette
7. LCC Affairs (*if time permits*)
 - 7.1 What's On Your Mind? – 10 minutes
8. Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) postings of interest
Brennain Lloyd
9. Correspondence
10. Other Business
11. Upcoming Workshops/ Events /Training
12. Next Meeting

13. Adjournment

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5.30 pm by this evening's chair, Dave Minden. Round table introductions were made, and Kim Groenendyk, Acting District Manager was welcomed.

2. Approval of Agenda

Additional items were removed/added as follows:

5.1 FSC Audit Report – Ric Hansel

5.2 State of the Forest

5.3 MNR position

Change topic 6. to read "Review of Amendments & Revisions"

Insert 4.3.1 Draft Plan Presentation Primer – Mary Lou McKeen

3. Review and approval of Minutes of May 20, 2008 meeting

Section 4.5 changes to be sent to Recorder by Mary Lou McKeen.

Section 4.4 changes from stabilize road to 'winter only hauling'.

Section 4.3 and 4.4 change 'open house' references to 'information centres'.

4. Forest Management Planning Items

4.1 LCC Self-Evaluation – further changes?

Lorie Reed advised that the planning team did meet in May, but he did not attend.

There was some discussion regarding the interpretation of ranking the self evaluation at the average score of 6, as per the document 'Use of Indicators in Forest Management Planning and Determining Desirable Levels' handed out at last month's meeting. The wording should indicate 'greater than 50 percent' would indicate a moderate level of satisfaction.

Requirements of tonight's meeting will be to confirm the survey questions, and that Brennain will set up the 'survey monkey' online and then summarize the results.

* It was agreed that the survey questions were acceptable.

4.2 Tentative Dates & Locations for FMP Information Centres

Mary Lou McKeen advised that the timing of the dates was fine (North Bay: Sept. 13, Sturgeon: Sept. 16, Restoule: Sept. 17, Mattawa: Sept.18).

Results of the discussion:

- if there are presentations advertised, make sure they are provided (with seating available)
- are presentations required at all Information Centres?
- the current facility being used in North Bay was quite crowded at the last information centre, it was felt that a larger room would be better – Best Western or the Founder's Room at Nipissing were suggested – availability would have to be checked

* It was agreed that there was no need for presentations.

A special presentation would be provided at the meeting to be held in Restoule in July.

4.3 FMP Supplementary Notices

The Communications Committee will reconvene in July to discuss the requirements for the venue of the North Bay Information Centre; the time frame for notices, what kind of notice

would be given (flyer/media advisory), etc. A 'replica' of the Temagami notice will be used as a starting point for the local ad.

4.3.1 Draft Plan Presentation Primer – Mary Lou McKeen

The draft plan of the FMP will be presented at the next meeting. The FMP manual states that the LCC is to indicate how the draft plan is made available for review. The plan will be available mid July, at the MNR and SFL.

The LCC must decide if they want the whole plan or just parts of it, and please let Lorie Reed know what is required. The plan will be available electronically 60 days in advance of the Information Centres, and the LCC must agree or disagree with the general statement of the plan.

4.4 Alternatives to Restoule's proposed primary roads – John McNutt

John McNutt delivered a Power Point presentation on the road alternatives in the Restoule area. One good potential alternative crosses private land, but the owners are currently denying access.

The *Porter Lake Road* has been walked and there are no physical difficulties.

Hwy 534 is maintained by the *MTO in Patterson Township* and access crosses the single lane bridge in Restoule. This bridge is 88 years old and will support the legal load, as tri-axle aggregate trucks are currently negotiating the bridge without difficulty. The MTO will not be doing an engineering study this year. The residents are concerned about the safety issue of the trucks using the bridge, but as the hauling will only be in winter, there should be no summer concerns.

Hwy 522 alternatives have been checked (Clelland Road, Pine Lake, Tucker), but they are too rocky/steep/wet/narrow for use.

There is a private road that is currently being used as a snow mobile road, but the owners are concerned about vandalism, etc. (*This is traditional access, known as Odorizzi Road.*)

There are two roads in Loring, but that would make a long haul to the destination of the wood in Temiscaming and Mattawa.

A summary table to show the road options/lengths/benefits/constraints and issues as well as the benefits to Restoule will be done after the remaining roads are investigated.

Randy Morrison asked John if we could have an update at the next meeting.

4.5 Areas of Concern – continuing discussion of items deferred from May 20

Dave Minden, in discussion with Doug Billingsley, notes that the prescription for the Cottage Lake Area of Concern is totally different from the initial, easy to communicate concept originally put forward. Items discussed were noise pollution, cottage lake associations, qualification of 'active associations' vs 'developing associations', how to qualify for cottage lake. It was agreed that 'association' could be removed.

5. State of the Forest Report (2006)

Guylaine Thauvette presented a summary of the 5 year Forest Report.

6. Annual Agenda Item – Review of Administrative Amendments – Guylaine Thauvette

There were a total of 19 amendments/revisions listed, which is a record for the fewest amendments. (Document breaking down the revisions will be forwarded later this week.)

7. LCC Affairs

7.1 What's On Your Mind?

*Jan Vandermeer inquired about the deer fencing that was installed along the highway south of North Bay, and whether it was working or not to prevent animals on the highway.

*Dave Minden asked for a volunteer to take over monitoring the attendance for the LCC meetings.

*Ric Hansel advised that the NRFM was currently being audited for recertification by the FSC. If there is anyone who would like to take a field trip, please let Ric know. Some of the auditors attended the meeting Dr. Walter Mark from California and Terry Dawyd from Thunder Bay. Dr. Mark advised they were checking the forest practices of the NRFM for the recertification audit for the FSC. There are very stringent standards, and if there are any major faults found, the company would not be recertified.

Randy Morrison congratulated the FSC for getting input from the LCC and the MNR, and asked that any requests for input go through his office.

*John McNutt advised that the mill in Mattawa would be shut down indefinitely *July 10th*. The current inventory of logs will be sawn and the situation re evaluated in August. The Huntsville mill is temporarily closed because of the rain.

*Elwyn Behnke has just found out that white pine lumber from the US is being dumped in Canada and wondering why?

8. Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) postings of interest

Not available this month.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10. Other Business

No other business.

11. Upcoming Workshops/Events/Training

Not at this time.

12. Next Meeting: July 15, 2008

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8.04 pm.