

## Nipissing Forest LCC Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2008  
5.00 pm, MNR North Bay District Office

**Present:** Cottage owners, Dave Minden  
Naturalists, Lorie Reed  
Education, Jan Vandermeer  
Silvicultural Contractors, Andy Straughan  
Sustainable Forest Resource Licensee, John McNutt  
Trails, Jennifer McCourt  
Municipalities, Chris Mayne  
Prospectors, Mining Industry, Aggregates, Frank Tagliamonte  
Environmental Groups, Brennain Lloyd  
Independent Loggers, Elwyn Behnke  
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  
Public at large, Tim Toepfner  
Access Groups, Anglers and Hunters, Lloyd Anderson  
MNR A/District Manager, Kim Groenendyk  
Recorder, Gail Laird

**Regrets:** Local Cultural Heritage Groups, Roy Summers; District Aboriginal Working Groups, Dave Joannis; 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, September 16, 2008.
4. Forest Management Planning Items – Lorie Reed
  - 4.1 Comments following recent Information Centres
5. FMP Planning Team Up-date – Lorie Reed (15 minutes)
6. LCC Affairs
  - 6.1 What's On Your Mind? – 10 minutes
  - 6.2 Annual Agenda Item – Election of co-chairs for 2008-09
  - 6.3 Annual Agenda Item - Review LCC Terms of Reference
7. Correspondence
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming workshops/Events/Training
10. Next Meeting:
11. Adjournment

### 1. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5.35 pm by this evening's chair, Andy Straughan.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

4.2 Issue Resolution was added.

## 3. Review and approval of Minutes of September 16, 2008 meeting

The minutes were approved as written.

## 4. Forest Management Planning Items

### 4.1 Comments following recent Information Centres

- The North Bay location for this session was much better – quiet, but there was no sign in the lobby to advise people where to go.
- The atmosphere in Restoule was much the same as last session, very emotional and there seemed to be groups more focused on targeting the SFL and the MNR at this meeting.
- The moderator of the meeting in Restoule was excellent, and Tracy Cain would like to recognize Mary Lou McKeen for her excellent presentation and congratulate her on how well she handled a difficult project.
- The pictures in the presentations were outdated and should be changed to reflect current times.
- The Mattawa and Sturgeon Falls sessions were very quiet.

John McNutt briefly spoke to the road options currently being worked on.

There is the private land option, traditional access (preferred), and highway frontage.

Negotiations are still ongoing with owners for private access.

Elwyn Behnke suggested that a gift of the property to the municipality could give future severance options to the owner.

*Dave Minden questioned the process in which communication of one road strategy was changed to a different one. At the LCC meeting on Sept. 16, we understood very clearly that the Hawthorne route was very controversial and that alternate routes were being looked at. Our understanding was that if the Hawthorne route was not viable, and if the routes across private land were, then these other routes would be used instead. At the Saturday afternoon Restoule meeting, there was an abrupt shift, when we heard for the first time from MNR that all routes could be used. This caused much confusion, not only among Restoule residents, but also among some LCC members.*

*Brennain Lloyd supported Dave's comments, and noted that selecting the three roads raises new and additional issues, such as "loops" for recreational road users which bring additional impacts. Brennain confirmed that she had shared other LCC members' understanding that there would be one of the three options selected, and that the routes were presented as options in the draft plan because the decision had not yet been made about which one.*

Ric Hansel advised that 3 road options is a new concept, as there normally would be a primary and alternate road suggested.

The public review of the FMP will be completed at the end of November.

### 4.2 Issue Resolution

There are two issues for resolution:

1. Licensee
2. Access through Restoule (between 50 – 100 applications)

There is a request for members of the LCC to sit in on these issue resolution meetings. Lorie Reed, Tracey Cain and Dave Minden put their names forward.

\*If there are any other members who are interested, please call Kim Groenendyk.

After resolution, these issues must be reflected in the FMP, so the decisions must be in by December 10<sup>th</sup>. A neutral ground will be chosen for the meetings.

## **5. FMP Planning Team Up-date – Lorie Reed (15 minutes)**

There is no update at this time.

## **6. LCC Affairs**

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

Dave Minden asked if anyone had heard whether the fishing on the upper French River had decreased this summer. The Fall Walleye Index Netting (FWIN) has been completed and there is no evidence of any decline in the fish stocks. It was suggested that perhaps the heavy rain fall and the increased flow into the river has impacted the location of the fish stocks this year.

### **6.2 Annual Agenda Item – Election of co-chairs for 2008-09**

Tracey Cain and Elwyn Behnke were nominated to stand for co-chair for the new session.

Elwyn declined but Tracey agreed to stand, and was elected as co-chair for the new term.

Andy Straughan will continue in his position for another year.

Tim Toepfner will now be the alternate for member at large. Guylaine will send out an updated member list.

### **6.3 Annual Agenda Item – Review LCC Terms of Reference**

Dave Minden suggested that in future the annual agenda items of the election of co-chairs and review of the terms of reference be carried out at the June meeting so that this business could be wrapped up before the summer recess. There was general agreement to this change, and Guylaine Thauvette will make the modifications to the terms of reference.

## **7. Correspondence**

There is no correspondence at this time.

## **8. Other Business**

Frank Tagliamonte advised that he has some general geology maps that he would like to supply to the LCC. It was suggested that Frank might like to give a small talk about the geology in the area at an upcoming meeting.

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

Guylaine Thauvette distributed a handout regarding a workshop (The Forest Futures Project – alternative Futures for Canada's Forests and Forest Sector) to be held November 4 at the Monastery, Nipissing University.

Guylaine will also send an informational email regarding a special presentation of 'An Inconvenient Truth' to be held at the Fedeli Centre, Nipissing University, on November 3, from 7.00 to 9.00 pm.

John Sewell will also be speaking on October 23, 2008 at Nipissing University. His lecture is entitled "More than mere words: a useful Official Plan with teeth". Information will follow by email.

**10. Next Meeting:** November 18, 2008

**11. Adjournment** at 6.55 pm.