

**MINUTES OF  
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
CONFERENCE CALL  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:00pm**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Stephen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed.

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

**3. PRESENTATION – Independent Forest Audit (IFA) Review Wabigoon Forest – Al Stewart**



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Questions/comments:

Michelle stated MNRF's next step is to develop an action plan to address findings from audit.

John asked – slide 9 – low initial stocking, ingress of hardwood and jack pine - are they related/how and why?

Al Response – silviculture success rates declined in some areas, moved to more conifer. Stocking was low. Chemical spray did not work effectively. Hardwood/jack pine etc took over which caused problems for the silviculture success rate. Combination of low planting, low success of spray. Most was good, only some parts were not successful.

John asked – slide 10 – higher occurrences of logging slash – poor performance

Al – trenching was not adequate. Disc trenching is meant to get down to mineral soil, passive disc trenching used did not dig down deep enough.

Stephen – difference between hydraulic and passive disc trenching?

Al – passive disc trenching does not get as deep

Pierre – agree, passive trenchers something of past

Al – money investment up front

Darlene – realization not enough red and white pine on the landscape – noticed any attempt to increase the white/red pine on landscape.

Al – looked at that, fmp, company did a good job, some setbacks, not company's fault

John – slide 12 – standards to slope angle in pits?

Al – various standards get in the way of each other, safety perspective versus swallows nesting in banks (they like steep slope) inconsistency. The slopes are to be kept safe. If biologist recommends specific sloping for birds, then it would be done.

Penny – silviculture – targets not met in fmp, no void. Still some trees, just not what is preferred.

Al – few designated tree species that it had not been met.

Del – when is the action plan coming out to address the findings?

Michelle/Derek – March 31

Al stated overall good effort, LCAC provided good input also. It was a good audit.

Darlene – age class – any concerns re harvesting of young forests.

Al – did not run into that. Usually a reason for that, covered in work schedule.

#### **4. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE November 12, 2020 meeting**

Minutes were previously emailed to members to review

**MOTION #2** Moved by Del, 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 – 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. **Ongoing. Michelle and Darlene to discuss further.**

4. 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. **Completed Nov 16**
5. Daniel Y. to respond to John and committee on John's hardwood concern from the September meeting – needs further clarification. **Completed November 20**
6. Michelle to send link to job board to LCAC members. **Completed Nov 16**
7. Michelle will check with Irene/Trevor if trapline transfers are still on hold. No longer on hold. **Completed Nov 16**
8. 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. **Discussion held below. Completed.**

Darlene asked for clarification re fmp regarding species at risk Bill 229 schedule 8 and 6 with wetlands. How will this affect areas that need to be protected.

Michelle responded species at risk is now under MECP (Min Environment Conservation Parks) MNR linkage re forestry. Michelle can discuss with Darlene outside of this meeting. New announcement was Conservation authorities (Thunder Bay may have some). Nabish wetland is Crown land, not managed thru a conservation authority.

**ACTION ITEM: Michelle will provide clarification to Darlene on Bill 229 Schedule 8 and 6 impacting wetlands in our district.**

Penny asked re AWS (Annual Work Schedule) – are letters going out to stakeholders?

Michelle responded letters will still be going out. Mail out is reduced, only sending out to directly affected stakeholders.

Danielle Y. – still sending information out to FN communities

Penny suggesting mail list should still be notified.

Danielle Y. – any concern you can comment

Penny - With these changes, not a lot of information sent out to public. Have been stakeholders that have been very active, checked AWS, FN communities have been offered 60 days, what about the general public? Maybe LCAC should take initiative to notify public.

Michelle – communication on AWS, but more stakeholders are made aware of changes to processes. Penny asked how the District Manager would like this done.

Michelle – there will still be an AWS mail out.

Stephen asked if mail out to LCAC members as well? Michelle responded yes.

Steve Young stated he could do work schedule presentation in March rather than February meeting (but there may be changes).

## **6. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS**

### **a) Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)**

<http://domtardrydenforestry.ca/>

#### Domtar Operations:

- o 1 chipper working in block BL66 on Orion Rd
- o 1 chipper working BL68 on Charlie's Rd. Both chippers will be moving into BL69 – km17 Basket Lake this month

- Hardwood haul occurring in block GW139/GW140 - km 15 Kathlyn Lake Rd. skidders hauling hardwood in block LB203 – Larson Lake Rd

FMP:

- AWS submission was done in Dec 2020
- Annual Report resubmission to be in Feb 2021

b) **Dryden Forest (Steve Young)**

Website [www.operations.drydenforest.ca](http://www.operations.drydenforest.ca)

Harvest Areas:

- Lavoie Road, Pear Lake Road (just on hold due to hardwood market) – Buncher
- Rugby Creek Road – Harvesting and Processing
- Detour Point area – Processing and haul
- Glider Area – Harvesting and Processing

Silviculture:

- Planning for seeding

Roads:

- None

Outstanding FMP Amendments:

- None

Annual Work Schedule:

- Submitted prior to December 31st and is under MNRF review
- Can view on DFMC website: <https://www.drydenforest.ca/aws.html>
- Please contact me if you require any additional resources.

Annual Report:

- Annual Report is being updated and resubmission expected shortly.
- Due to yesterday's Covid Stay At Home announcement – office is locked down, Steve will work remotely, Karen B. will work locally. If you need printed copies, they can be mailed or left for you.

Ron – Asked if Detour Point Area completed soon

Steve - poplar is all processed. Will be out within 3-4 weeks.

Stephen – had the abnormally warm weather affected hauling?

Steve – It has not been a benefit at all. Will have issues getting into low lying winter areas. Not much firmness. Bonus has been minimal snow. Having to put extra gravel on roads.

DJ mentioned – map – provide an AWS hardcopy map for Municipality office.

Steve Y. wants to ensure map will be finalized (no changes before he sends). March 15 to April 1?

DJ stated he should send both maps – 10 year plan. Approved fmp index map and proposed AWS map.

Steve will send those to Ron. AWS map will be in March. Mun office is locked down right now.

**ACTION ITEM: Steve Young will send index and AWS map to Ron for display at the Municipality of Machin office.**

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

- c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)
- Locked down measures in place due to Covid.
  - Staff are already set up for working from home (laptops, cell phones, vpn's)
  - Staff can only access office for critical essential work.
  - By next week cell phone list at front reception.
  - Michelle said Karen can send list out to LCAC (completed)
  - 3 days next week of interviews for Resource Liaison Specialist
  - District Planner interviews towards the end of January.
  - Ignace will interview for resource clerk next month.
  - District Business Coordinator is advertised on the job board, open to the public.
  - Working on Annual Work Schedule review
  - Dorothy Brunner working in Sioux Lookout, Acting Resource Mgt Supvr until the end of March, may be extended.

**7. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Round Table
  - Terms of Reference Update
  - Updated Appendix 6 (was not inputted into the document – needs to be)
  - Please review the ToFR information, provides guidance/outlines/purpose etc
  - Broader items other than forestry - is it within scope of influence for District Manager?
  - Reports – Michelle thanked Paul for the Dryden Forest Report
  - Review appendices – scope of committee, conflict of interest, conflict resolution, Appendix 6
  - Committee members have a good variety of interests, do not require any new members at this time
  - Appendix 3 – Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act
  - Review contact information (Ron said his email address should not have a dot. Karen updated).
  - Any revisions – contact Michelle
  - Darlene – reviewed the Terms of Reference at the end of the Dryden Forest draft plan, some members were asked to endorse the draft plan – we should not be using that word “endorse”.
  - Michelle stated there is a requirement at various stages, to put forward in writing to the District Manager that they agree the FMP was done in accordance with the manual and that the Planning Team fulfilled their duties.
  
- Round Table
  - Darlene – asked with staff working out of homes – are the CO's out in the field?
  - Michelle – yes CO's are deemed essential, so they are still out.
  
  - John – will the mild weather worsen the budworm problem?

- Michelle – Forest Health does not feel this will worsen – has been showing signs of collapse. Moving into mixed wood – budworm prefers jack pine.
- Darlene – handout of budworm infestation – sent a map, using a pesticide but did not say what.
- Michelle said they will be using Btk which is a natural bacteria. Has potential to affect other moths etc. Michelle is the operations lead. Have shown where preferred spray areas will be. Areas that get harvested will be removed from spray program. Public comments will also be reviewed and may affect the plan. Smaller blocks. 40/40 split – 40% more jack pine in stand, 40 years of age and up is target.
- Pierre – will private property be sprayed?
- Michelle advised no, only Crown land.
- Derek – expecting a couple amendments, roads, hardwood strategy. The amendments may go to LCAC for review.
- Stephen – Did anything result from the CO's investigating garbage being dumped in gravel pits, mining road, Ghost Lake West Road?
- Michelle did bring to CO's. They said they would review. Michelle can follow up with them.

**ACTION ITEM: Michelle to provide Stephen results of CO investigation into illegal dumping in Ghost Lake Road area.**

Michelle could have a Jack pine Budworm Project Presentation in April – committee welcomed the offer.

## **8. Financial Report**

Distributed (back of Agenda)

## **9. Next Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, February 10, 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, Darlene seconded  
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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(Chair)

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