

**MINUTES OF
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 4:30pm**

- PRESENT:** Gord Bastable, Earla Haukeness, Ron Kujansuu, Mac Potter, Daniel Morriseau, Pierre Paquin, Penny Ratushniak, Darlene Salter, Del Schmucker (Vice Chair), Darrel Sidney
- REGRETS:** John Dove, Paul Heayn, Steven Semeniuk (Chair)
- INDUSTRY REPS:** Dave Legg, Daniel Yeboah (Domtar)
- MNRF REPS:** Michelle Glena (Facilitator), Derek Johnson, Karen Savage (Minute Taker)
- GUESTS:** Matthew Benson, Previous MNRF Facilitator (Retired)
Todd Moore, NW Region, Forest Mgt Specialist
Steve Young, New Manager DFMC replacing Dave Legg

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Del asked if Michelle can chair the meeting (Chair not available, Vice technical issue)
Earla made a motion for Michelle to chair meeting, Darrel seconded.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

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

3. RECOGNITION OF DARREL SIDNEY'S 20 YEARS SERVING ON THE DRYDEN LCAC

Michelle introduced Matthew Benson, previous long-term Facilitator for the MNRF, who joined the meeting to recognize Darrel Sidney for 20 years of volunteering on the Dryden LCAC.

Matt joined after 5 years being away (retired). Tribute from one old member, to another.
Darrel wore many hats. Bait fisherman, bma, trapper. He could comment and he usually did.
Darrel at an LCAC meeting where a topic was passionate to him ended up voting against himself.
He brought enthusiasm to the committee. Darrel served as member, vice-chair and chair. He attended many open houses, field trips and participated in Regional Director Issue Resolution processes. Thanks for your participation and enthusiasm brought throughout all these years.

Penny – congratulations, met 20 years ago. She thought Darrel used to work at Domtar as he had so much knowledge of forestry. As an LCAC member, Darrel took the time to learn the forestry

process. Participated in training, various session to understand forestry. He welcomed new members. Congratulations.

Michelle – Thanks Darrel for your support, from new Facilitator, Resource Mgt Suvpr, and from the MNRF district manager. A small gift of appreciation will be delivered to you on behalf of MNRF, Domtar and DFMC. It would have been nice to do this face to face (but Covid-19 says no).

Darrel – thank you all so much (seemed a little teary eyed).

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE September 9, 2020 meeting

Minutes were previously emailed to members to review

MOTION #2 Moved by Ron, Seconded by Pierre to accept the minutes.
All in favor, minutes are accepted.

5. 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. Karen sent out proposed business cards, will edit/update with committee suggestions. **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 ON HOLD due to COVID-19**
3. Michelle to advise LCAC members if values (ie nests) are reviewed by the MNRF regarding the Watay line clearing. **Completed – Jill confirmed extensive review of values on project**
4. Michelle will forward Darlene’s concern of reduced public review/comment time to Todd Moore. **Completed**

6. PRESENTATION: Forest Manuals Revision Project (2020) - Todd Moore, NW Region, Forest Mgt Specialist

Presentation will be sent out to members.

Goals/Objectives

Context for Forest Manuals Revision

Penny requested list of acronyms – MECP (Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks)

Proposed Revisions

Phase-In Provisions - Highlights

Key changes – public consultation, LCC and amendments

Changes to Operational Planning

Amendments, Contingency Plans, FMP Extensions

Annual Work Schedule

Comments voiced about lowered review time from 30 to 15 days (lessen public input)

Darlene - ELFN joined other nations to take govt to court re planning manual.

Michelle – have no knowledge of that/can't respond

Darlene – Crown Forest Sustainability Act – changes? (Bill 132)

Todd – focus on ability to implement use of natural resource information portal

ACTION: Todd to send out information on the Crown Forest Sustainability Act to Dryden LCAC

Forward any presentation questions to Michelle who will forward to Todd for response

Penny – what does Professional Reliance mean

Todd – relying on professionalism of registered forester (not needed to review AWS as they reviewed FMP)

Earla agrees with Darlene – fox in charge of hen house, total disregard for other values in forest

Michelle thanked Todd for his presentation to the committee.

7. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS

a) Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)

<http://domtardrydenforestry.ca/>

- Domtar Operations:

- Harvest operations with two chippers in blocks GW139 and GW140 on Centrefire road
- Gravel crew working on Revel and Weaver roads.
- 2 Backhoes working on Doreen and Revel roads, and a Backhoe operating in block GW139
- Moosecreek to start slash pile burning October 18.
- Annual Work Schedule Revision #6 approved – Operational Road Boundary (ORB) changes, Road Use Management changes, addition of Aggregate Extraction Areas
- 2020 Independent Forest Audit ongoing for the forest – reviewing draft report to discuss with auditors on 15 October.

Darlene had a question re John's comment (Sept meeting) on hardwood. She has photos of huge piles of hardwood (Snakebay area) – is that for burning?

Daniel – he needs to investigate this.

Darlene will send photo to Michelle and Daniel to investigate.

ACTION ITEM: Daniel Y. to investigate piles of hardwood being left behind and respond to committee.

b) Dryden Forest (Dave)

www.operations.drydenforest.ca

- Harvest Areas:

- No harvesting – bunchers in Ear Falls
- Caribou Road, Smellie, Britton Road - processing

- Silviculture:

- Mechanical Site Preparation complete
- Prescribed Burning schedule for late October
 - Map at https://drydenforest.ca/PDFs/MU535_2020_AWSPB_003_Index_00.pdf

- Roads
 - Complete for winter, none
- Outstanding FMP Amendments:
 - None
- 2021-2031 FMP Development:
- *Embed presentation (I did not receive it)*
 - Presentation to Regional Director October 30, 2020. Will cover:
 - Will review map, LTMD targets, Operations-harvest, roads, renewal
 - Changes since Draft Plan
 - Consultation
 - Potential Issues
 - Timelines – moving forward
 - Final Plan submission November 9, 2020
 - Final Plan Approved November 23, 2020

Q Darlene – Blue Lake Road – red/white pine on moraine, why not part of old growth forest

A Dave – portion was removed, Parks are not part of sustainable licence (can't join forest areas)

A Michelle – can get some clarification on this

A Dave – will review access from Blue Lake Loop

Michelle stated the consultation summary will be provided to the committee at the next meeting
Targeting prior to RD presentation (Oct 30), LCAC engagement report – with Steve/Del, Paul will review

Dave/Steve left the meeting

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

c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)

- Staffing:
 - Approval to hire permanent Resource Liaison position
 - District Planner interviews were held
 - Bearwise Tech position will be off for season (working until November 20)
 - Ray covering Dryden plus Sioux Lookout districts (until December 30)
- District Initiatives
 - Some compliance inspections completed – forestry, lands, applications for work permits
 - Compliance flights next week
 - Independent Forest Audit completed on Wabigoon Forest
 - Next month schedule overview of audit of findings to the LCAC
 - Bears – very busy season within communities, poor food sources.
 - Approval given for provincial moose aerial inventories this winter (none in Dryden – already completed).

- Phase In with rolling manual out. Revisions will be screened for Indigenous Consultation requirements.

Q Darlene asked about the new Regional Director

A Michelle stated Michael Gluck (contributed to the LandScape Guide, Caribou Recovery project Far North)

8. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Darlene – Prime Minister’s Initiative to pledge towards 30% of lands and water by 2030, area on FMP to identify. Requesting a speaker from the Region to speak on moving forward to identify areas for protection (presently less than 5% in Dryden District).
- **ACTION ITEM: Michelle – will contact Darlene to get more clarification on the type of presentation that she is seeking. Need to determine if there would be anyone who would be able to provide a presentation of this nature, especially since there is no current mandate for parks planning at this time. In addition, this would fall under MECP now..**
- Round Table
 - Darlene – covered all concerns previously
 - Gord – agrees with Darlene’s request preservation of remote areas of boreal forests.
 - Del – presentation given today – wants to review further, seems like government going backwards (less red tape). Not sure when/where/how – LCAC Engagement – Michelle will send out information.
 - Earla – agree with Darlene/Gord – more information for tourism, should we send questions individually or from the group – Penny suggested individually
 - Pierre – more info from Todd Moore – interested in Darlene’s photos – can she share. Yes she can share – will share thru Michelle.
 - Darrel – Thank all, it’s been great working with everyone.
 - Ron – concerned with AWS 15 day review
 - Penny – read full presentation when it is sent out, any concerns send in questions
 - Daniel – does share same concerns FMP revisions

9. Financial Report

Distributed (back of Agenda)

10. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 Conference phone

Time: 4:30

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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Darrel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ron seconded
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

(Chair)

L.C.A.C. Member

(Date)