

**MINUTES OF  
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
B5 OGB, Dryden, ON  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 6:30pm**

- PRESENT:** John Dove, Earla Haukeness, Ron Kujansuu, Penny Ratushniak (Chair), Daniel Morriseau, Del Schmucker, Darlene Salter (phone), Darrel Sidney Vice-Chair
- REGRETS:** Gord Bastable, Paul Heayn, Pierre Paquin, Mac Potter, Steve Semeniuk
- INDUSTRY REPS:** Dave Legg (DFMC), Daniel Yeboah (Domtar), Janet Lane (Domtar)
- MNRF REPS:** Michelle Glena (Facilitator) (Phone), DJ Armit, Karen Savage (Minute Taker)
- PRESENTERS:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Penny welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

**2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed. Penny requested addition (question received) to Wabigoon re-occurring, accepted.

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

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE February 13, 2019 meeting**

Minutes were previously emailed to members to review

**MOTION #2** Moved by Del, Seconded by Earla to accept the minutes.  
All in favor, minutes are accepted.

**Review of Previous Action Items:**

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**4. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS**

a) Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Yeboah)

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• Operations Update

- One chipper is currently working in block 2537 down Snake Bay and another is in block 1835 off Tower Road.

- Hardwood processing is occurring in Desserre and hauling is taking place in Ingall – stock piling.
- Chippers will be in Cooks Road – block 1838, Resort Road – block 1821, George Lake Road – blocks 2511 and 2512, Pit Road – 1816, and Basket Lake Road – block 1850, in April 2019.
- Road construction is occurring in all the aforementioned blocks.
- 2019-2029 FMP Update
  - Final Year Annual Report (AR) was resubmitted (February 15) to MNRF Dryden District.
  - Annual work schedule (AWS) also resubmitted (March 8) to the Dryden District.
  - Working on AWS revision 14 for submission (March) to the Dryden District – deals with winter crossing and values updates to the Contingency plan AWS.
  - Two IEA (Individual Environmental Assessment) Requests to MECP (Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks)
- Annual Report Presentation
  - Click on embedded document to view the Annual Report presented
  - Delivered the Annual Report



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Q) Penny asked a question that was sent to her regarding large wood stock piling at the mill

A) Janet responded:

Domtar pays the MNRF for Crown dues on all chip material delivered whether or not it meets specifications. Domtar utilizes all the fibre that meets our specifications to make our pulp, however there are two kinds of fibre that don't make it into our pulp. Extremely small fibre such as fines and pins plug up the digester and therefore are screened out, however they are beneficial for hog fuel and are burnt to produce steam/electricity. Fibre that is too large is divided into those that can be processed through a chip conditioner and sent to the digester to make pulp.

The public may have seen that we sometimes need to store hog fuel as we have limited space next to the boilers. We stock pile hog fuel up near the landfill site and then bring it back down to the boiler area when we have room for it.

On another note managing hog fuel (bark, sawdust etc.) is an important part of being sustainable. Currently we receive excess hog fuel from Eacom sawmill and Kenora Forest Products. Without Domtar receiving this hog fuel on a regular basis both sawmills would be in jeopardy of not operating as they would fill up their landfills very quickly and have no avenue to dispose of it. As you can see the sawmills and the pulp mill are well integrated.

Compared to previous years when the mill landfilled bark and other waste wood products, today we landfill next to nothing in wood fibre.

Q) Penny requested Domtar and DFMC to discuss in future who will go first based vs. her making the decision upon request at beginning of meeting. It was requested in new year that DFMC go second on the agenda because they are now into the FMP planning phase and may normally have a longer update.

A) Dave agreed with this, he went first last year when Domtar had longer presentations. Domtar indicated they are flexible in presenting going forward.

b) Dryden Forest (Dave Legg)

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- Harvest Areas:
  - Amesdale – hauling
  - Sandy Point
  - Glider
  - Wabigoon Dump
- Silviculture:
  - Aerial Seeding planned for March
- 2021-2031 FMP Development:
  - Modeling
    - Continue developing inputs for model
    - Training session in Thunder Bay next week
  - Desired Forest & Benefits
    - Working with Indigenous Communities
- Looking for input from LCAC on how to measure effectiveness in plan development
  - Objective: To have the Local Citizens' Advisory Committee (LCAC) effectively participate in the development of the management plan.
  - Indicator: Local Citizens' Advisory Committee's self-evaluation of its effectiveness in plan development. – **Is this the right indicator?**
  - Desired Level: ? – **What would be an acceptable level? Last FMP was 60%**
  - Target Level: ? – **What should we strive for? Last FMP was 80%**
  - Assessment: At Draft Plan – **Last FMP indicated 86% positive effectiveness**
  - Committee discussed
  - Did previous measurement go well, does it need to be changed
  - Do the LCAC feel they were part of developing the plan
  - How well were LCAC members informed
  - How do members feel they have been listened to?
  - Committee members have a responsibility to ensure public voice is heard
  - Paul Heayn, DFPT LCAC rep creates a report as to LCAC involvement in plan
  - **Penny recommended a Desired level of 70% (last time was 60%)**
  - **Keep Desired and Target levels the same as what they were**
  - **All in agreement with these recommendations**

c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)

- District Business Coordinator interviews first week April
- Approval to hire 3 Resource Technicians for 6 month max
- FMP – Annual Work Schedules and Annual Reports (7 and 10 year)
- Additional information regarding new manual (challenging)
- FMP on Dryden Forest – moving forward
- 2 Environmental Assessment Requests for Wabigoon Forest (MOECP will evaluate requests)

- Last week Michelle was contacted by a researcher from the Experimental Lakes Area – can give a presentation to committee. This can be presented at the May meeting.
- Dryden Forest – Michelle reached out to Del/Darlene to develop Social Economic Development (SED) Del – trapping, Darlene – naturalist
- Penny asked about the discussions last year with new manual – FN communities are to be advised of AWS 90 days prior to submission.
- Michelle responded for FN and Metis letters the company sends the draft AWS for review 90 days in advance of it being approved. The AWS is typically sent to Indigenous communities in early December, same time it is received by MNRF for review.

## 5. New Business/Correspondence

- Terms of Reference and Appendices Finalize
  - Carry Forward
- Round Table
  - Penny – when there are presentations on the agenda it would be nice to shorten each forest and MNRF re-occurring sections – send info ahead of time to be reviewed to allow meeting to stay within 2 hour time period.
    - DJ - SFL reps should be present to provide information (IFA audit).
    - It was suggested have info provided ahead of time (DAY BEFORE MEETING) to review for committee members to speed up meetings. SFL reps still attend meetings.
    - Recommend map on screen to see operational areas they are discussing.
    - Ron commented how informative and impressive DFMC's website is.
    - All LCAC members are open to go to Planning Team Meetings (not just reps.)
    - Ron indicated he would like to see an MNRF organization chart when MNRF does their update (in the meantime Karen will hand out Phone Lists with teams/titles).
    - Del appreciates receiving the minutes from the planning team meetings.
    - Suggestion that the Forest map be present during each forest presentation to show us where operations vs. just saying where they are. There is no value to people who do not know the forest – DOMTAR and DFMC to be ready to show on screen via multi-media projector.
  - Forestry Strategy (Ray attended in Kenora)
    - Michelle did not receive an update
    - **ACTION ITEM: Michelle to provide update to committee on Forestry Strategy (held in Kenora)**
    - Darlene asked about New enhanced sustainable licence (Crossroutes amalgamation) (could be added as a presentation)

Del – Website – will work on updating this site – may need Karen's assistance

Del will present Trapper's Report at the April meeting (20 minutes)

Darlene requested presentation on shoreline harvesting (DF – Dave present? Operational Planning)

Penny – noted the Farabout Peninsula write up in the Dryden Observer

**6. Financial Report**

Distributed (back of Agenda)

**7. Next Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 B5**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1 Dryden Trapper’s Report – Del Schmucker **(ADD TO APRIL AGENDA)**
- 2 SEIM (Social Economic Impact) study that SSM is doing (Jennifer Brown, MNRF SSM) Sept or November – Webinar or Conference Phone
- 3 Spring members only field trip - Nabish Area Km 4 field trip (Penny suggested) MAY
- 4 Wood Flow for Dryden Forest and Domtar (NWR representative)
- 5 Pesticides as a Social Consideration (MNRF Specialist)
- 6 Domtar to host a meeting at a future date to demonstrate 3D FRI imagery
- 7 Trapping – unintentional kills caught in traps (Darlene’s request) – WHO present? (added Feb 2019)
- 8 Experimental Lakes Research Projects – **May Agenda** (added March 2019)

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Having no further business, Penny, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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(Chair)

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L.C.A.C. Member

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(Date)