

Nipissing Forest Local Citizens Committee Meeting
Location: Inn on the Bay Restaurant-North Bay
Date: June 16, 2009

INTEREST	Primary Member	P/A	Alternate Member	P/A	Others Present
Access groups, Anglers/Hunters	Lloyd Anderson	P	Peter Foy	A	<p>MNR Staff: Randy Morrison Mary Lou McKeen Guylaine Thauvette Norm Dokis – MNR Dave Fluri - MNR</p> <p>SFL: John McNutt NFRM Inc. shareholders Peter Street NFRM Inc. shareholders</p> <p>Ric Hansel – support resources NFRM Mark Lockhart – support resources NFRM</p> <p>Guests:</p> <p>Observer:</p> <p>Recorder: Gerry Van Leeuwen c.c. Peter Street, NFRM Inc. Dave Payne, MNR</p>
Cottagers	Dave Minden	P	Doug Billingsley	A	
District Aboriginal Working Group	Dave Joannis	A	Clayton Dokis	P	
Education	Jan Vandermeer	P	VACANT		
Environmental Groups	Jan Vandermeer	P	Brennain Lloyd	P	
Independent Loggers	Elwyn Behnke	P	Blayne Behnke	A	
Local Cultural Heritage Groups	Roy Summers	P	VACANT		
Municipalities, Chmbrs of Comm, Econ. Development	Chris Mayne	P	Sarah Campbell	A	
Naturalists	Lorie Reed	P	Roy Summers	P	
Prospectors, Mining/Aggregates	Frank Tagliamonte	P	Mike Roxborough	A	
Public at Large	Tracey Cain	P	Tim Toepfner	P	
Silvicultural Contractors	Andy Straughan	P	VACANT		
Tourist Industry	VACANT		VACANT		
Trails	Jennifer McCourt	P	Tracey Cain	P	
Trappers & Baitfish	VACANT		VACANT		
Wood Workers/Trade Unions	VACANT		VACANT		

Agenda

1. Call to order and Introductions – Andy Straughan (Co-chair)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2009 LCC meeting
4. Review of LCC “Terms of Reference”
5. Election/Re-Election of Co-Chairs
6. Environmental Bill of Rights postings of interest – Brennain Lloyd
7. Correspondence
8. LCC Affairs – What’s on your mind? – 10 min. (if time permits)
9. Upcoming Workshops/Events/Training – (MNR/ALL)
10. Next Meeting – September 15, 2009
11. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by co-chair Andy Straughan. We had a large turn out for this final meeting of the season, and all were asked to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2009 LCC Meeting

The Minutes of the May 19, 2009 LCC were approved as submitted.

4. Review of LCC Terms of Reference

As previously discussed, the Terms of Reference still reflected that this group meets on the third Thursday of every month.

Present Wording:

Terms of Reference

5) Procedural matters

- a) *Meetings will be held in the evening of the third Thursday of every second month, or as required. These meetings will include at least 2 visits per year to resource management operations.*

Change of wording recommended by member Dave Minden

- a) *Meetings will be held in the evening of the third Tuesday of every month, excluding July and August, or as required. These meetings will include at least 2 visits per year to resource management or related operations.*

The consensus of those present was that this wording be adopted into the Terms of Reference.

It was revealed that this change had actually been approved by LCC at a meeting last year and that these changes to the terms of reference document had simply been overlooked. Guylaine Thauvette will undertake to make the change to the main document.

5. Election/Re-election of Co-Chairs

Both Andy Straughan and Tracey Cain expressed an interest in remaining involved as co-chairs of our group. No other members expressed interest in taking on these positions at this time so both were acclaimed to these posts for another year. Congratulations and thanks to you both.

6. Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) postings of interest – Brennain Lloyd (Attachment 1 – EBR Postings April, May, June 2009)

Brennain provided and summarized a handout of the EBR postings felt to be of most interest to the LCC, over the past three months.

7. Correspondence

No new correspondence received

8. L.C.C. Affairs – What's on Your Mind

-Frank Tagliamonte commented on the excellent field trip to the Gurd Twp. Research site at our last meeting. He observed that tending the forest stands at the site resulted in increased wood fibre production and wondered if the same results could be had by carrying out these methods in currently logged forests. Peter Street (NFRM Inc.) stated that such techniques were generally effective when practised on forest stands less than 60 years of age.

-Lorie Reed had just returned from vacation and advised the group of the two very old forest types he had visited on his travels to California. He described the Giant Sequoias and Coastal Redwoods for us, stating that some of these trees are several thousand years old and up to 389 feet tall!

-Guylaine Thauvette advised the group that she had made up one hundred multi-purpose cards that LCC could use for notes of thanks or condolence as required. (NOTE: The decision to make up such cards had been made at our March 17, 2009 meeting).

-Dave Minden asked for an update on the status of the MNR office door. Randy Morrison advised that the main entrance to the building was no longer locked during business hours but that the public still needed an appointment with an MNR staff person in order to gain access to both staff and any information being sought.

-LCC presented retiring MNR supervisor Randy Morrison with a card and gift to thank him for his many years of assistance to the LCC.

Randy commented on the high degree of talent the LCC members brought to the table and how much he had enjoyed working with this group. He advised us that his position would be filled for a time with acting supervisors, to allow some deserving staff the opportunity to become familiar with the role, before a final candidate would be selected.

-Peter Street also thanked the LCC for their professionalism and input into the creation of the Nipissing Forest Management Plan, and wished all a relaxing summer.

9. Upcoming Workshops/Events/Training

Randy Morrison again reminded the group that the Regional LCC workshop would be held September 11-13, 2009 in Sudbury and that MNR had received interest to attend from Lorie Reed and Roy Summers, to date. Elwyn Behnke, asked if he might attend as well, intending to speak to the issues of access for the forest industry so that a Hawthorne Drive issue could perhaps be avoided in future. Randy will forward all three names to the workshop organizers this week.

(UPDATE: Names forwarded to the region on June 17, 2009).

10. Next Meeting – September 15, 2009 – MNR building 5:00 p.m.

Brennain suggested that it might be interesting to have Peter Street or Mark Lockhart present the highlights of the Sudbury Forest Mgmt. Plan at a future meeting. The co-chairs and Peter will determine if this might be an appropriate topic for our September agenda.

11. Adjournment – 6:25 p.m.

Ministry of Natural Resources EBR Postings of Interest

May 16 to June 16, 2009

Registry Number	Ministry Reference Number	Title or Proponent	Type	Published Date
<u>010-6904</u>	FSD CHA 03/09	Major Amendment to the Martel Forest Management Plan for the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2026 – Public Information Centre and 30-day Review	Information Notice	June 12, 2009
<p>The purpose of the amendment is to adjust the harvest allocation to meet the available harvest allocation in the selected management alternative for the 2006-2026 FMP. This additional area is required to meet the volume requirements of the Chapleau sawmill. Public Information session scheduled for July 14th in Chapleau.</p>				
<u>XB07E2005</u>	FSD TIM 01/07	Forest Management Plan for the Romeo Malette Forest for the 10-year period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2019 – Public Inspection of Approved Plan	Information Notice	June 11, 2009
<p>MNR has approved the Romeo Malette FMP. Ten year planned harvest area projected: 44,933 ha. Total site preparation area forecast projected: 26,524 ha. There are 65.9 km of primary roads planned for construction and 56.7 km of branch roads planned</p>				
<u>010-6708</u>	NRMD LWB 03/09	Approval and Permitting Requirements Document for Renewable Energy Projects	Policy Proposal	June 09, 2009
<p>The Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009, was passed in the Legislature on May 14, 2009. The Act places a priority on expanding Ontario's use of clean and renewable sources of energy including wind, water, solar, biomass and biogas power. The notice informs the public of the opportunity to comment on the Ministry of Natural Resources' proposed Approval and Permitting Requirements Document for Renewable Energy Projects. Deadline for comment is July 24, 2009</p>				
<u>010-6624</u>	SIRD FN 01/09	An Act with respect to land use planning and protection in the Far North	Act Proposal	June 03, 2009
<p>The proposed bill would enable community-based land use planning in the Far North in partnership with Far North First Nations that supports environmental, social and economic objectives for land use planning for the peoples of Ontario. The proposed bill sets out a legislative framework for land use planning that includes direction on provincial planning objectives, the development of community-based land use plans, and the creation of a Far North land use strategy. Comment by August 4th</p>				
<u>010-5853</u>	CMD PPCB 01/09	Updated (second edition) Natural Heritage Reference Manual: Natural Heritage Protection through the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005	Policy Proposal	May 28, 2009
<p>The second edition Natural Heritage Reference Manual is a supporting document to the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 (PPS, 2005), which came into effect on March 1, 2005. The second edition Natural Heritage Reference Manual provides technical guidance for implementing the natural heritage policies of the PPS, 2005 and represents the Ontario government's recommended approaches and criteria for being consistent with the PPS, 2005 to protect natural heritage features and natural heritage systems in Ontario. Comment by July 27, 2009.</p>				
<u>010-6133</u>	FSD SUD 01/09	Re-designation of four forest reserves in MNR Sudbury District to remove overlaps of recommended protected areas and pre-existing mining lands (Amendment #2008-01)	Policy Proposal	May 27, 2009

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According to the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy (1999) the four forest reserves in this amendment were to become (or become parts of) a conservation reserve or provincial park. In accordance with the disentanglement strategy, MNR is now proposing to remove the four forest reserves' status and re-designate the areas as enhanced management area or general use area in order to proceed with mining disentanglement in the Sudbury District. The following forest reserves will be dropped and additional hectares will be added to the enhanced management areas (EMA) and general use areas (GUA) : F208 Vermilion River Delta re-designated as an addition to G2051; Blezard Valley/Hagar-St- (Dowling/Fairbank) Charles/Alban/Noelville/Burwash/Wanup and E180n Vermilion River F179 Capreol/Hanmer Delta re-designated as an addition to E180n Vermilion River ; F212 Shakespeare Forest re-designated as an addition to G2034 Lower Massey Tote Road ; F206 Centre Creek Old Growth White Pine redesignated as an addition to G2048 Venetian Lake/Ministic Lake. The four disentanglement sites are located in the Sudbury District. One site is located in the Northshore Forest Management Unit, one in the Spanish Forest Management Unit, and two are located in the Sudbury Forest Management Unit. Future CLUPA amendments will include replacement geography for F212 and F206. Comment by July 13, 2009.

<u>XB04E6008</u>	NRMD 28/04	2009 Bear Wise Program for Reducing Human-Bear Conflicts	Information Notice	May 27, 2009
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At this time, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is not proposing any specific policy proposal subject to the requirements of EBR. Any future policies or regulatory proposals regarding human-bear conflicts or bear management will be posted on the EBR Registry for further public review and comment as required. No comment deadline.

Ministry of Natural Resources EBR Postings of Interest Policy Postings for March – May, 2009

Registry #	Ministry Ref #	Title or Proponent	Type	Published Date
<u>010-6490</u>	NRMD SARB 04/09	Amendments to the General Regulation (Ontario Regulation 242/08) under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 to prescribe the habitat for nine species at risk	Regulation Proposal	May 15, 2009

Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA 2007) prohibits the damage or destruction of the habitat of species classified as endangered or threatened on the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List in Ontario Regulation 230/08. Under the ESA 2007, "habitat" is defined as either an area on which a species depends directly or indirectly to carry on its life processes (based on the general definition in clause 2(1)(b) of the Act) or the area prescribed for the species in a habitat regulation (clause 2(1)(a)). The government of Ontario made a commitment to regulate the habitat for the following ten species at risk by June 30, 2009: American Badger, Barn Owl, Eastern Prairie Fringed-orchid, Engelmann's Quillwort, Few-flowered Club-rush, Jefferson Salamander, Peregrine Falcon, Western Silvery Aster, Wood Turtle, and Woodland Caribou (forest-dwelling boreal population). Woodland Caribou (Forest-dwelling boreal population) will be addressed through a subsequent regulation proposal notice. Deadline for comment was June 15, 2009.

<u>010-4421</u>	NRMD SAR 02/08	Development of MNR policy to guide Woodland Caribou conservation and recovery efforts in Ontario	Policy Proposal	April 27, 2009
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The draft Caribou Conservation Plan is being developed to meet the requirements under subsection 11(8) of the ESA 2007 to identify and prioritize the actions the government intends to take in response to the final Recovery Strategy for Woodland Caribou (Forest-dwelling, Boreal population) in Ontario (Recovery Strategy) (July 2008) published on August 21, 2008. The public is invited to submit their comments on the draft Caribou Conservation Plan by May 27, 2009. The draft Caribou Conservation Plan can be downloaded at <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Species/2ColumnSubPage/249504.html>