

**MINUTES OF
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:30pm**

PRESENT: John Dove, Earla Haukeness, Paul Heayn, Ron Kujansuu, Pierre Paquin, Mac Potter, Daniel Morriseau, Penny Ratuszniak, Steve Semeniuk (Vice-Chair) Del Schmucker, Darrel Sidney (Chair), Darlene Salter (joined at 5:10)

REGRETS: Gord Bastable

INDUSTRY REPS: Janet Lane (Domtar), Dave Legg, (DFMC), Daniel Yeboah (joined late)

MNRF REPS: Michelle Glena (Facilitator), DJ Armit, Jill Van Wallegghem, Ying Hong, Karen Savage (Minute Taker)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michelle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

MOTION #1 Moved by Ron, Seconded by Pierre to accept the agenda.

All in favor, agenda is accepted. Quorum met.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE April 8, 2020 meeting

Minutes were previously emailed to members to review

MOTION #2 Moved by Paul, Seconded by John 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. Michelle will advise committee if walking the hiking trails in local provincial parks is allowed at this time (due to COVID-19 social distancing). **Completed**

4. Jill to provide information to committee on annual fish stocking comparing Dryden (and Ignace) and other districts in this region. **Completed**
5. Michelle to forward summary of comments to LCAC once names have been redacted and it meets FIPPA requirements. - **Ongoing**

5. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Nil

6. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS

a) Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)

<http://domtardrydenforestry.ca/>

- Domtar Operations:
 - 1 Chipper and a Buncher are working in Pikwans road – BB126
 - 1 Chipper is in block BB124/2540) on Moon Lake road and block BL91 in Mickle
 - 1 Chipper, 2 Bunchers and 1 Backhoe are working in Desserre road- block LB210
 - A Buncher and a Backhoe are in Centrefire road – block GW139/140
 - Gravel Crew/Backhoe are operating on Bear Narrows road extension
 - Site preparation occurring in block GW138 - Crossover road; block 2508 –Trent/Little road; block 1806 – Agimak road.
 - Wood haul is occurring around Dore Lake road
 - Annual Work Schedule revision#2 has been submitted to MNRF – deals with addition of harvest blocks and water crossing updates
- Resolute operations:
 - No update provided
- HCV (High Conservation Value) identification and Conservation Areas Network discussion for FSC certification (Janet)
 - Click on embedded presentation to view
 - Any questions you can email Janet (Janet.Lane@Domtar.com)
 - If you have input or to identify any conservation areas into HCV Report, please advise Janet
 - Darrel asked what Domtar wants from LCAC
 - Janet responded if anyone is interested to work with Domtar and be involved with identification of conservation areas, not looking for anything formal from LCAC
 - Penny asked what other groups Domtar is presenting to
 - Janet responded asking for volunteers to help, getting a group together for any effected stakeholder groups. First Nation communities will also be contacted.
 - Darlene stated some species at risk used as a reason to clear cut – rusty black bird – none in Dryden district (breed in swamps). Short eared owls nest in marshes not in clear cut.
 - Janet responded that is not the intention. Reviews put together by biologists. Some birds need clear cut areas but this is not for all.



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- (Red/White pine cut and left on side of road Barren Brook Road – Janet will investigate)
- Darlene - Least bittern – evidence not significant wetland thought SFL was going to challenge the PSW (Provincially Significant Wetlands) designation and try to harvest it.
- Michelle – SFL did not challenge the validity of the PSW, there is area that forestry can potentially operate but not in the identified wetland
- Janet – A modified AOC of 120m outside of wetland has been applied to the mapped PSW as per the stand and site guide – this upland area can be harvested depending on the outcome of an Environmental Impact Study (EIS). As there are upland areas in the 2019 Wabigoon FMP for harvest, Domtar will pursue an EIS to ensure any harvest will not impact the PSW.

b) Dryden Forest (Dave)

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- Harvest Areas:
 - Few West Road
 - Hwy 105
 - Chipper has moved off the Dryden Forest until June
- Silviculture:
 - Tree Plant start May 6th - COVID-19 adjustments
 - Darrel asked how much COVID-19 is impacting the tree plant
 - Dave responded tree planting camps will be self-contained, no buffets, separate trailer for isolating sick, fuel tank on site, staying away from town. More expenses, Ontario Government will assist with extra costs.
- LCAC Effectiveness Survey Update
 - 12 out of 13 committee members completed the survey
 - Lower scores in the following areas, SFL (Sustainable Forest Licence) and MNRF would like to know how to improve these areas
 - 6.4 LCAC effective at influencing decisions made in the FMP
 - 6.5 - personally influence decision
 - 6.8 FMP team considered my opinions in forming their decisions
 - Darrel – those who gave low marks – express to committee, Darrel would like to know people’s concerns. We should try to improve these scores.
 - Pierre’s score can be submitted to committee (he was unavailable to provide survey)
- 2021-2031 FMP Development - Draft Plan Review:
 - SUMAC hired, identified areas to avoid, marginal, overlaid to aerial photography (lowland spruce stand – no merchantable timber) (20 mile creek road – right beside road). Slivers of forest left after SUMAC’s report – removed sliver areas. Gave new allocation areas.
 - 4 types over allocation – MNRF to review
 - Can identify contingency forest for 1 – 2 years. 1.2 years were identified

- A map will be available on the DFMC's website (www.drydenforest.ca/DraftPlanChangeMap.pdf)
- Paper copies available to committee – contact Dave first to pick up
- 7th Road Use Strategy added due to comments submitted
- Deallocated along harvest block adjacent to Eton-Rugby Road
- May 21 2020 hope to submit draft plan, MNRF 60 day review
- Proposed Information Center July 29, 2020, regular mail out June 28
- Comments will be due by August 28, 2020
- Due to COVID-19 – virtual Information Center only now
- Planned harvest closely follows LTMD projections.

Questions

Mac – highlight Farabout Area

Dave – has not changed, the Farabout Area has been deferred for 40 years (not in this fmp)

Penny – any other potential surprises?

Dave – Not aware of any. COVID-19 may have stopped First Nation communities from submitting comments.

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

c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)

- COVID-19 – MNRF still following public health direction to prevent spread of COVID-19 and are working remotely from home.
- Bearwise Technician returned from seasonal hiatus on April 27th.
- Since April 27th – Bear Tech has responded to daily bear calls reported to Bearwise Hotline. District has been receiving 1-4 reports daily.
- Cluster of reports in Harris Crescent area resulted in trap and transfer of 1 bear (sow).
- Response to an injured deer call (which succumbed to injuries) resulted in responding to injured Eagle. Eagle was euthanized as injury was too severe for it to be rehabilitated.
- Jackpine Budworm Program – Due to concerns with being able to follow public health direction a decision was made to cancel the program for this year.
- Black Bear Barb-wire Hair Trap surveys – this program was also deferred for a year due to concerns with being able to follow public health direction.
- Restricted Fire Zone is still in place at this time.
- Permitting on-going for W-Power project. Valard has been clearing ROW.
- Steve asked a Question – what was done with the Eagle – was asked for by someone from the public, the district may keep it and use for school presentations.
- Steve asked are fire crews at full capacity?
- Michelle responded fire crews are on at 5-person crews. Procedures being reviewed to be COVID-19 safe (face masks when in close proximity to others etc.)
- Pierre asked if there are any projections on the Jackpine Budworm
- Michelle responded progressing southern north easterly. Extent unknown. Will fly to determine extent.

Michelle recommended at this time for SFL and MNRF (minus Karen) to log off to allow

committee members to discuss endorsing the Dryden Forest Mgt Plan.
Dave requires a note before the end of this week – submit to Ray by Friday.
Dave asked if the LCAC decides not to endorse the plan, wants to know why.
Darrel will do that.
Darlene – wants to see map – Heron rookery, and Thunder Lake shore.
Dave responded area prescriptions not on maps yet, still being worked on.

Steve made a motion to adopt the draft plan.
Discussion followed. Is anyone opposed to endorsing the plan?
Discussion around not receiving the comment summary they previously requested.

ACTION ITEM: LCAC requesting the public consultation summary before they endorse the DF FMP.

The majority voted to endorse the plan. Darrel will make recommendation to endorse the plan.
Those with concerns send to Darrel ASAP (Thursday).

The following members do not support endorsing the plan at this time: Earla, Darlene, John

ACTION ITEM: Add the Effectiveness Survey Discussion to June’s agenda for all to discuss/hear.

8. Financial Report

Distributed (back of Agenda)

9. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 Conference phone?

Time: TBD

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

ACTION ITEMS:

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Having no further business, Darrel, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

(Chair)

L.C.A.C. Member

(Date)