

**MINUTES OF
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 4:30pm**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michelle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

MOTION #1 Moved by Paul, Seconded by Darrel to accept the agenda.
Dave Legg to present first as he needs to leave early. All in favor with adjusted agenda.
All in favor, agenda is accepted. Quorum met.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE June 10, 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:

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3. Add the Effectiveness Survey Discussion to June’s agenda for all to discuss/hear. **(Completed)**

4. Michelle to advise LCAC members if values (ie nests) are reviewed by the MNRF regarding the Watay line clearing. **Ongoing**
5. Michelle to consult with Steve Winsor to confirm and advise LCAC if Blue Lake Park Hiking trails will have maintenance work performed. **Completed**

5. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS

a) Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)

<http://domtardrydenforestry.ca/>

- Domtar Operations:
 - 2 Chipper with skidders, 2 processors, and hauling of hardwood – blocks GW139 and GW140 on in Centrefire road
 - Gravel Crew and 3 Backhoes operating in blocks GW139 and GW140 on Centrefire road
 - Annual Work Schedule Revision request #6 submitted to MNRF District for review – ORB (Operational Road Boundary) changes, Road Use Management changes, addition of Aggregate Extraction Areas
 - No hunt map and prescribed burn plan submitted for review MNRF Dryden District
- Resolute operations:
 - 1 Buncher, 2 skidders and 2 processors working for Resolute in block RA247, RA249 on Agimak road.
 - 1 Backhoe and one log loader also working for Resolute on the Agimak road
- Burn Presentation:
 - To see Domtar's presentation, click on embedded document
 - Starting October 18 to Dec 31
 - 106 ha net area planned for treatment
 - Snake Bay, Doreen, Hwy 502, Bear Narrows, Cooks, Basket Lake Roads
 - Darlene asked for update re Amendment related to Beaver Road crossing a water quality AOC presented in June
 - Daniel – Amendment #2 was presented to LCAC for classification recommendation, then to MNRF for classification, District Manager made decision to classify it as administrative with notification to stakeholders.
 - Stakeholder letters went out, Amendment approved
 - Michelle – Ray sent email to LCAC explaining his decision for classifying the amendment as administrative in June
 - No comments received from stakeholders
 - John asked if the current hauling of hardwood was related to the proposed Hardwood Strategy amendment that was reviewed by LCAC in June – (leaving hardwood in an area)
 - Daniel – no, different topic altogether. Centrefire area blocks 1 thru 9. Domtar is planning to harvest hardwood in blocks as the market is presently strong due to demand for hardwood.



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SLASH PILE Presenta

- The proposed Hardwood Strategy is indefinitely on hold as it was deemed to be a Minor amendment. Due to consultation requirements associated with minor amendment and current hardwood market the strategy is on hold.
- John – Julie commented re utilization of hardwood at the mill, any response to that.
 - Daniel – can look into that.
 - Daniel to investigate and respond to John
 - Derek – Dryden mill can use hardwood, limited based on size proportion. Based on product criteria for Domtar. For remaining mills, if market available, can sell to them. There are specifications on product (if too small, no market). Hardwood market is good, take hardwood from certain blocks, utilize at best time to take advantage of the market.
 - John – no effect on long term mgt
 - Derek – if cutting too small to go to waste (hardwood strategy).
- Daniel left the meeting (5:35pm)

b) Dryden Forest (Dave)

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- Harvest Areas:
 - Smellie Road, Britton Road harvesting
 - Caribou Road, Wickens Lake Road, Turkey Trail processing
- Silviculture:
 - Mechanical Site Preparation continuing
 - Prescribed Burning schedule for late October
 - Map at https://drydenforest.ca/PDFs/MU535_2020_AWSPB_003_Index_00.pdf
- Roads
 - Twenty Mile Creek, Gordon Lake Rd washout – fixed
 - Lorne Lake bridge – reduced weight loads
 - Wabigoon River Road #2 bridge – replace with culvert
- Outstanding FMP Amendments:
 - None
- 2021-2031 FMP Development:
 - Stage 4 – Draft Plan
 - Public Comments to be received until September 28, 2020
 - Documents & Maps
<https://www.efmp.lrc.gov.on.ca/eFMP/viewFmuPlan.do?fmu=535&fid=58962&type=CU RRENT&pid=58962&sid=27565&pn=DP&ppyf=2021&ppyt=2031>
 - Presentation to Lac Seul First Nation October 22, 2020 – tentative
 - Presentation to Regional Director October 30, 2020
 - Final Plan submission November 9, 2020
 - New Forest Management Planning Manual effective July 1, 2020
<https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-forest-management-planning-manual-en-2020-07-08.pdf>
 - High level overview:
 - Addition of spring storage yards

- 10-year expiry on pits removed
 - Duration of public consultation – 60 days may be too long, shortened to 30
 - Review by MNRF and public 60 days, now done at the same time
 - Darrel asked how will the public get to review MNRF's changes if reviewing at the same time?
 - Dave stated the public won't need to review the MNRF's changes
 - Michelle responded changes reviewed at Planning Team and Task Team meetings. Changes would be more administrative.
 - No longer an annual work schedule
 - FMP amendments – AWS revision to FN/Metis communities
 - Michelle stated Todd Moore will provide presentation on the new FMP Manual – changes/why changes at the October meeting
 - Darlene asked about the new manual – primary road corridors – how does the new manual affect plans already approved (page 46).
 - Dave – all primary branch roads reviewed at FMP level, has not changed. Phase in section – does not apply to earlier plans than 2021.
 - Del – Dryden Forest Plan – what manual does it fall under?
 - Dave – Stage 4 followed old manual, Stage 5 will follow new manual
 - Darrel requested a printed copy of new manual – Karen will print and mail to him
- Slash Pile Burning
 - 1272 ha (2.5%) of piles, map shows harvest blocks. East, west, north of VB, south of Dryden, few down Townline road. Wind direction will be reviewed before burning (to not send smoke towards community).
 - Letters will be going out shortly (Sept 16) to stakeholders
 - Del – are you using local contractors
 - Dave responded yes using Moose Creek Reforestation/Skene lumber
 - Ron – when reviewing map – not entire block
 - Dave confirmed just burning slash piles.

Dave left the meeting. (5:12pm)

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

c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)

- Staffing:
 - Permanent hire of Resource Management Technician in Ignace
 - District Planner interviews scheduled for week of September 24th – Hiring on a permanent basis
 - Approval has been granted to move forward with recruitment of a permanent Resource Liaison Specialist. This will be an external posting as well.
 - District Business Coordinator currently vacant but plans to move forward with submission of business case to hire permanently for this position
 - Due to COVID 19 and direction for staff to work remotely there was no SEO (student) or Stewardship Youth Ranger program this summer
- District Initiatives

- Limited field work was completed over the past few months. Only items deemed critical and essential business were completed. This mainly extended to items related to the development of the 10-year Dryden Forest Management Plan, and some other compliance matters.
- Administrative function for permitting Category 9 pits has fully transitioned over to the Provincial Integrated Aggregate Operations Section. This team will begin the process of reviewing and issuing permits on September 11th.
- Continuing to provide information as required for upcoming Independent Forest Audit of the Wabigoon Forest (first week of October)
- Forest Compliance flights scheduled for October

Questions:

Ron asked where will Aggregate staff be?

Michelle – southern Ontario – Peterborough, 2 Regional specialists in TB, district has a specialist (more on compliance)

Darlene – Great Blue Heron colony – Hwy 502 – was a survey taken of the nest area?

Michelle – Not able to complete this year due to Covid restrictions. Mentioned that MNRF informed that colony was in use this season.

Darlene - Harvest block should not be approved until a proper survey completed next spring. Only saw 2 nests recently.

Darrel – Heronry on Mavis Lake moved back in behind Star Lake, any reactivated?

No known heron rookery seen in this area.

Michelle – we will be doing value flights – looking for nests in harvest blocks with Dryden plan (late winter).

John – Independent Forest Audit – will report go to LCAC?

Michelle/Derek – report prepared with recommendations/best mgt practices, present to SFL and MNRF, a summary will be presented to LCAC (confidential until it passes thru legislature and is approved). No document provided until after approval.

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Steve – Jackpine Budworm Aerial Spray – postponed due to Covid, getting any worse/is it being monitored?

Michelle – meeting tomorrow with an update, was monitored. Signs of budworm collapse. Spread into more spruce dominated forests.

Darrel – Red Lake fire – how much area of budworm infestation did that cover?

Michelle – will ask this question at tomorrow's meeting

Steve – requested any new info – could Michelle forward to committee

Michelle will send out an update from the Jackpine Budworm meeting to the committee if available (at this time the information is not available for distribution outside the MNRF).

- FMP Updates

Wabigoon Forest

- Amendment 2 (Administrative) was submitted and approved. Includes Road and Road Use Strategy changes. AEA (Aggregate Extraction Area) additions and FMP changes from review.
- Amendment 3 (Administrative)– AOC (Area of Concern) changes from FMP comments. Awaiting resubmission
- Amendment 4 (Minor) – Hardwood strategy. Put on hold due to Covid and scoping of 2 pass harvest options.
- Revision 7 – Slash Pile Burn Plan – Awaiting signature
- Revision 6 – consistent with Amendment 2 changes
- Revision 5 – Approved – Additions of Harvest block BL89 and 90 (Cherry Lake Area) and Water Crossing changes
- Revision 4 – Approved – Herbicide Spray Plan

Dryden Forest

- Public review period for 10-year plan currently underway. Only have received a couple of comments to date. One related to trails in Airport Road vicinity, and another related to proposed harvest on highway 647.
 - MNRF & DFMC have field verified reported values in Thunder Lake area.
 - Amendment 35 – contingency block swap & associated AWS revision was approved
 - Slash Pile Burn Plan submitted for MNRF review
- COVID 19 Update
 - At this point in time majority of staff are still working remotely from home.
 - District will begin transitioning staff back to office between now and December as part of Stage 3: reopening.

6. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Michelle – Terms of Reference – administrative updates. Will refer to newest FMP. Appendix 6 may need to be updated. New Revisions will be sent out.
- Round Table
- Darlene has serious concerns regarding reduced public comment time
- Michelle will forward Darlene’s concern of reduced public review/comment time to Todd Moore.
- It will be good to hear rationale behind this
- John – supports Darlene’s concern. Need to provide adequate notification – minimal media coverage.
- Stephen – noticed mining road Ghost Lk west road, a lot of garbage dumping, including in aggregate pits. Does anyone monitor this?
- Michelle - If reported MNRF will inspect. Enforcement can lay charges if guilty individual found. MNRF will clean up. Inspections happening next week on a couple of Domtar aggregate pits where unauthorized dumping was reported.
- Darrel commented several years ago the LCAC did a clean-up of area. Michelle would have to discuss with district manager prior to (safety issue – needles etc).

7. Financial Report

Distributed (back of Agenda) Ron and Del made motion to accept financial report on agenda.

8. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 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

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Having no further business, Stephen, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

(Chair)

L.C.A.C. Member

(Date)