

**MINUTES OF
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
B5 OGB, Dryden, ON
Wednesday January 10, 2018**

PRESENT: Earla Haukeness, Ron Kujansuu, Penny Ratushniak-Chair, Darlene Salter, Del Schmucker, Steve Semeniuk, Darrel Sidney Vice-Chair, Erin Woodland

REGRETS: Paul Heayn, Mac Potter

ABSENT: Elvis Trout, Doug Pronger

INDUSTRY REPS: Steve Young, (Domtar), Dave Legg (DFMC)

MNRF REPS: Michelle Glena (Facilitator), DJ Armit, Derek Johnson, Ray Boudreau
Karen Savage (Minute taker) (MNRF)

PRESENTER: Phil Elkie, NWR (via conference phone)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Penny welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was reviewed.

MOTION #1 Moved by Darrel, Seconded by Earla to accept the agenda.
All in favor, agenda accepted. Quorum met.

**3. PRESENTATION – Landscape Guide, Boreal Objectives, Phil Elkie
Presentation will be emailed separately (exceeded size limit)**

Darlene made a comment on the ‘mining of whitepine’ and the inadequate regeneration. Phil responded Old Growth Policy 2000. The 1996 White/Red pine strategy (was not about old growth). We are continuing to maintain at least the amount present in 1995. This eventually became old growth.

Steve responded we still manage land base to regenerate red and white pine.

Del asked about soil nutrient studies. A discussion followed, Phil responded we don’t plug in nutrients. Phil responded this is outside the scope of this presentation.

Information will be sent to LCAC members on soil productivity (Erin / DJ)

4. REVIEW MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF November 22, 2017

Karen prepared the November 22 meeting minutes and previously emailed to all members.

MOTION #2 Moved by Darrel, Seconded by Ron that the November 22 minutes be approved
All in favor, minutes are approved.

Review Previous Action Items:

(March): Upcoming article on Stephen joining LCAC (promote trail?) (Penny/Steve) – Penny has article completed, will forward to Steve for review. Requires photo. In progress

5. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS

a. MNRF General Updates (Michelle):

- **Staffing**
 - John Ringrose has started his one year leave of absence on January 8th
 - Interviews to hire RT3 backfill in Dryden and 1 permanent in Ignace have been scheduled for week of January 29-31st

- **Forestry**
 - Responses being sent to parties who submitted comments for the Long Term Management Direction (LTMD) review period (25 District responses)
 - Responded to one FIPPA (Freedom of Information, Protection, Privacy Act) request for ABIR's (Aboriginal Background Information Reports) associated with Forest Management Plans
 - Annual Report Review completed by District
 - Annual Work Schedule Review commencing

- **Fish & Wildlife**
 - Completed Moose Aerial Inventories (MAI's) in WMU8 & WMU5
 - Establishing Work Plan for 2018 field season
 - Responded to FIPPA request related to trapping

- **Lands & Waters**

Advancement on Technology

- Dryden is in the process of implementing the use of 3D Imagery to assist in various Resource Management Functions (PLA (Public Lands Act) dispositions, FMP, Land Use Planning, Forest and Lands Compliance and Monitoring, etc.)
- New technology enables the ability to view at high resolution, measure parameters such as tree heights, horizontal distances, etc.

Significant Increase in Mining Exploration in the Dryden Area. Suggest visiting the companies' respective websites for more information.

- Bending Lake Iron Ore - AMBERSHAW METALLICS INC
- KenWest - Manitou Gold – Upper Manitou, Mud lake Area.
- Treasury Metals Goliath Gold Project

Nuclear Waste Management Organization

- Ignace site still in the running as potential site.
- Bore hole One – Site is developed and testing currently being completed by NWMO consultants.
- Review for Bore Holes 2 and 3 underway.
- Please visit website for more public information.

b. Wabigoon Forest Update:

Wabigoon Forest MNR Update (Derek):

- Amendment Water Crossings DFO (Dept Fisheries and Oceans)
- Annual Work Schedule
- FMP

Operations update (Steve):

- Chippers are currently in 2546 (Ingall) and 2519/2522 along Hwy 622. One chipper is moving to Crawford Road this week.
- There is some staging occurring along the Hwy 502 corridor in block 2536 and some planned for the Godson area.
- Road Construction is occurring in Maclean block 2572, White Pine block 2569, Tot block 2605 and Bear Track 2564.

Annual Planning:

- Awaiting approval of the 2015/2016 AR
- 16/17 Annual Report has been reviewed and should be finalized shortly. Will be presented at the next regular February meeting.
- 2018/2019 Annual Work Schedule has been submitted and is under review
- Future Amendment for 2019 AWS roads

2019-2019 Forest Management Planning:

- Plan progress:
- Presentation to the Regional Director occurred December 22nd – still awaiting preliminary endorsement for Progress Check Point #6
- Review of the Long Term Management Direction was complete Mid-December:
 - Several responses from the public but most did not identify any concern with LTMD related information – mostly operational consideration and policy related concerns – no required alterations.
 - 2 required modifications from MNR review
- Operations and Silviculture Task Team:
 - Nearly completed the New Area of Concern FMP-11 table: Reviewed AOC prescriptions – made some updates
 - Preparing Road Use Management Strategies
 - Review Crown Land Use Policy Atlas
 - Roads Responsibility Signoff soon
 - Started Cut to shore evaluation
 - Reviewed Conditions on Regular Operations and Conditions on Roads, Landings and Aggregate Pits
- Preparing for Proposed Operations INFO Centers February 20 (Dryden) and 21 (Ignace).
 - Operational Review of proposed Allocations – made some adjustments and in the process of retesting

- Road Corridors being developed
- Operational Road Boundaries being developed
- 2019-2029 Contingency selected
- Aggregate Extraction Area selection started
- Bridging Areas Started
- Starting Residual analysis soon
- FMP-tables soon
- On track for February 15th submission to MNRF

LCAC meeting request for Wednesday, February 7th to look over proposed operations ahead of Information Centers.

LCAC are encouraged to attend the Information Centers on February 20th and 21st, Dryden and Ignace. Time will be afforded ahead of the public for LCAC and Planning Team members to view displays and information.

Additional Feb 7th meeting discussed, will go ahead. Penny/Karen/Michelle not available 7pm. Michelle will arrange minute taker. Steve will provide dinner.

Darlene asked for update on Ski Hill Area. Steve said Domtar has been in discussion with Ski Hill reps. Discussed blow down areas. Kurt Schmidt walked proposed trails. Will happen within the next 2 years. Additional opportunities will be created – larger trail development.

c. Dryden Forest Update (Dave):

Harvest Areas:

- Heilman Road
- Wabigoon River Road
- Richan
- Wabigoon Dump Road
- Hwy 502
- Mafeking, Lorne Lake

Harvest will be moving back to Melgund, Sandy Point and Twin River areas to pick up winter portions of block harvested this summer.

Wet areas are not freezing due to early heavy snow, causing movement of operations to other areas.

Silviculture:

- Aerial Seeding to take place in February

FMP Amendments

All submitted requests have been approved
Future submission to reclassify some long term roads.

2021-2031 FMP

The official start-up of the 2021-2031 Dryden Forest FMP is in September 2018. The preparation work includes developing a Planning Team, which the LCAC can have a representative. Give some consideration over the next few months as to who may be interested.

2018/19 Annual Work Schedule and 2016/17 Annual Report

Click on embedded presentation to see details



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6. New Business/Correspondence

Round Table

- **Bear Management Area Concern**

Paul made a motion that the LCAC ask the Dryden MNRF District Manager to bring forward the BMA holders concerns related to commercial black bear hunts being provided to residents that have a significant impact on BMA operators when it is occurring within their licensed BMA to the Regional Director and respond back to LCAC. Darrel seconded the motion. Committee agreed. (Penny sent DM an email with this request Oct 19, 2017. DM requested more information from LCAC, was provided by Darrel/Earla October 25th. Forwarded to DM Nov 10. DM acknowledged and will forward upward)

Ray Boudreau, District Manager provided an update:

Amanda Holmes, Regional Director and Leona Tarini, Regional Resource Advisory Unit Supervisor asked Ray to advise the LCAC that they heard the concern and that there may be an opportunity to look at bear management policy once the spring bear hunt pilot is completed. Can't make any guarantees but that would be the time to be looking at our black bear policy.

We would be interested in specific cases if others are interested in sharing so we can understand the scale of this problem.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) implemented the Black Bear Tourism Industry Program in 1987 with the objectives of promoting the sustainable use of the black bear resource and addressing social conflict amongst individuals providing non-residents with bear hunting services on Crown land. The program accomplished these objectives in part by apportioning discrete area(s) of Crown land (BMAs) to qualifying bear outfitters for providing bear hunting services to non-resident clients exclusive of other outfitters also providing these services.

Since 1999, persons providing non-residents with black bear hunting services are required to obtain an annual Licence to Provide Bear Hunting Services issued under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 (FWCA). The licence authorizes the holder to provide the hunting services in the areas identified on the licence, which may be:

- a BMA (including Crown and private land with landowner permission located within the

BMA boundary), and/or

- private land that is located outside a BMA in a specified WMU for which he or she has permission to use.

The two identified scenarios and respective answers are listed below:

1. Licence holders that have found residents hunting within a BMA identified on their licence that have hired the service of another licence holder to bait for them

Resident bear hunters are not restricted on where they can conduct their hunting activity during the bear open season: they can do so on Crown land or on private land with permission of the owner of the land. Under the FWCA, there are no requirements or restrictions relating to providing bear hunting services to residents. Consequently, the holder of a licence to provide bear hunting services to non-residents may provide bear hunting services to resident clients on areas of Crown or private land outside the areas listed on his/her licence. MNRF has occasionally heard of this situation occurring over the years, but it is believed to occur infrequently and is generally discouraged as it can lead to conflict.

2. A non-resident property owner, whose private land forms part of one licence holder's BMA (who has permission to use their private land to conduct hunts) has hired the services of another licence holder to bait for them

The holder of a licence to provide bear hunting services to non-residents is prohibited from providing services to a non-resident on private land that is located within a BMA not designated on their licence (see clause 57(2)(c) of O. Reg. 665/98 under the FWCA referenced below).

Consequently, the non-resident landowner can only obtain bear hunting services from the licence holder that has the BMA (containing the private land) included on their licence. Bear hunting services is defined in regulation as guiding or baiting services rendered by a person to non-resident bear hunters. This prohibition is intended to support the ability for the licence holder allocated the BMA containing the private land to manage for a sustainable commercial harvest.

O. Reg. 665/98 s. 57(2).

57(2) The holder of the licence is authorized to provide the services on,

- (a) Crown land in the bear management area designated in his or her licence;*
- (b) private land for which he or she has permission to provide the services that is located within the bear management area designated in his or her licence; and*
- (c) private land for which he or she has permission to provide the services that is located within a wildlife management unit designated in his or her licence but that is not within a bear management area.*

I hope this information is helpful. Thank you for your interest in the sustainable management of black bear populations and do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

- LCAC Outreach/Additional Advertising for WF Information Centres Operations Plan mid-Feb
MOTION #3 Earla made a Motion for the LCAC to do additional advertising for the Open House, Darlene 2nd, all in favor, carried

The Committee discussed advertising techniques and Penny requested volunteers
Penny – drafted up announcement for CKDR, put ad on front of website – check price

Volunteers:

Del – obtain prices from CKDR to place ad on their web page

Mac – contact Q104 for a price

Earla – look into ad bags / Mac Print

Ron – Machin Messenger newsletter (they require by Wed before last of the month)

Put posters around – Penny circulated a draft

Create a poster & pin up around town

Erin – will design and put a poster on the LCAC website

Stephen – Big screen tvs in mill – put poster/info on those (Steve arrange?)

Due date January 20 – to send info to Karen/Penny

Notify people/your contacts, spread the word – Attend Information Centres!

Feb 20 Dryden Best Western 3 – 7 pm Feb 21 Ignace Northwoods 3 – 7 pm

- Round Table

Darlene would like to know percentage of overall protected land on Dryden District Forest ie Parks, (against resource extraction)

Derek – in LTMD FMP 1 table

ACTION ITEM: Karen to e-mail information re percentage of overall protected land in Dryden District to committee (get info from Derek in LTMD FMP 1 table) (Completed Jan 16)

Darrel – how many know the new FMZ5 Rules? (Karen info sent out)

7. Financial Report

Distributed (back of Agenda)

8. Next Meeting

Additional Meeting (Domtar's info session prior to Information Centres)

Date: February 7, 2018 B5 (Karen n/a – will require a minute taker)

Time: 7:00 pm (supper provided)

Regular Meeting

Date: February 14, 2018 B5

Time: 6:00 pm (supper provided)

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1 SEI (Social Economic Impact) study that SSM is doing. (mandatory – in house)
- 2 Wood Flow for Dryden Forest and Domtar (NWR representative)
- 3 Pesticides as a Social Consideration (MNR Specialist)
- 4 Roads Agreements (MB suggested Sally Sipos from Domtar)
- 5 Provincial Ecosystem Classification as it relates to FRI
- 6 Domtar to host a meeting at a future date to demonstrate 3D FRI imagery
- 7 Nabish Area Km 4 field trip (Penny suggested)
- 8 Fish and Wildlife Offences – Charges – Special Purpose Account (Dan Hale) (Darlene’s request)
- 9 NOTO, Laurie Marcil Exec Director – Economic Impact of Tourism/ Value of an RSA (Earla suggestion)

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Having no further business, Penny Ratushniak, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

(Chair)

(L.C.A.C. Member)

(Date)