

**MINUTES OF
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, November 12, 2020 6:00pm**

PRESENT: John Dove, Earla Haukeness, Paul Heayn, Ron Kujansuu, Daniel Morriseau, Pierre Paquin, Penny Ratushniak, Darlene Salter, Del Schmucker (Vice Chair), Steven Semeniuk (Chair)

REGRETS: Gord Bastable, Mac Potter, Darrel Sidney

INDUSTRY REPS: Steve Young (DFMC), Daniel Yeboah (Domtar)

MNRF REPS: Michelle Glena (Facilitator), DJ Armit, Derek Johnson, Ray Boudreau, Karen Savage (Minute Taker)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Stephen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

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

All in favor, agenda is accepted. Quorum met.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE October 14, 2020 meeting

Minutes were previously emailed to members to review

MOTION #2 Moved by Daniel M., Seconded by Pierre 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. 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. Todd to send out presentation materials related to updates to Forest Management Planning Manual and other associated manuals to Dryden LCAC. **Completed**

4. Daniel Y. to investigate piles of hardwood being left behind and respond to committee. Received email from Darlene (Snakebay). The piles will be burnt next year (to recover land and replant). **Completed.** Darlene commented she sent two photos, showing large diameter trunks of trees in piles. Daniel responded the large wood is organized for firewood should the public wish to take it. Michelle requested Daniel to re-visit Darlene's photos and email questions and respond directly to her. Stephen asked if the public require a fuelwood permit to get this wood. Michelle replied yes. DJ clarified the wood in the slash piles does not go thru the scales so they do not get paid for.

ACTION ITEM: Daniel Y. will review Darlene's email and photos submitted on the Snakebay slash piles and forward email and photos and response to the committee.

John asked about the use of hardwood at the mill. Michelle said we will circle back with Janet who was going to talk to salespeople. Requested some follow up.

ACTION ITEM: Daniel Y. to respond to John and committee on John's hardwood concern from the September meeting – needs further clarification.

Penny stated Amendment (4) put forward then retracted. Hardwood use at the Domtar mill. Update was provided, SFL did not move forward with Amendment. Hardwood Strategy is no longer required due to the current strong market.

Earla asked about the wood that is left in the piles, does this not get scaled. DJ stated the process is from the scaling manual. The stumpage is paid for by the SFL. If merchantable and left in the bush, will be scaled on site and volume determined, Crown dues will be paid. 10cm and less is not merchantable. Penny suggested this may be a good topic for a presentation – what is merchantable timber.

DJ would like to make a note – poplar looks big/branchy, if more than 50% rotten, is considered defective. Can be deceiving. Change in hardwood strategy. Positive that they are moving this wood.

Paul requested for Daniel Y. to send response (and original email photos) to all LCAC members.

Pierre – as a professional logger in cutting hardwood – when cutting it, it doesn't grow straight like spruce or jackpine. If hardwood has a crutch in it, it becomes a safety issue – that's why it would be left in the bush.

5. Michelle – will contact Darlene to get more clarification on the type of presentation that she is seeking (Federal PM Trudeau target adding protected land). 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. **Ongoing,** Michelle sent email to Darlene requesting more clarification. Darlene said IPCA (?), she was supposed to attend a presentation in TB (cancelled due to COVID). Indigenous protected areas. Michelle is unaware of this Federal target. **Michelle and Darlene to discuss further.**

5. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS

a) Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)

<http://domtardrydenforestry.ca/>

- Domtar Operations:
 - 2 chippers, 3 backhoes and 2 bunchers are working in Centrefire – block GW139 and GW140
 - Gravel crew are working at km 2 and 9 on Doreen road area
 - A buncher and 2 skidders operating in blocks LB200, LB201 and LB204 on Larson road. Bunching operation is also occurring in block LB205.
 - Slash pile burning will be completed by next weekend – only Block 1806 on Agimak road left to burn by this week (weather dependent)

- FMP
 - Annual Report to be submitted by November 15, 2020
 - IFA draft report reviewed, and comments submitted to auditors

b) Dryden Forest (Steve Young)

Website www.operations.drydenforest.ca

- Harvest Areas:
 - Hodgins area - Buncher
 - Detour and Jones area – processing
 - Chippers are off licence

- Silviculture:
 - Mechanical Site Preparation complete
 - Prescribed Burning near complete (only north left)

- Roads
 - None

- Outstanding FMP Amendments:
 - Amendment 38 request for classification of ORB to be added to allow for block access off existing road

- 2021-2031 FMP Development:
 - Final Plan Submitted November 9, 2020
 - Final Plan Approved November 23, 2020

Annual report to be submitted on or before November 15, 2020

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

- Darlene asked about Amendment 38 (in current plan, not unapproved plan) – *no location mentioned*
- Steve responded it is an old operational road in behind Laroy Road, Quibell Road, north of Vermilion Bay

- Michelle clarified it was to expand ORB (Operational Road Boundaries) (falls into category of one that would be screened as administrative, no LCAC review). Steve met with landowner re access.
- Ron asked – is there going to be an Annual Work Schedule.
- Steve replied will not be an Annual Work Schedule this year. There will be something similar, an annual operating plan, bit different than in the past. Still submitted, before end of December. Inspection from that point onward. MNRF will not review/approve anymore. DJ suggested a map would work good for Ron and the Municipality.

c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)

- Staffing:
 - Next Friday last day for seasonal bear tech. Bear mgt program was very busy this year. A lot of active trapping took place. Actively trapped cluster areas (within city to alleviate pressure on Dryden Police during Covid).
 - Next week Resource mgt tech going off on 18 month maternity leave.
 - Resource Liaison position posted for permanent external posting.
 - Resource Clerk in Ignace – permanent external posting.
 - District Planner back on board to external posting.
- District Initiatives
 - Final review of Dryden Forest FMP
 - Independent forest audit
 - Aggregate permit reviews

Del asked where is the job board.

ACTION ITEM: Michelle to send link to job board to LCAC members.

6. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Del asked in the Dryden Forest Planning Team #22 minutes – reference to Ghost Lake bike trails. Did Stephen see this? It stated no AOC required.
- Stephen had a written agreement with Domtar to protect Ghost Lake trails.
- DJ added – trails that are being maintained, trails that show up in LIO system as trails, (west east – they were not being maintained – old logging trails).
- There is some private property within those trails, those trails are not used or maintained.

Darlene asked regarding the letter that Stephen wrote for draft plan – most recent Terms of Reference, nothing stated in there that the LCAC to endorse the plan.

Michelle thanked members for submitting their comments to Stephen, Chair. Effectiveness report for LCAC, (outlines involvement in FMP throughout development) in TofR it outlines what the roles of the LCAC are. Committee is there to advise the MNRF District Manager. As an LCAC member did the planning team do their job, did they follow the manual, respond to public comments, any issue resolution required. The Planning Manual has this info.

Penny – include what a definition of endorsement would include. Several people had a concern of

“endorsing”.

Del – is MNRF still working remotely.

Michelle – yes, no timeline. Very limited access to office for staff for critical business.

Del asked specifically if Trapline transfers are still on hold.

ACTION ITEM: Michelle will check with Irene/Trevor if trapline transfers are still on hold.

- Round Table
 - Terms of Reference Update will be discussed at the January meeting.

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 - Darlene – question for Del – huge surplus of fur this year. Are trappers still required to fill their quotas.
 - Del – for trappers with traplines, Covid has caused some problems, fur harvesters in North Bay (largest International Fur Auction). No international travel, international buyers can't come here, furs can't be shipped. In Ontario trappers are required to harvest 2/3 of their beaver annually. Many trappers “on hold”.
 - Darlene asked if the MNRF could do a presentation next meeting. Michelle will have to discuss with Irene/Trevor.
 - Ray – info coming out releasing hold for trappers.

 - Pierre – share photos of slash piles.

 - Ron – Annual Work Schedule (Derek clarified 3 years in AHA limit can be added each year)

 - Earla – trappers EBR responded to by December 16th

 - Penny – good discussion. Asked what is the govt doing to educate public about the change in the annual schedule notification requirement. **Michelle will discuss with Todd.**

 - **ACTION ITEM: Michelle will discuss (with Todd) and advise committee what the government did to educate the public about the change in the annual schedule notification requirement.**

 - Del – reviewed Todd's presentation, concerned with the changes, public input. Government wanted to make it easier for businesses to operate. Concerned with how these changes may have unhinged concerns around public engagement, knowing public will. What about SFL operations?

7. Financial Report

Distributed (back of Agenda)

8. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2021 Conference phone

Time: 6:00

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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John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ron seconded
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

(Chair)

L.C.A.C. Member

(Date)