

## Nipissing Forest LCC Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2008  
5.00 pm, MNR North Bay District Office

**Present:** Silvicultural Contractors, Andy Straughan  
Naturalists, Lorie Reed  
Sustainable Forest Resource Licensee, John McNutt  
Local Cultural Heritage Groups, Roy Summers  
Prospectors, Mining Industry, Aggregates, Frank Tagliamonte  
Cottagers, Doug Billingsley  
Public at Large, Tracey Cain  
NFRM Operations Forester, Ric Hansel  
MNR Nipissing Area Forester, Guylaine Thauvette  
MNR Planning & Information Supervisor, Mary Lou McKeen  
MNR Nipissing Area Supervisor, Randy Morrison  
MNR, Mel Alkins  
MNR Species at Risk Biologist, Rebecca Burns  
Recorder, Gail Laird

**Regrets:** Education, Jan Vandermeer; Municipalities, Chris Mayne; Trails, Jennifer McCourt; Environmental Groups, Brennain Lloyd; District Aboriginal Working Groups, Dave Joannis; Independent Loggers, Elwyn Behnke; Access Groups, Anglers and Hunters, Lloyd Anderson; Tourist Industry; Trappers; Wood Workers and Trade Unions

### Agenda:

1. 5:30 Call to Order/ Introductions – Andy Straughan (Co Chair)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes of LCC meeting Tuesday, July 15, 2008.
4. Forest Management Planning Items
  - 4.1 2009 Forest management Plan Update – Lorie Reed
  - 4.2 Summary of Restoule meeting – open session
  - 4.3 LCC Self Evaluation Results – Brennain Lloyd
5. Update on MNR's "Species at Risk" data collection on the Nipissing Forest
6. LCC Affairs
  - 6.1 What's On Your Mind? - 10 minutes
7. Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) postings of interest – Brennain Lloyd
8. Correspondence
9. Other Business
10. Upcoming workshops/Events/Training
11. Next Meeting: (September 16/08 conflicts with FMP Open House planned for Sturgeon Falls). Suggestions for alternative date?
12. Adjournment

### 1. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5.30 pm by this evening's chair, Andy Straughan. Round table introductions were made.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Additional items were added as follows:

- 5.1 Amendment to Species at Risk Plan, Mel Alkins

## 3. Review and approval of Minutes of July 15, 2008 meeting

No changes were suggested for the minutes for July 15, 2008.

\*\* John McNutt/Mary Lou McKeen supplied some spelling and place name updates for the June 17 minutes. A new '*finalized*' version of the June 17, 2008 minutes will be sent out.

## 4. Forest Management Planning Items

### 4.1 2009 Forest management Plan Update – Lorie Reed

Lorie Reed will finalize the LCC Report this week.

### 4.2 Summary of Restoule Meeting

A general discussion of the last meeting in Restoule raised comments about how to handle the next meeting. The following suggestions were given.

Information: need to decide what information is wanted and needed, then access to that information should be available in the community before the meeting (posted at post office/fire hall, etc.). People came with the expectation that they could influence the process, and thought it was open dialogue.

- handout information packages should be available (large print for seniors)

Meeting: provide mediator that knows the difficulties in depth, and can provide guidance during the meeting

- reconsider the presence of the OPP for crowd control
- be better prepared to answer questions
- provide sound system

General: approvals for the roads have not been given yet

- local road boards have not shown concern for the roads for some time as there is already a dangerous situation at junction of roads leading to bridge in town as there is only one stop sign for three roads

- a suggestion for a trail along side of road in questions could be provided for people traffic

- need for safety policy

Next meeting in Restoule: Saturday, September 20, 2 – 4 pm at the Community Centre

### 4.3 LCC Self Evaluation Results – Guylaine Thauvette (for Brennain Lloyd)

Guylaine Thauvette presented the results of the Survey Monkey. An electronic copy of the results will be sent out. The responses received met the quorum requirement in that the results were all over 60%.

\* Thanks to Brennain for doing the work of setting up the survey and compiling the results.

The notice for the next Information Centres has been prepared. Please note that the dates have been changed as follows:

September 30, 2008 Sturgeon Falls  
October 1, 2008 Restoule  
October 2, 2008 Mattawa  
October 4, 2008 North Bay (at the Clarion Pinewood Park)

\* Lorie Reed will send out volunteer sign up sheets.

## **5. Update on MNR's "Species at Risk" data collection on the Nipissing Forest**

Rebecca Burns gave a PowerPoint presentation on some of the field work that has been done in the area recently. Some of the species covered in the presentation were Blandings Turtles, lake sturgeon, Massasauga rattlesnake, wood turtles and milk snakes. The booklet, 'Species at Risk in the Lake Nipissing Watershed' published by the Nipissing Naturalists Club was available for hand out.

Because of a change to the Endangered Species Act, 2007, an amendment needs to be made in the FMP to meet the requirements for the new act. Attendees to the meeting were given handouts by Mel Alkins, and she gave us a brief overview of the new act, and changes to be made to the AOC prescriptions in the FMP.

The amendment is only a text change to the FMP and it was recommended that an 'admin amendment' would be satisfactory.

## **6. LCC Affairs**

### **5.1 What's On Your Mind? - 10 minutes**

Frank Tagliamonte voiced his concern over changes in the Mining Act, and new zones of operating exclusivity for northern Ontario.

## **7. Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) postings of interest – Brennain Lloyd**

Not addressed this meeting.

## **8. Correspondence**

No correspondence.

## **9. Other Business**

No other business this meeting.

## **10. Upcoming workshops/Events/Training**

Lorie Reed will be accompanying Andy Straughan to visit one of the white pine projects.

## **11. Next Meeting: September 16, 2008**

Nomination of a new co-chair will be completed for the next meeting. A preliminary list of required alterations and comments from the LCC regarding the FMP will be discussed.

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7.50 pm.