

Dryden Local Citizens' Advisory Committee
MEETING NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Time: 6:30
Place: Wabigoon Room (2nd Floor)-District Office
MNRF Facilitator: Michelle Glena

Attendees: Darrell Sidney, Daniel Morriseau, Pierre Paquin, Mac Potter, Paul Heayn, Del Schmucker, Gord Bastable, Penny Ratushniak, Steve Semeniuk, Ron Kujansuu, Darlene Salter

Janet Lane, Domtar, Dave Legg, DFMC, DJ Armit, MNRF, Michelle Glena, MNRF

Earla Haukeness (**con call**)

Regrets: John Dove

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Darrell opened meeting at 6:33pm, seconded by Mac
2. Review of Agenda – motioned by Paul, seconded by Del
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting – meeting minutes
 - a. Earla mentioned that ToR changes to be voted on versus discussion
 - b. Changes were to Appendix 6 – Motion by Ron to accept and seconded by Paul. Consensus amongst committee to adopt changes.
 - c. All action items were completed
4. Action Items:
 - a. Janet to forward Wabigoon 2019\2029 FMP Road Strategy Map – **completed on September 12, 2019**
 - b. Michelle to forward the Heron Rookery Assessment Report – **completed on September 12, 2019**
5. Presentation: no presentation scheduled
6. Re-Occurring Business (Summaries to be provided to members one day before meeting)

Wabigoon Forest – (Janet L.)

Operations Update

The following information is a summary of recent and proposed changes to the current Annual Work Schedule (AWS) and Forest Management Plan (FMP), and current and planned operations. This notice is broken up into four (4) sections; Planning, Operations, Silviculture, and Safety. For convenience, selected relevant map products have been made available at the page hosting this notice or by following the below link. These maps are also available online through the MNRF e- FMP website.

Planning Update

The following section provides an update to the 2019-2029 FMP and AWS (Amendments AM or Revisions – Rev) and briefs the progress on the development of 2019-2029 FMP.

FMP Amendments:

The Wabigoon 2018 Contingency Plan has reached an end and the 2019-2029 FMP has taken its place. There is no planned Amendment to the 2019 FMP at this time.

AWS Revisions:

Revision 004 (Draft) brings into the AWS a block for cedar harvest for an overlapping license holder and an update in values

Revision 005 (Draft) brings into the AWS changes to harvest areas to accommodate wood flow into the Domtar Pulp mill.

Slash pile burn plan will be Revised into the AWS once minor changes are made and will be made available to the public on the operations website

Wabigoon 2019-2029 FMP:

The 2019-2029 FMP implementations started April, 2019. Domtar and MNRF are still working on the Final Year Annual Report for the 2008 FMP.

Operations Update

This section briefs current and planned operations on the Wabigoon forest such as road maintenance, road building (ROW clearing, sub-grading, grading), and harvest operations. These operations are presented below:

Domtar operations:

- Two Chippers are in Lonehand and Suzanne roads – blocks BL68 and BL67.
- Two bunchers are working in Orion road (BL66), Lonehand road (BL84), and one in Suzanne road (BL67).
- Gravel crew is in an operational road off Lonehand road.
- Backhoes are working on road building in the Beaver road and Cooks road to prepare for the upcoming fall harvest.

Resolute operations:

- Hauling out of all their OFRL Blocks , GW147 (Gilbert), RA 250 (Osaquan), RA255 (Raleigh Cutoff).

Silviculture Update

This section briefs current and planned renewal activities (planting, seeding, etc.), tending activities (sprays, etc.), and burn plans.

Renewal and Tending:

- Site preparation is currently in Crawford and North Road areas.
- Aerial Spray program wrapped up before the end of August

Safety Notice

- Hunting Maps have been prepared and are being reviewed by MNRF, once complete they will be available for the public at the gatehouse, MNRF or on the website.
- Nothing we do is worth getting hurt for; with this mindset we entreat every forest user to make safety a priority at all times. Vehicles with radios please maintain good communication with traffic in the areas. Vehicles without a radio are reminded to approach and proceed with caution.

For all up to date approved maps, text, and other related products please visit the e-FMP website (below). Up to date maps may also be viewed at the Dryden MNRF District office, or the Domtar Dryden Forestlands Office.

<http://www.efmp.lrc.gov.on.ca/eFMP/home.do>

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact me at your convenience (contact information below). Alternatively, you may contact Derek Johnson, the Dryden District MNRF Management Forester for Wabigoon Forest, through email at derek.johnson@ontario.ca or over the phone at (807) 223-7556.

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- Slash Pile Burn Presentation
 - Slash Pile Burn Plan (Low Complexity Burn Plan) has been submitted for approval by MNRF
 - Slash Pile Burn Program set to begin end of October or early November
 - Slash Pile Burning will commence once weather conditions are favorable for good burn
- Operational Roads Decommissioning
 - MNRF working with Domtar to address outstanding decommissioning commitments from previous plans
 - Tied to inventory conducted by MNRF District in 2016, majority of roads are operational and not suitable for vehicle traffic as they are overgrown
 - Intent is to restrict highway vehicles and not ATV
 - Roads to be decommissioned will be signed prior to closure where necessary
 - These are roads that have had a Road Use Strategy to decommission and majority are tied to previous plans. Intent is to ensure consistency with FMP commitments
 - Determining which roads will be transferred to Crown and then retired
 - Company may retain some roads if required for future harvest
 - DJ and Dave clarified term of decommissioning.
 - Mentioned that company may be required to deal with existing infrastructure that may be considered liabilities due to potential environmental and safety risks (culverts). Potential that some crossings may be converted to low water fords

- No direction to SFL was given by MNRF to decommission roads en-mass
- Roads will be identified in AWS, as well have been vetted through the FMP public consultation process
- Darrell inquired if stakeholder can sign agreement to takeover the maintenance of a road (ie, trapper, baitfish operator). Also stated that these roads are often important to stakeholders such as baitfish operators, trappers
- Public can enter a MOU with MNRF to maintain a road, can request work permit to clear road, or clear brush (no heavy equipment)
- Shakey Road – was a grown in road, that was resurfaced to access a future harvest block. The road was bermed to prevent highway vehicles to prevent damage while settling. Once construction complete the road will be opened to the public. Still considered a construction zone.
- Janet offered opportunity to view proposed road decommissioning (road strategy map) with stakeholders (trappers) for input
- Janet to forward current road strategy map. Michelle mentioned that this map is subject to change due to the joint roads exercise.
- Decommissioning requirements due to CLUPA & stakeholder commitments. All would have been part of public review process for FMP development
- Question regarding cedar block, Janet mentioned small area 5ha with larger diameter. Will be a select cut no clear cut.

Dryden Forest

- Operations Update (Dave – 30 minutes)

Harvest Areas:

Website - www.operations.drydenforest.ca Glider

- Old Contact Bay
- Hwy 601
- Britton Twp Road

Road Construction and Major Maintenance

- Hartman North Road
 - installation of water crossing, gravel
 - construction to connect to Norman Rd
- Smellie Lake Road - ditching
- Caribou Lake Road - ditching
- Wabigoon River Road - washouts

Silviculture:

- Aerial Herbicide completed
- Mechanical Site Preparation starting soon

2021-2031 FMP Development:

- LTMD selected scenario
 - Public review scheduled for October 23rd (30-days)

Questions: Forward to Dave (dave@drydenforest.ca, 807-223-7216 x 1)

- **Slash Pile Burn Presentation**

- Question from Del as to why Slash Pile Burns do not wait until fire season is officially over (fire prevention act)
 - Janet and DJ clarified that it is based on optimal burn season. SFL has to submit a low complexity burn plan that is very detailed, and requires on-going monitoring and is a very rigorous process.
 - Del concerned that burning sends mixed messages to public
 - Penny mentioned that there is a public review period for Slash Pile Burn Plan
- **2021-2031 FMP Update - Long Term Management Direction Overview-presentation**
- Next meeting will be scheduled for October 16th and will include LTMD review
 - LTMD public review period 30 days – target October 23rd, no formal information session held at this stage
 - LTMD public review advertisement will be through local newspapers, and MNRF facebook, and general public mailout
 - LCAC & SFL can place ad on Radio, MNRF unable due to restrictions advertise via radio
 - Comment made that Red\White Pine should be separate due to reforestation methods. Dave said combined for modelling purposes.
 - Question brought forward by Darlene regarding Blue Heron Rookery abandonment and site prep that occurred over 2 days during nesting period. Concerns expressed that Stand & Site Guide needs to be revised as it does not adequately protect rookeries. The fact that rookery has been active since 1999 as is abandoned shortly after site prep took place suggests this was the reason the heron rookery collapsed,
 - Mentioned that MNRF conducted site inspection determined that chick mortality had been taking place over a number of years due to decomposition levels, assessment referenced suspected predation by birds a significant contributing factor, evidence that birds left over time and not all at once due to decomposition stages of chicks, adult bird showed signs of bird predation, confirmed nests close to rookery of other predatory birds, rookery close to operating landfill that would use heavy equipment of a regular basis, close to Hwy 594, forestry operations compliant with FMP, highly unlikely that 2 days of scarification operation (1 skidder) would be the sole reason the rookery was abandoned. Especially since there is regular on-going disturbance in the general area. Without knowledge of the extent of access by public in area it is not feasible to determine if this would have been a factor as well.
 - It was mentioned that the Stand and Site guide was developed by a diverse group with varying expertise. Manual also went through a rigorous public consultation process and is not a static document. It is subject to review and amendment every few years.
 - Comments raised by several members that the Stand and Site Guide is a guiding document and MNRF\SFL can develop and apply AOC prescriptions that go above and beyond what the manual suggests, such as not allowing site prep to take place during nesting period.
 - Comment raised by Gord about public perception of site prep taking place and rookery being abandoned shortly afterwards. This should be taken into consideration as a rationale for not allowing site prep to take place during nesting periods even if the Stand and Site Guide allows for it as long as appropriate AOC prescription for buffer zones is adhered to.
 - Comment that role of LCAC would be to educate members of public expressing concerns.
 - and Michelle to forward July 3rd MNRF Assessment Report

MNRF General Updates (Michelle)

District Vacancies:

- District Planner – 1 year contract awarded, however will not be filled until successful candidate returns from maternity leave in July 2020
- Resources Management Technicians (3) – 2 Ignace, 1 Dryden
- Lands & Waters Technical Specialist – M. Hutchison 6 months acting until December
- Resources Liaison Specialist – still vacant
- Resource Management Clerk – Ignace – 1 year contract to be offered to successful candidate from interview process

District Initiatives

- FMP Planning on Dryden Forest – on track for LTMD public review period
- Black Crappie Surveys on Rugby Lake (assisting BAMS with Broadscale)
 - Black Crappie Wickens – Del mentioned
- Continuing with LUP & Work Permit Inspections
- Invasive Species Outreach
- Bearwise & responding to calls related to nuisance bears
- Unauthorized occupation inspections

NWR Initiatives

- Jack Pine Budworm – assisted with planning and implementation of July 2019 spray program (road security)
- Will continue to provide assistance with 2020 JPBW Aerial Spray program
 - Suggested organizing a future presentation for LCAC

7. New Business/Correspondence

- Round Table – Darlene mentioned public review period for increased wolf and coyote harvest. Posted on MNRF – ends September 26th

8. Financial Report (included on agenda)

9. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm, motion by Daniel, seconded by Del

10. Next Meeting

Date: October 16, 2019 6:30pm

Place: B5

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT
Karen Savage (Phone: 223-7560 or email karen.savage@ontario.ca)**

Local Citizens' Advisory Committee

July 1 – 31, 2019 Alterna

**BALANCE FORWARD
(Member Shares Held #1 \$50.59)**

\$981.09

<u>INCOME</u>	0
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Paper Statement Fee	1.50
Closing Balance as of July 31, 2019	\$979.59

Possible Future Agenda/Presentations (add date new presentations requested):

- 1 SEIM (Social Economic Impact) study that SSM is doing (Jennifer Brown, MNRF SSM) Sept or November – Webinar or Conference Phone
- 2 Spring members only field trip - Nabish Area Km 4 field trip (Penny suggested)
- 3 Wood Flow for Dryden Forest and Domtar (NWR representative)
- 4 Pesticides as a Social Consideration (MNRF Specialist)
- 5 Domtar to host a meeting at a future date to demonstrate 3D FRI imagery