

Nipissing Forest Local Citizens Committee Meeting
Location: M.N.R. Boardroom
Date: September 21, 2010

INTEREST	Primary Member	P/A	Alternate Member	P/A	Others Present
Access groups, Anglers/Hunters	Lloyd Anderson	P	Peter Foy	A	MNR Staff: Guylaine Thauvette SFL: Support Resources Mark Lockhart – support resources NFRM Guests: Observer: Recorder: Gerry Van Leeuwen c.c. 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	A	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	P	Mike Roxborough	A	
Public at Large	Tracey Cain	P	Tim Toepfner	A	
Silvicultural Contractors	Andy Straughan	P	VACANT	N/A	
Sustainable Forest Licensee – Nipissing Forest R. Mgmt. Inc.	John McNutt	A	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 P.M. Call to order.
- 2.** Approval of the agenda.
- 3.** Review and approval of the minutes of June 15, 2010.
- 4.** NRFM – update and upcoming Forest Stewardship Certification audits - Mark Lockhart
- 5.** MNR Reorganization - Randy McLaren or Guylaine
- 6.** Update on Forest Management plan Amendments - Mark or Guylaine
- 7.** Update on Tenure and Pricing Reform led by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – Guylaine
- 8.** Filling LCC vacancies – Guylaine
- 9.** EBR –Brennain
- 10.** Correspondence - notice from NFRM to co-chairs.
- 11.** Nomination and election of LCC co-chair.
- 12.** Fall Field Trip – discussion on dates and locations.
- 13.** LCC Members – open discussion
- 14.** Next meeting : Nov. 16, 2010 Chair Chris Mayne
- 15.** ADJOURNMENT

1. Call to Order

Co-chair Tracey Cain called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as posted although Brennain will not be on hand to present item 9, EBR postings.

3. Review and approval of the minutes of June 15, 2010

The minutes of the June 15, 2010 meeting were accepted as circulated in draft version. No amendments were requested but Mark Lockhart will provide an electronic copy of the FMP amendment 2009-009 announcement for attaching to our final version of the June 15, 2010 minutes. (UPDATE: Sent out Sept.29, 2010).

4. NRFM – Update and Upcoming Forest Stewardship Certification Audits

- Mark Lockhart

Mark announced that annual surveillance audits will be taking place of Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. by the Forest Sustainability Council from Oct.25-27, 2010. He invited two LCC members to participate on the two field day portions of the audit. Roy Summers and Dave Minden (to be confirmed)

volunteered to be our representatives. If others are interested in attending, please contact Mark, Ric Hansel or Peter Street by October 15 to make arrangements for your participation.

5. MNR Reorganization – Guylaine Thauvette

(Attachment #1 – MNR Organizational Realignment Chart)

Guylaine presented a Power Point presentation outlining the changes which occurred within MNR structure through the 2009 reorganization. The main changes involved transfer of some of the Forest Division duties to the Min. of Northern Development, Mines and Forests. Other portions of the reorganization saw changes within policy and implementation groups to facilitate a more integrated approach to policy creation and operational integration among the various programs.....i.e. fish, wildlife, lands, forests all had their own policy branches working independently of each other in the past and are now guided by the newly created Strategic Coordination and Integration policy group.

6. Update on Forest Management Plan (FMP) Amendments - Guylaine Thauvette

Guylaine advised LCC that a comprehensive review of FMP Amendment 2009-009 as described in our June 15, 2010 minutes, had not yet been completed by the district but she felt it would be done in the near future. Mark Lockhart indicated that there was some urgency in having the amendment review move ahead more quickly.

7. Update on Tenure and Pricing Reform led by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and Forests (MNDMF) – Guylaine Thauvette

Guylaine passed out a handout outlining the objectives of these MNDMF initiatives. A copy may be downloaded from;

www.mndmf.gov.on.ca/forestry/crownwood

This undertaking has created a competitive process to allocate non-utilized and under-utilized crown wood supplies, many under other licensing arrangements at present. MNDMF will be continuing the process started by MNR to reallocate assigned wood supply not currently being used. Sustainable Forest Licence (**SFL**) holders are the current system of wood tenure management in place but a new model is being considered in this exercise. As an example, the Nipissing SFL has 15 member licensees. No new operators can currently be accommodated which may be seen as a loss to economic opportunities. The new model proposes to see more community involvement by establishing local management boards called Local Forest Management Corporations (**LFMC**) which would govern local forest allocation decisions. These corporations may take over the roles of the SFLs in future. The 47 SFLs currently in existence may well be replaced by fewer

LFMCs managing much larger forest land bases to promote local economic development. Questions remain on how these boards will be established and the origin of source funding that will be required to maintain them. There is a suggestion that all monies collected for dues/royalties be funneled back to the local corporations. Generally speaking, forest industry has not been impressed by these proposals.

Mark Lockhart indicated that the Algonquin Forest Authority may be the model for future Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMC). MNDMF hopes to create more product and wood flow pathways through this reform process to enhance stability within the forestry sector.

To read more on these changes go to www.nmdmf.gov.on.ca

The link to download the MNDMF booklet in pdf format entitled "Ontario's Forests Ontario's Future" is www.foresttenure.mndf.gov.on.ca

Mark Lockhart had mentioned that this booklet would more clearly describe the changes coming our way.

Roy Summers expressed concern that proper forest management would be sacrificed with the continual "raping" of forest resources through such management boards. (Is the new focus on products, employment and economy going to jeopardize forest sustainability?).

It was suggested that we consider having a guest speaker from the Algonquin Forest Authority come to our next formal meeting in November to help address some of our concerns for the new management model being contemplated.

8. Filling LCC Vacancies – Guylaine Thauvette

Our current list of interest groups represented on the LCC was created in 2006 by the District Manager and we haven't done a review, to determine if other groups need to be included, for at least three years. In addition, we need to do a review of the current chart of representatives to determine if there are folks we could recommend to fill the five vacancies we currently have. Guylaine explained that we have had our best chances at recruitment when we actually approach named individuals and invite them to participate. That said, Guylaine asked the LCC to think of and to provide her with the names of individuals we might approach to join our committee.

9. Environmental Bill of Rights Updates –Brennain Lloyd

No updates, Brennain was unable to attend.

10. Correspondence – Tracey Cain

Forest Management Plan Amendment 2009-009 - Tracey advised us that she and Andy Straughan had prepared and sent the letter to Dave Payne, District Manager, regarding LCC's decision and recommendations around the proposed amendment. The decision and our concerns can be found in your copy of our June 15, 2010 Minutes. (Copy of letter provided to Recorder for filing).

Notification of aerial herbicide spray program was received from Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. The notice was sent to all LCC members by Gerry with the draft June 15 LCC minutes. Mark Lockhart stated that the program had not been completed as planned in August-September in all areas due to weather constraints (wind and rain). The McConnell Lakes area had not been treated as a result of this. He also announced that there would be no slash pile burning operations conducted this year. (Not enough material to warrant burning and NFRM Inc. is investigating other uses for slash piles such as hog fuel for industry).

11. Nomination and Election of LCC co-chair

We still had a co-chair vacancy to fill with Tracey Cain stepping down tonight after a two year term. Lorie Reed was nominated to become our new co-chair by Dave Minden, seconded by Frank Tagliamonte. Lorie Reed accepted the nomination and was acclaimed as our new co-chair. He will join co-chair Chris Mayne at guiding our committee for the next two years.

12. Fall Field Trip – discussion on dates and locations.

It was decided that the field trip would be scheduled for Monday October 18th from 1:00 P.M. until around 4:30-5:00 p.m. There will be no formal business meeting with this field trip.

It was proposed that we visit Tembec block 196 where we may view chipping and grinding operations, inspect some Areas of Concern (AOC)s and view the "exception monitoring" area of a full tree skidding operation in a final removal cut nearby.

We will ask Ric and Mark to finalize the field trip locations and needs.

13. LCC Members Concerns and Announcements – open discussion

LCC SURVEY - Tracey Cain asked if the LCC member self-evaluation survey completed for the Provincial State of the Forest Report, could be made available to us.

ACTION: Guylaine advised that she would attempt to obtain our survey summary.

FAR NORTH ACT - Frank Tagliamonte advised the LCC that he was concerned that the Ontario government and its cronies had just passed new law to exclude 50% of the Northern Ontario land base from logging, mining and power development proposals. Frank was concerned that recent diamond finds and chromite deposits might be affected by this new legislation. Frank also stated that the government exclusions started with a 2% withdrawal of the land base many years ago, expanded to 12% years later and now was expanded to 50%. It was causing problems for mining and logging with waterway parks not being allowed to be crossed by road or rail. (NOTE: The new law is called the Far North Act if LCC members wish to look for it on line).

RED PINE DIE OFF - Lloyd Anderson described some local red pine that had turned brown in his area and wondered is there was a disease process present. It was suggested that he might wish to contact a tree disease specialist or MNR's Joanne Jamieson in Timmins.

LOW WATER LEVEL MEETING - Dave Minden announced that the Sturgeon Falls Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a meeting on Lake Nipissing water levels on October 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., likely at the recreation centre.

OTTER LAKE WALK - Tracey Cain announced that the Otter Lake Walk would take place on October 3, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is an enjoyable 2-3 km walk and mayoral election candidates have been invited to participate. Dogs are also welcome on these trails.

CHRISTMAS MEETING - Tracey suggested that we begin to plan for a Christmas meeting as soon as possible. Some suggested venues were discussed and Guylaine offered to look into making some arrangements. We will have our Christmas meeting on Dec. 14, 2010. Location suggested was the Urban Café (to be finalized), and the format will be a supper meeting only used to discuss the most urgent agenda needs.

Our new co chairman Lorie Reed thanked Tracey Cain for the great job she has done as co-chair these past two years.

UPDATE: Following the meeting Tracey provided a document announcing the Ontario Hardwood Management Tour in mid October. This announcement has also been forwarded to you for information purposes with these minutes. Tracey can provide more details if anyone is interested.

- 14. Next Meeting – Field trip – Mon. Oct.18, 2010**
Next Formal Business Meeting : Nov. 16, 2010 Chair- Chris Mayne
- 15. Adjournment – 7:24 p.m.**