

**MINUTES OF
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:30pm**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michelle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

MOTION #1 Moved by John, Seconded by Pierre to accept the agenda.
All in favor, agenda is accepted. Quorum met.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE February 12, 2020 meeting

Minutes were previously emailed to members to review

MOTION #2 Moved by Paul, Seconded by Steve 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. Karen created some business cards, will be sent out after COVID-19 **Ongoing.**
2. 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) ON HOLD**
3. Karen to add dates (when originally requested) to possible future presentation suggestions. **Completed**

5. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS

a) Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)

<http://domtardrydenforestry.ca/>

- Domtar Operations:
 - 1 Chipper is in Basket Lake/Turkey Trail road – Block BL67
 - 1 Chipper in Lonehand road – Block BL84
 - Processor is working in Beaverhouse road – Block 2027
 - Processor/Wood Haul located in Nivens/Moon Lake roads – Block 2540
 - 2 Bunchers/Skidder and Processor in Moon Lake/Nivens – Block BB124
 - Backhoe decommissioning (berming) Spawning road and fixing up Bear Narrows road km 40
 - Gravel Crew starting work on Bear Narrows road around April 6th, 2020
 - Wood hauling wood hauling occurring in Upper Manitou for Spring Wood
- Resolute operations:
 - Resolute bunching on Tower Road
- 2019-2029 FMP Update
 - Operating now in the Annual Work Schedule approved for 2020-2021 fiscal year

Question – Darlene asked about her nocturnal owl study (9pm to 1am), Bear Narrows area will they be hauling Friday night?

Response – Daniel Y. they typically don't work weekends, checking with Julie Edwards to confirm.

Question – John – Road decommissioning – what is involved

Response – Daniel Y. – return road back to productive land (Berming the road). Purpose is to not allow vehicle traffic to use the road but does not apply to ATV's.

Question – Ron – will logging operation work right thru spring breakup

Response – Daniel Y. – half loads, yes they move to other roads where they can keep hauling

b) Dryden Forest (Dave)

www.operations.drydenforest.ca

- Harvest Areas:
 - Old Contact Bay
 - Few West Road
 - Hwy 105
 - Hwy 72
 - Chipper has moved off the Dryden Forest until spring.
- Silviculture:
 - Gearing up for Tree Plant, start May 4th – COVID-19 adjustments
 - (Tree planter in contact with health unit for testing etc. Not allowed to leave camp. Separate camper for isolation, cook will prepare plates, not eating together etc.)
 - Planting all over (Annual work schedule map)

Question – Pierre asked with current COVID-19 – restricted fire zones, operations going on, will

there be any extra precautions?

Response – Dave – no procedures yet. Meeting with fire was postponed.

Question – Darlene – owl survey – hauling during April?

Response – Dave – Hwy 105, hauling now. Dave will confirm and respond to Darlene.

Question – John – are you expecting a bad fire season?

Response – Dave – not expecting it.

Michelle - RFZ was put in place due to COVID-19 (challenges to assemble fire crews etc) and not current weather conditions.

- Outstanding FMP Amendments:

- None

- 2021-2031 FMP Development:

- Stage 3 – Proposed Operational Plan Information Session held
- Meeting schedule with Municipality of Machin March 23rd - POSTPONED
- Comments received until March 23rd
- 30 individual comments
- Consultation committee reviewing and providing responses next week
- Issues: Wood fiber, natural disturbances, younger age, old growth retention, aesthetics, campsites, noise, damage to roads, mgt of white and red pine, cut to shore, hiking trails, wind, geological features, density of roads.
- Many fish and wildlife concerns, sediments, moose, hunting pressure, meadow, wolf, links, migratory birds, heron, beaver etc.

Question - Gord – asked if any tourism outfitters submitted concerns around Detour Point Area.

Response - Dave – one comment but not tourism operations. Concerned around harvesting

- Objective to conduct a self-evaluation for LCAC. Gets included into draft plan (early May). Dave has a questionnaire – will email out to committee members to complete. Due back April 22 please.

Question - John – does that then come back as a report to committee

Response - Dave – yes, will be reported back to committee. It will remain anonymous, will be averaged. Looking to achieve 80% effectiveness.

Question - Earla – will committee get a copy of comments?

Response - Michelle – not able to provide comments at this time (working remotely) but one will be circulated at a later date. However, unable to provide a timeline at this point as to when this will occur.

Question - Darlene – could the summary of the comments be attached to minutes?

Response - DJ – re public summary – needs to be FIPA approved. Presently responding to comments. Incomplete to send out at this time.

Michelle – can't give a timeline

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

c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)

- COVID-19 – office staff working remotely. District Manager is the only person in the office
- Fuelwood permits changed – contact us by phone and provide name, contact information and address, we will forward info to Enforcement, permitting/payment will be done later.
- Email best option to communicate with staff
- Bear line opened up as of March 24th Regular seasonal Bear tech returns April 27th. District has a few staff designated to respond until regular Bear Tech assumes role. Individuals are able to report incidents to Bearwise hotline.
- Bear barbed wire hair trap project this summer (end of May – 6 weeks, Doreen Lake Rd)

Question - Steve – any youth\student programs cancelled?

Response - Michelle – At this time none of the student positions or programs have been cancelled.

Question - Darrel – bear hunt – has it been cancelled, will bear areas still have to be paid for

Response - Michelle – No official cancellations of spring bear hunt has been issued. (No non-essential travel at this time).

Question - Darlene – hiking trails – in provincial parks – can she still walk in and use trails

Response - Michelle will find out from Steve Winsor

ACTION ITEM – Michelle will advise committee if walking the hiking trails in local provincial parks is allowed at this time (due to COVID-19 social distancing) – Follow up: Steve Winsor, Parks Superintendent confirmed that there is no access to hiking trails in provincial parks due to COVID-19 virus and social distancing requirements.

7. New Business/Correspondence

Question - Darlene had a concern around black ash. Black ash is on threatened Federal list (due to ash borer). Herbicide spray targeted black ash also (2018). Feels these trees should be protected (against harvesting, spray etc) (Triangle Road Blue Lk area)

Response - Daniel Y. – Wabigoon certification, requirement to protect species. High conservation values. There is a commitment to protect those trees. Submit report for audit. Regarding spraying, buffers around those trees. MNRF reviews.
DJ – 0.1 ha heavy bedrock area. Not concerned re aerial spray, had heavy rain. Black ash sensitive to heavy water. Auditors did not mention this. Not conclusively due to the aerial spray.

Question - Gord asked where does Dryden MNRF stands on fish stocking compared to Ignace and Kenora?

Response - Michelle – Ignace is part of Dryden. We stock annually. We just did some stocking. Jill can get the information sent out to the committee.

ACTION ITEM: Jill to provide information to committee on annual fish stocking comparing Dryden (and Ignace) and other districts in this region.

Daniel Y. can send some information out to Michelle on DOMTAR’s shutdown end of April

- Round Table

Question - Darlene – will MNRF nocturnal owl survey go ahead

Response - Michelle – will not go ahead. Critical business only.

Darrel – asked to remove the 4:30 time for the next meeting date May 13th

8. Financial Report

Distributed (back of Agenda)

9. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 Conference phone?

Time: 6:30 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)
- 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 5:35 p.m.

(Chair)

L.C.A.C. Member

(Date)