

**Nipissing Forest Local Citizens Committee Meeting**  
**Location: MNR Upper Board Room – 5:00 pm**  
**Date: January 19, 2010**

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

## **AGENDA**

- 1.** 5:30 call to Order/ Introductions – Andy Straughan (Co-chair)
- 2.** Approval of Agenda
- 3.** Review and Approval of Minutes of previous LCC meeting, Dec. 14th, 2009
- 4.** Draft 2010-2011 AWS (Ric Hansel 1 hour)
- 5.** Draft FMP amendment for a proposed new branch road corridor (Ric Hansel .5 hour)
- 6.** Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) postings of interest - Brennain Lloyd
- 7.** Correspondence
- 8.** LCC Affairs/ what is on your mind?
- 9.** Upcoming Workshops/ Events /Training
- 10.** Next Meeting: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- 11.** Adjournment

### **1. Call to Order**

Co-chair Tracey Cain began the meeting for Andy Straughan at 5:30 p.m. – Introductions were not felt necessary for the group attending tonight.

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

We were advised that Brennain Lloyd would not be on hand tonight to update us on EBR postings. Item 6 will therefore not be addressed. The remainder of the Agenda was approved.

### **3. Review and Approval of the Dec. 14, 2009 LCC Minutes**

Notice of the upcoming 2011 Canadian Institute of Forestry annual general meeting at Deerhurst was included with the presentation given by Andree Morneault, as an amendment to item 5.

Revision to item 7 was provided by Guylaine Thauvette to clarify the summary of the Forest Management Plan Amendments and the Annual Work Schedule Revisions.

Guylaine also requested amendment of the attendance sheet produced with the Minutes, to have the Sustainable Forest Licensee listed as a regular LCC member, rather than as a general participant.

The proposed amendments were accepted by the LCC and the December Minutes were approved as now amended.

### **4. Draft 2010-2011 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) – Ric Hansel – Nipissing Forest Resources Management Inc.** (Attachment #1 - Draft 2010-2011 Annual Work Schedule for Nipissing Forest)

#### OVERVIEW

The Nipissing Forest extends north to just north of Marten River, east to the Quebec border, west to Warren and South to just below Trout Creek at the McFadden Line along Hwy 11.

Nipissing Forest Resources Management Inc. is made up of five major shareholders – Tembec, Fryer, Grant (now Georgia-Pacific), Cloutier and Goulard Lumber.

The annual work schedule is presented to LCC each year as an information item. Ric presented a Power Point slide show to the LCC to describe the various forest management activities that are being planned in the Nipissing Forest for the upcoming operating year. Activities including harvesting, (Silvicultural cut prescriptions), renewal, tending, and protection, plus road access needs and water crossings were described. Harvest maps had also been posted around the room for later viewing by LCC members. Ric also brought along the maps showing where the various Silvicultural operations would occur in the upcoming operating year. He advised LCC members that they could obtain copies of any of these maps by contacting him directly.

Discussion: Seedlings for our planting operations are now being grown at PRT nurseries in Dryden. A local producer used to supply for Nipissing Forest Resources Management Inc but the stock was found to be of inferior quality. PRT is producing much more vigorous stock and is still using local seed to produce our trees. PRT has nurseries in other parts of Canada as well and Tracey enquired if any of our seedlings were being produced at their B.C. operations. Ric believes all our seedlings are coming from Dryden.

The AWS is to be submitted to MNR in early March of 2010. Public inspection of the document will take place from March 15-31 with MNR approval of the AWS expected on April 1, 2010.

- 5. Draft FMP amendment for a proposed new branch road corridor – Ric Hansel**  
(Attachment #2 – Draft FMP proposal – Sinton Creek branch road)  
This will be numbered as Draft FMP proposal 2009-006 and referred to as the Sinton Creek branch road corridor. Ric has requested LCC input into evaluating the amendment category that this proposal should fall in to.  
The site is north of Sturgeon Falls, River Valley and Field in McWilliams Township, west of Red Cedar Lake. The branch road is necessary to access Goulard Lumber block #09-015, an 800 ha approved harvest block. Access to this block was anticipated to have been attained by a temporary forty foot bridge crossing at Sinton Creek off the existing Cross Lake Road. A review by MNR and the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans has determined that a forty foot bridge would be insufficient to protect the environment at this site and they have prescribed a 60 foot span for this crossing. Such a span is cost prohibitive to Goulard Lumber as it is too large to be placed using local operators' equipment and must be moved in and out several times for subsequent forest management activities. It is now proposed that use be made of an existing old road (Lynn Creek Road) that runs from the south between Sinton Creek on its west side and Lynn Creek on its east side. Some 7 km of branch road would be constructed at a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement between Goulard Lumber and the Crown.

Ric advised us of the following issues regarding the proposed road location;

1 – The old existing road which they hope to upgrade, as well as part of the new proposed road, would cross into an Area of Concern (AOC) specifying that no roads are permitted within 120 metres, to protect a canoe route corridor along Sinton Creek.

2 – Sinton Creek is further protected by AOC as a coldwater fishery.

3 - The proposed road will also cross a known aboriginal canoe route portage between Lynn Lake and Beaver Tooth Lake, currently protected by an AOC designation for a native value heritage trail.

A local trapper also expressed concern that his trapline trails might be lost and that he might have more human activity occurring in his trapping area if this road is built.

Dave Minden began the evaluation using a scoring document that he had developed some time ago. (Recorder has filed a copy with the Minutes). Chair Andy Straughan called for a show of hands to identify how the ten LCC members present would vote for each category discussed. Outcome of the votes were as follows;

**Proposed Sinton Creek Branch Road amendment**

<b>Type of amendment</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Public Consultation	1	8	1	0
Timing Considerations	9	1	0	0
Size of Operating Area	6	3	1	0
Areas of Concern	2	4	3	1
Public Affected	2	7	0	1
Type of Access	2	2	5	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	22	25	10	3

As most votes cast by the members revealed that the amendment should be categorized as either an Administrative or a Minor amendment, it was decided that LCC would recommend that this be treated as a Minor amendment to the Forest Management Plan.

Ric was thanked for an informative presentation.

**6. Environmental Bill of Rights updates – cancelled**

**7. Correspondence**

(Attachment #3 – Forest History Society of Ontario)

Tracey notified the LCC of a new organization intending to collect and preserve the forest history of Ontario. The new group calls itself the Forest History Society of Ontario. A membership application form was circulated with notification that the group’s first meeting

will be held at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston, Ontario on Feb.4, 2010. (See attachment for a Membership Form and details)

**8. LCC Affairs/ what is on your mind?**

Guyline advised that hard copies of the new Forest Management Planning Manual would not be available but that it could be accessed from the website or provided to LCC members on a CD. The website for the new manual is;

[http://www.web2.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/forests/public/publications/fmpm/entire\\_FMPM.pdf](http://www.web2.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/forests/public/publications/fmpm/entire_FMPM.pdf)

**9. Upcoming Workshops/ Events/ Training**

No training events announced.

**10. Next Meeting – Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m.**

(Please note that the February and March meeting dates have been cancelled)

**11. Adjournment**

Co-chair Andy Straughan adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.