

**MINUTES OF
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wabigoon Room OGB, Dryden, ON
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 6:30pm**

- PRESENT:** Gord Bastable, John Dove (via phone), Earla Haukeness, Paul Heayn, Ron Kujansuu, Mac Potter, Darlene Salter, Del Schmucker, Darrel Sidney (Chair)
- REGRETS:** Daniel Morriseau, Pierre Paquin, Penny Ratushniak, Steve Semeniuk (Vice-Chair)
- INDUSTRY REPS:** Daniel Yeboah (Domtar), Dave Legg, (DFMC)
- MNRF REPS:** Michelle Glena (Facilitator), DJ Armit, Derek Johnson, Ying Hong, Karen Savage (Minute Taker) (via phone)
- PRESENTER:** Jill Van Walleghem (Dryden MNRF)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Darrel also extended his appreciation to all members who showed up at the Open House, it was very well attended.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

Michelle stated Doug Reid from CNFER will be presenting Return to Productive Land at the March meeting. Rob Mackett will present on Road density threshold at the March meeting (at Domtar).

Michelle requested Jill give her presentation at the start of the meeting. No concerns.

Darlene has correspondence to discuss (under New Business/Correspondence)

The agenda was reviewed.

MOTION #1 Moved by Del, seconded by Ron to accept the agenda.
All in favor, agenda is accepted. Quorum met.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE January 15, 2020 meeting

Minutes were previously emailed to members to review

MOTION #2 Moved by Earla, seconded by Darlene to accept the minutes.
All in favor, minutes are accepted.

4. Review of Previous Outstanding Action Items:

1. Business card to be developed for review at next LCAC meeting. Michelle sought clarification from Gord who requested the business card concept. He suggested list SFL and LCAC websites on the card. Or the business card could promote the LCAC website where all the SFL links/maps will be. Website needs to be updated. **Ongoing.**

2. Michelle to produce posters and have available for members by Jan 17 to promote the Dryden Forest Information Centre. **Completed**
3. Karen to obtain date(s) available and price quote from Dave Keefer to train members (Earla, Del) to update the LCAC website (if training is less than \$200 obtain dates, more than \$200 bring quote). **In Progress (waiting to hear back from Dave Keefer)**
4. Michelle to send out link for commenting on Draft Forest Sector Strategy (Darlene's email) to members. **Completed**

5. Cut to Shore Presentation – Jill Van Walleghem, MNRF (6:45 – 7:32pm)

Presentation is embedded along with detailed map.

LCAC is diverse. Jill is here to present info on why MNRF thinks Cut to Shore is acceptable.

A healthy forest is everyone's priority.

There are 5,576 km of shoreline on the Dryden Forest. 8 km are proposed for harvest to shore (0.14%).

Forestry tries to emulate fire (animals have adapted over the years to fire patterns/results)

Treed buffer helps stabilize soils, strict rules

Darlene asked about the study of Mercury increase in lakes.

Dave Legg explained there is a current study re forestry and mercury that is going on.

Daniel Y. spoke - study is ongoing in the Wabigoon Forest. Researcher (UofT, MNRF etc) are aiming at evaluating the effectiveness of best management practices to mitigate mercury contamination of managed forest.

Jill – The Stand and Site Guide review has identified mercury as an area where more work and study is needed when it comes to forestry

Jill - Lots of different information on various mercury in different lakes

The planning team is considering more information in this plan.

Jill (part of planning team) asked committee to review maps of where they will be proposing harvest to shore on the Dryden Forest 2021-2031.

Michelle – the planning team is going above what Stand and Site Guide recommends

Gord – dead jackpine along road (budworm). Cutting trees is not the end of the world, he appreciates the planning.

Darrel – poplar left around lake – blowdown occurred, nutrients ran into water. If they had been cut, there would have been better protection.

John – What monitoring parameters will be put in place.

Jill – the district monitors compliance, all rules were followed.

How is the regeneration. Stand and Site Guidelines – there is a team of scientists who monitor this.

Darlene – Nabish Lake – didn't cut to shoreline after values was pointed out to Planning Team and study was conducted (Canada warblers nests etc). Huge decline in boreal birds.

Del – if an eagle's nest is discovered in location what happens – an AOC (Area of Concern) is created.

Jill – responded it is decided case by case.

Dave – the contingency plan may come into play in that case if an AOC is required in one area.

Darlene made a comment that cut to shore is used very sparingly on the Dryden Forest.

DJ /Jill stated very minimal cut to shore on Wabigoon Forest (and probably other forests) (too much



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conflict/planning requirements)

6. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS

a) Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)

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- AWS & Annual Report Presentation

- Presentation embedded
- 2018-2019 contingency plan
- Some areas had previously been harvested
- Good markets for poplar (high end), nothing unexpected occurred such as fire
- 127 inspections, 1 non-compliance, achieved 99% compliance so far
- Annual Report not approved yet, hoping by end of Feb



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- Domtar Operations:

- 1 chipper and chip hauling in block B0192 on Cooks Road
- 1 chipper and chip hauling occurring in block D099 – across from Dore Lake Road
- Bunchers and skidders working at Spawing Road – Block D097
- Backhoe working in Twingrass Road (block D0100) and in block D099 across from Dore Lake Road
- Hardwood hauling in block SB232 on Camp 33 Road

- Resolute operations:

- Resolute bunching in block GW147 on Gilbert Road

- 2019-2029 FMP Update

- Working on resubmission of Annual Report comments from MNR for 2018-2019 Contingency Plan
- AWS revision 9 submitted to MNR for review- Revised block RA274 and brings into the AWS blocks for regeneration.
- The March meeting will be held at Domtar, 3D FRI imagery with GIS staff – Andrew. Start meeting at 6pm or possibly 5:30? (come ½ hr earlier to complete mandatory visitor training (Domtar may provide meal?) May bypass the usual updates to allow time for the 3 presentations.

MOTION #3: Earla made a motion to bypass the updates at the March meeting, and just have the 3 presentations. Seconded by John. All in favor.

- AWS – info can be emailed to committee (will be posted same day as meeting)

b) Dryden Forest (Dave)

www.operations.drydenforest.ca

- Harvest Areas:

- No update available currently

- Outstanding FMP Amendments:

- No update available currently

- Stage 3 – Proposed Operational Plan

- Comments due by March 23
- 3D imagery being reviewed

- DJ commented one of the best public participation at Open House, committee provided excellent participation
- DJ commented it was very useful for Domtar rep (Daniel Y.) to be present at the Open House and could deal with public's enquiries right there.
- Annual Work Schedule & Annual Report Presentation
 - Presentation embedded
 - No non-compliances
 - 2019 – had to deal with washouts and major rain
 - Darlene – asked why so little red pine planted in 2019/2020
 - Dave said he will investigate – sent corrected tree plant info (presentation reflects update)
 - DJ replied was consistent (5,000 every year)



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

- 2021-2031 FMP Development:
 - LTMD Comments
- c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)
 - Commended committee for success of the DF Open House (very good turn out)
 - Update sent to committee previously:
 - Staffing
 - Ignace has hired a new Resource Technician (Stacey Skeene) on a 12 month contract.
 - District Initiatives
 - Proposed Ops Information Session – 80-90 people
 - Comments have been submitted to date. Will be working on responses
 - Key areas mentioned: Farabout, road densities
 - Values flying has been scheduled for February on the Dryden Forest
 - W-Power (Watay transmission line project to far north) has applied to install various winter crossings as they are in the midst of gearing up to clear the Right of Way for the transmission line.
 - Project spans multiple districts (Red Lake, Dryden, Sioux Lookout)
 - District will be conducting compliance inspections on crossing installations & ROW clearing
 - Stumpage for wood has been paid by W-Power & available to SFL's.
- Regional/Provincial Initiatives
 - Jackpine Budworm Information Session was held on January 29th
 - Jackpine Budworm Spray Operations Planning underway
 - Committee would like information update ie where spraying etc. (Michelle could add to her next district update).
- NWMO (Nuclear Waste Management Organization)
 - Has inquired if there is interest in having a presentation to update committee. If interest is there, please recommend a date for presentation.

- Committee is interested in an update – possibly May or June
- Meetings coming up with Indigenous communities
 - Discussing how to capture traditional knowledge in planning process
- EBR posting to Aggregate changes.
- Question re what are you looking for in value flight – stick nests etc
- Ron commented about the Jackpine Budworm Information Session – was very disappointing. Was very low key. Michelle advised good to know, will pass comment on.

7. New Business/Correspondence

Darlene was contacted by a resident of Thunder Lake – proposed harvest block of mature forest behind their home and in trail network. Darlene sent party contact information and map. Darlene is bringing this up at the LCAC meeting as she also has concerns of harvesting mature forests by private property. Suggest party gets a meeting with Dave Legg and submit comments.

Michelle advised Darlene provided the proper information to the party – they need to submit a comment sheet and or have a meeting with the SFL. There is a mechanism for them to express their concern.

ACTION ITEM: Darlene to forward the DF comment submitted to her to the planning team (MNRF or SFL) so they can respond.

Party can request they get added to our mailing list for the DF and WF.

Del commented there is a process – bring the comments to the MNRF or SFL.

DJ confirmed LCAC committee is open to receive requests from the public, but they need to direct party to follow the process and submit comment/concern to the MNRF/SFL.

LCAC members need to be careful to keep their personal beliefs/interests separate from that of their role as LCAC member.

- Round Table
 - Earla – suggested date be entered on possible future agenda items so we know how long items have been on the list. Committee should review and decide if they want to keep or remove items on this list.

ACTION ITEM: Karen to add dates (when originally requested) to possible future presentation suggestions.

- Ron – when you start trying to save mature forests for aesthetics, they will still go down.

- John asked DJ if he could get numbers on the amount of land used for roads, laydown areas, slash piles etc as per the report on Boreal Scars.

8. Financial Report

Distributed (back of Agenda)

9. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 DOMTAR

Time: 5:30 pm

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (and year suggested)

- 2017 SEIM (Social Economic Impact) study that SSM is doing (Jennifer Brown, MNRF SSM) Sept or November – Webinar or Conference Phone
- 2017 Spring members only field trip - Nabish Area Km 4 field trip (Penny suggested) May
- 2017 Wood Flow for Dryden Forest and Domtar (NWR representative)
- 2017 Pesticides as a Social Consideration (MNRF Specialist)
- 2018 Domtar to host a meeting to demonstrate 3D FRI imagery – March 2020
- 2019 Experimental Lakes Area – suggest June or July (weekday)
- 2020 NWMO (Nuclear Waste Management Organization) Update – May or June

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Having no further business, Darrel, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.
Del made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gord.

(Chair)

L.C.A.C. Member)

(Date)