

Dryden Local Citizens' Advisory Committee

MEETING NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Time: 6:30
Place: Wabigoon Room (2nd Floor)-District Office
MNRF Facilitator: Michelle Glena

Attendance:

Ron Kanjsuu, Darlene Salter, Penny Ratuszniak, Darrell Sidney, Mac Potter, Paul Heayn, Earla Haukeness, Pierre Paquin, Gord Bastable,

Dave Legg, DFMC, DJ Armit, MNRF, Michelle Glena, MNRF

John Dove, Del Schmucker – via phone

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 6:35pm
2. Review of Agenda – Penny accepted, Ron seconded, all in favor
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting
 - a. Minutes motion to accept, Penny, seconded Paul, all in favor
4. Review of Action Items from September 11, 2019:
 - 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. Re-Occurring Business (Summaries to be provided to members one day before meeting)
 - Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)
 - Operations Update
 - Is there cut to shore on Eagle Lake as map sent with update seems to suggest it. Clarification that there is no cut to shore as there is a 90m AOC

Operations

- Site preparation is currently in Bar Road and will be moving to Glider Road.
- Slash pile burning plan is approved by the MNRF and will start on October 18th. Slash pile burning will occur in block 1859-Hwy 72, Laval Road, block1864-Crawford Dr., block 1866-North Road, block 1874- Gilbert Road etc.
- Two chippers are in Orion road.

- One chipper is in camp 33 road
- Dozer road work on the Hudson Crossover in preparation for next harvest blocks.
- Other road work, one back hoe is in Orion, one is in Beaver, one is in Suzanne.
- One gravel crew in Orion
- Norbord is operating in 2540
- Operations began this week in Weseieno, 2540, ROW wood on Barren brook and block BB126 – bunching then chipping starting the 15th
- Crusher operations to begin this week in the Bear Narrows area in pit at km 52.

FMP

- Working on AWS change (revision 7) for submission to the Dryden District MNRF – deals with water crossing and values updates.
- Hunting Maps have been prepared and they are available for the public at the gatehouse, MNRF or on the Domtar operations website.
- Dryden Forest (Dave L.)
 - Operations Update

Harvest Areas:

Website - www.operations.drydenforest.ca

- Old Contact Bay
- Hwy 601
- Britton Twp Road
- Mafeking

Road Construction and Major Maintenance

- Wabigoon River Road – repaired
- Twenty Mile Creek Road – CLOSED until spring of 2020

Silviculture:

- Mechanical Site Preparation started October 7th

2021-2031 FMP Development:

- LTMD selected scenario
 - Dave asked LCAC what is the preferred way for providing operational update as he had been requested to post online which is done on a regular basis. Is this sufficient or is there a need to send a map for meeting to be printed.
 - Earla requested basemap information to be included in update & in webpage.

- Dave indicated that LCAC website needs to be updated for next week prior to public review of LTMD
 - Del needs information re: website development. This will not be accomplished prior to LTMD public review. The reference will be removed from DFMC & LCAC radio advertisement
 - Michelle to get Karen to contact Del once she has returned to office.
 - Earla will take a look at the website
 - Ensure internet connection for future meetings
 - Dave mention 20 mile creek road washout. Not being repaired due to lack of funds and fact there is alternate access in place. Radio ad and press release to make public aware of washout.
- MNRF General Updates (Michelle)
 - Draft LCAC Summary Report

District Staffing:

- Resource Liaison Specialist position still vacant. Waiting for approval to fill for 1 year.
- District Planner position until person who won competition returns from maternity leave in July 2020.

District Initiatives:

- Field season wrapping up
- Close to finishing Silviculture Effectiveness Monitoring for all three forests
- Have a few more Land Use Permit Inspections to carry out before winter
- Have been monitoring District operated dams (Thunder Lake & Forest Lake) on a regular basis due to high water levels. Forest Lake Dam has had log booms removed to manage the water level as upstream was near the top of the operating range (2.35m). Thunder Lake is being monitored but is close to top range as well.
- Regional Power and Domtar dams have increased flows to manage upstream water levels.

6. Presentation: Proposed LTMD for 2021-2031 Dryden Forest Management Plan
 - a. Dave provided overview of proposed LTMD & how it was developed
 - b. Optional is what is available & preferred harvest is what has been tentatively selected
 - c. LTMD is the strategic direction for the next 10 years, but does look out into subsequent plans.
 - d. Operational planning will be fine tuning actual proposed harvest areas, will consider age of stands, physical constraints preventing access to areas
 - e. Comments received through the public review may have influence on preferred operational areas identified at this stage.
 - f. Proposed LTMD high level and shows proposed primary roads.
 - g. LCAC can submit comment to District Manager regarding review of proposed LTMD. Needs to be sent from committee chair to DM. Any concerns identified should be outlined. No formal endorsement at this stage.

- h. LCAC does have to participate in generation of LCAC engagement summary. Draft has been circulated to committee members. Paul will add some information, circulate to committee members.
- i. Question raised regarding stand age
- j. Darlene asked question to clarify the Old Growth targets as it appears the starting point in below, and will it be achieved in this 10 year plan.
- k. Dave clarified that this is a long term objective and will not be achieved in the 10 year plan, but there is a long term target as it is not feasible to grow old growth. Areas have to be allowed to reach old growth status. However, there are smaller stands also being selected. It was clarified that existing stands of old growth have been recognized as a value. Old growth definitions and parameters in the model work towards achieving an objective and specific polygons.
- l. Paul question regarding Moose Emphasis Area and statement in presentation that Dryden Forest was first to implement. Dave clarified that Dryden Forest to implement MEA's in current plan.
- m. Mac asked committee if there were any questions related to the new MEA being proposed in the next 10 year plan.
- n. DJ spoke to redvers area where a current MEA was identified to have it harvested in order to have it become a large patch of homogeneous age to meet LLP objectives.
- o. Gord asked if areas are designated for old growth, or just areas that the model identifies where there may be old growth potential. Is existing areas identified
- p. Dave areas are being identified where potential for it to eventually grow into large old growth areas, however there are smaller stands being selected
- q. DJ clarified that existing stands of old growth have been recognized as a value. Old growth definition and parameters in model that work towards achieving objective, and specific polygons.
- r. Darlene asked about proposed cuts in the Blue Lake area within sight of properties.
- s. Dave clarified that the areas proposed along the Blue Lake highway are areas the model selected. The public review period will assist with determining if these areas will be selected, refined, or removed. The comments will be used in the operational planning phase where everything will be refined.
- t. Dave mentioned that LCAC members are welcome to submit individual comments through public review period.
- u. Dave referenced presentation and that DFMC is moving in direction to meet the various set objectives set by Boreal Landscape Guide. New direction that has come into play recently.
- v. Gord asked about how concerns will be mitigated in Detour Point area.
- w. Dave Legg replied that LTMD is dynamic and shows how we are moving to meet various objectives. He mentioned Detour Point was made into an operational zone, limitations put on that dictates harvest is restricted to 15% of eligible wood in any given plan due to known public interest in area (tourist operators). If there is a need to drop preferred areas then the company will be replacing it with optional areas.
- x. Pierre asked if natural disturbance occurred will new areas be substituted or become available.
- y. Dave mentioned that LTMD is dynamic and shows how we are moving to meet various objectives.
- z. Dave mentioned that optional areas need to focused on as if there is a need to drop preferred areas then the company will be replacing with optional areas.
- aa. Del asked about total overall harvest. Dave to send out information.

- bb. Ron asked about what happens to areas that are subject to natural disturbances, does it get dropped from plan. Dave clarified that it would be regenerated and is not dropped.
 - cc. Penny asked if there was any requirement for the committee to complete at this meeting. Clarified there isn't. The LCAC engagement summary that Paul will be drafting will include a synopsis of the meeting discussion for the proposed LTMD.
 - dd. Darrell suggested sending an email to the DM regarding committee's view on LTMD
 - ee. Dave mentioned that no formal requirement to send note to DM, this committees comments will be captured in LCAC report. If there is objective to any portion or general proposed LTMD then the DM should be advised.
 - ff. John Dove asked how new values are incorporated into LTMD. What stage are they considered.
 - gg. Dave mentioned that values are always evolving\changing. They are reviewed and determination if AOC prescription required to protect them. Values will have AOC prescription. Well aware of the values on Farabout. Operational planning will provide opportunity to review AOC prescription and provide input on additional values not identified, and
 - hh. Why is Farabout still identified as optional. Dave mentioned that it is still part of the eligible wood supply on the forest.
 - ii. Michelle mentioned that areas identified as preferred and optional harvest subject to change based on public review comments. Current focus is whether or not SFL will be meeting objectives that have been established as part of the LTMD
 - jj. Darlene mentioned that public comments does not typically result in any changes once areas have been identified.
 - kk. Michelle, Dave, Penny indicated that public review comments have a significant influence of where harvest is selected. Substantial changes to proposed operations have been made on public review
 - ll. Gord asked if committee should be directing people to DFMC website, and take business cards to hand out.
 - mm. Business card to be developed that can be handed out to public to encourage input into the LTMD public review. Penny suggested using the radio ad as a basis. Other option is to post flyers around town regarding LTMD public review period.
 - nn. Comment that business card suggestion may be more suited to operational planning stage.
 - oo. John Dove asked about no harvest identified. If there is a planned open pit what happens with the overburden, will it be wasted.
 - pp. No harvest to reflect buffer for mine site but area within the patented area held for Treasury Metals will be harvest through a separate process.
 - qq. Draft of business card to be developed for review at next LCAC meeting.
7. New Business/Correspondence
- a. Dave mentioned that his thoughts were LCAC would contribute towards radio ads. He will contact CKDR for pricing options
 - b. Different polycom phone for next meeting that has the mic extensions.
 - Round Table
8. Financial Report (included on agenda)
9. **Meeting adjourned: Pierre accepted, Earla seconded. 8:56pm**

10. Next Meeting –
Date: November 13, 2019 6:30pm
Place: B5

**Local Citizens' Advisory Committee
July 1 – 31, 2019 Alterna**

BALANCE FORWARD	\$981.09
(Member Shares Held #1 \$50.59)	
<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