

## Nipissing Forest LCC Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2008  
5.00 pm, MNR North Bay District Office

**Present:** Public at Large, Tracey Cain  
Cottage owners, Dave Minden  
Naturalists, Lorie Reed  
Education, Jan Vandermeer  
Silvicultural Contractors, Andy Straughan  
Sustainable Forest Resource Licensee, John McNutt  
Local Cultural Heritage Groups, Roy Summers  
Prospectors, Mining Industry, Aggregates, Frank Tagliamonte  
Environmental Groups, Brennain Lloyd  
District Aboriginal Working Groups, Patrick Restoule  
Independent Loggers, Elwyn Behnke  
Cottage owners, Doug Billingsley  
NFRM Operations Forester, Ric Hansel  
MNR Nipissing Area Forester, Guylaine Thauvette  
MNR Planning & Information Supervisor, Mary Lou McKeen  
MNR Nipissing Area Supervisor, Randy Morrison  
Access Groups, Anglers and Hunters, Lloyd Anderson  
MNR Acting District Manager, Kim Groenendyk  
Guest, MNR, Amanda McCloskey  
Recorder, Gail Laird

**Regrets:** Trails, Jennifer McCourt; Municipalities, Chris Mayne; Tourist Industry; Trappers;  
Wood Workers and Trade Unions

### Agenda:

1. 5:30 Call to Order/ Introductions – Tracey Cain (Co Chair)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes of LCC meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2008.
4. Forest Management Planning Items – Lorie Reed
5. Operation Planning
  - 5.1 NFRM Preliminary list of draft FMP alterations (harvest allocations) - Ric Hansel (15 min)
  - 5.2 MNR Preliminary List of draft FMP alterations - Guylaine Thauvette (15 min)
6. Update on Issue Resolution Process for the FMP (15 min)
7. Terms of Reference – approval of changes discussed at last meeting. (10 min)
8. Update on trails and government efforts to control ATV traffic. Trish Moussa (10 min)
9. Compliance / Inspection Reports postponed
10. Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) postings of interest - Brennain Lloyd
11. Correspondence
12. LCC Affairs/ what is on your mind?

13. Upcoming workshops/Events/Training John Sewell Nov. 13+14 cancelled
14. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 2008 (Discuss Christmas Dinner)
15. Adjournment

### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

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

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Add 6.1 Restoule update on behalf of Mark Lockhart

Substitute 8. Education and Training: Biofuels by Roy Summers (Trish Moussa unable to attend.)

### **3. Review and approval of Minutes of October 21, 2008 meeting**

Add to 4.1: 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 also questioned the change of going from one road to three options.

Tracey Cain would also like a change to the third comment 'to recognize Mary Lou McKeen for her excellent presentation and congratulate her on how well she handled a difficult project.'

Change 6.3 last word 'manual' to 'terms of reference'.

### **4. Forest Management Planning Committee Update**

At the October 22<sup>nd</sup> planning team meeting, the measures for hauling through Restoule were discussed to address the following concerns of the residents:

- 3 way stop
- speed restrictions
- Jake brakes
- consideration of timing
- radios on school buses to coordinate information

All these concerns are outside of the FMP and the MNR has no control over how they are dealt with. Possibly the forest industry could set up an agreement with the local roads board to deal with some of these issues.

The next Planning Committee Meeting is Wednesday, November 26 at 9.00 am in the downstairs boardroom at the MNR.

### **5. Operation Planning –**

#### **5.1 NFRM Preliminary list of draft FMP alterations (harvest allocations) – Ric Hansel**

*"Ric presented a general overview of industry suggested changes to the allocations in three main areas. The total area of proposed change is approximately 3000 ha. Main changes have been discussed with Guylaine and Dave Fluri.*

Carry over from 2004 FMP:

The first type, approximately 1500 ha or 1/2 of the total, is area to add from the 2004 FMP that will not be harvested before the end of the plan. In the past this type of area was typically amended into the next plan. The new FMPM allows for bridging operations from the old plan to the new plan, but operations must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the first year of the FMP.

Including this area as regular allocation in the 2009 FMP would allow more flexibility to operate when the conditions are right. There are 4 major blocks:

- Golden Valley area, approximately 300 ha of hardwood selection that was marked a couple of years ago, entire block not harvested
- Block 56, a hardwood dominated area with approximately 300 ha to finish harvesting
- Block 77, approximately 250-300 ha section off Big Brother's Road, mainly hardwood shelterwood and selection, yellow birch
- 500-600 ha white pine shelterwood area off the Daventry Road, was site prepared in the early to mid-90's and is ready for first removal, investment has been made

Question/discussion: How were these areas treated in the 2009 inventory?

- were likely included in the forecast depletion for the base model inventory to reflect how the land base would look at the end of the current plan, for strategic purposes
- for wildlife habitat model, forecast depletions are used to determine the initial condition by which changes in habitat supply are measured
- forecast depletions could include some areas expected to be harvested that were not and vice versa
- **Ric will confirm if the areas were included in the forecast depletions**

Question: If these areas weren't going to get cut why were they not made available to other licensees?

- area were projected to be harvested, licensee intended to operate
- suggestion that if this happens in the next plan that areas be made available to others in a timely manner

Dokis allocation:

Dokis First Nation has identified that they will not harvest in the first 5 years of the 2009 FMP and agreed that their allocation be distributed amongst the 3 other First Nation licensees. Total area of approximately 800 ha, furthest from Dokis, would be removed from the FMP and replaced with approximately 270 ha for each of the 3 licensees as follows:

- Antoine – north of the Papineau Rd., mostly contingency in the current plan
- Madadjiwan – east of Papineau Lake, part of Tembec block 124, in 2004 FMP
- Nbisiing – north of the reserve and west of Hwy 11.

Dokis will retain approximately 800 ha allocation for the second 5-year term of the FMP.

Grant Goulard arrangement:

Grant Forest Products anticipates limited harvesting in the first few years of the 2009 FMP and has made arrangements with Goulard Lumber to harvest a portion of their allocation. The required changes are either a change in phase (first/second term) or switch between contingency and regular allocation. One main block, approximately 250 ha, is a white pine shelterwood area off Hwy 805 that was contingency allocation for Grant that would be switched to regular for Goulard. A similar amount of area in regular allocation would then be put into contingency.

Other changes:

A few other individual stand changes have been requested, and some minor tweaking/ shuffling to other allocations for operational reasons or clean up (example – a small chunk of private land had to be removed from allocation and replaced with another area). Any new area that is not from 2009 contingency allocation or carried over from the 2004 FMP was chosen from optional

*area previously identified on the maps and shown at the information centres as eligible that was not preferred or selected.*

*Dave Fluri would like to see the changes – what was dropped and what added to compare and determine any implications on wildlife habitat.*

*All of the changes have been balanced by forest unit and made digitally yesterday. Today will perform 90/10 analysis on clearcut sizes. If it all works out, the changes will be available for review tomorrow. Mark will provide the draft plan coverage and the final coverage to Dave for comparison and MNR review. The changes to allocations results in changes to the tables, and some Area of Operations boundaries/identifications.”*

Lorie Reed queried why these changes were coming into the plan very late in the process, and Ric advised that the market was bringing these changes about and hoped that an amendment to the FMP would not be necessary.

## **5.2 MNR Preliminary List of draft RMP alterations – Guylaine Thauvette**

- required alterations plus suggestions and editorial comments
- clarify the text
- Parks Ontario has requested that some roads be closed to traffic (these roads will be removed from the maps)
- 60% of the wood has been harvested

A copy of the preliminary list is available from Guylaine. The public comments will be added to the preliminary list as well.

## **6. Update on Issue Resolution Process for the FMP**

### **6.1 Restoule Update on behalf of Mark Lockhart**

Andy Straughan advised that there have been 18 requests from Restoule residents.

- 17 are regarding Hawthorne Drive and have been addressed with letters.
- 1 is regarding Hawthorne Drive and Hwy 534.

Mitigation was offered but was 'politely declined'.

A meeting has been set up by Rick Calhoun for Friday, November 28 in the neutral ground of Powassan, at the Legion for 9.00 am. The agenda contains the following items and times:

Restoule Residents – 1 hour  
Plan Author – 30 minutes  
Dokis First Nation – 15 minutes  
LCC Members – 15 minutes  
Discussion period working together to come up with a resolution – 1 hour

A pre-meeting with residents of Restoule has been organized by Rick Calhoun as well and will be held November 19 to discuss the process of the Issue Resolution.

LCC members are welcome at the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> to assist with the process. Roy Summers, Dave Minden, Tracey Cain and Lorie Reed have volunteered to attend.

There is no update on the licensing issue.

## **7. Terms of Reference**

The discussion from the previous meeting to elect the co-chairs at the June meeting was ratified tonight. Member lists will be updated and forwarded to the committee.

**8. Education and Training**

Roy Summers delivered a very informative presentation on Biofuels.

**9. Compliance/Inspection Reports:** postponed to another meeting

**10. Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Postings of interest – Brennain Lloyd**

Brennain distributed the EBR postings from October 7th to November 18th.

**11. Correspondence**

There is no correspondence at this time.

**12. LCC Affairs – What's on your mind?**

Elwyn Behnke wondered if there would be layoffs at the MNR? The Acting District Manager advised that she hadn't heard anything.

Doug Billingsley wondered if the MNR had any responsibilities about the logging trucks that might be going through Restoule, and how they would deal with them? The MNR has no jurisdiction over the logging trucks.

Dave Minden, representing Cottage Owners, wondered if there is a list of Cottage Associations that might be available through the MNR, and if he would be able to access this? The MNR representatives would check into this and Mary Lou McKeen would discuss further with Dave.

**13. Upcoming Workshops/Events/Training** – John Sewell presentation cancelled.

**14. Next Meeting: December 16, 2008**

The Christmas Meeting will be held next month and will be chaired by Andy Straughan.

The final plan will be placed before the Regional Director in January.

Possible plans to have the K9 Conservation Officer speak in the New Year.

**15. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm 'on the dot'!