

**MINUTES OF  
THE DRYDEN LOCAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021 6:00pm**

- PRESENT:** John Dove, Ron Kujansuu, Penny Ratushniak,  
Del Schmucker (Vice Chair), Stephen Semeniuk (Chair)
- REGRETS:** Earla Haukeness, Daniel Morriseau, Pierre Paquin, Mac Potter,  
Darlene Salter, Darrel Sidney
- INDUSTRY REPS:** Steve Young (DFMC), Daniel Yeboah (Domtar)
- NDMNR 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 6:05 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 was NOT met. No motions can be made.  
Meeting continued.~~

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE June 9, 2021 meeting**

Minutes were previously emailed to members to review

~~**MOTION #2** — Moved by Ron, Seconded by Del to accept the minutes.~~  
The June 9 minutes will need to be approved at the next meeting where there is quorum.

**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. **COMPLETED Karen mailed several out to members.**
2. Karen to obtain date(s) available and price quote from Dave Keefer to train members (Earla, Del, new MNRF clerk?) to update the LCAC website (if training is less than \$200 obtain dates, more than \$200 bring quote). **ON HOLD due to COVID-19**
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## **5. RE-OCCURRING BUSINESS**

Ray Boudreau, District Manager gave opening remarks to committee for the new season. The purpose of the LCAC is to provide advice to NDMNRF district manager. Ray asked that committee members review the Terms of Reference, as he believes some members have lost their focus. Amendments have already gone thru 3 years of planning. It is the committee's role to review the amendment and advise whether it is administrative, minor, or major, not if area should be harvested. That is out of scope of the LCAC. DM has accepted 90% of committee's recommendations. DM is open to receiving comments from committee for clarification. Members are to be representing their groups, not their own personal beliefs. DM tried to get a more diverse committee (ie not so heavy in forestry) and recognizes that a diverse committee is beneficial however it is important that the group works together in harmony, respects each other's opinions, and understand their roles.

Stephen – getting back to meeting in person should help. Comments/concerns communicated thru Stephen, will be more efficient when we can meet in person ie reasons for amendments.

Penny – agrees with Stephen, need to have full amendment brought to committee to review. A review of new admin, minor, major amendments need to be brought forward for clarification.

Ron – when an amendment is on the table, and brought forward, reviewing the manual helps.

Stephen – maps work best viewing in person, getting explanation from SFL.

Ray – agreed face to face is more efficient. Unfortunately, currently face to face meetings are not permissible.

Ray may set up meetings in the future with LCAC Chair and Facilitator on how meetings are going, and any improvements.

Penny – there are some people interested in joining the committee. November is when committee starts the recruitment process. Ray stated we should fill vacancies throughout the year as required.

Stephen suggested having new members join when face to face meetings can be held.

John – echoes the comments of conference phone meetings. Having issues reviewing amendments. Would like to see identification of values provided with information (example white otter lake).

Penny clarified Amendment is to change what was approved in the plan. She echoed the identification of values is important. We need a review of the categories – at next meeting.

Michelle agreed we can add review.

**ACTION ITEM: Karen to add review of definitions of three amendment categories to the next meeting. Provide information ahead of meeting to members for their review.**

a) **Dryden Forest (Steve Young)**

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

Harvest Areas:

- Glider Area –Processing
- Zealand – Harvesting and Processing
- West of Vermilion Bay along HWY 17 –Processing
- Turgeon Road – Processing
- Wilson Lane (start of North Road) – Harvesting
- Mafeking – Harvesting and Processing
- Redvers – Processing

Silviculture:

- Aerial Spray should be completed within the next couple days

Roads

- Rasin – complete for the year
- Narrow – complete
- McDonald – ROW felling and subgrade
- West – subgrade
- Clay – ditching, subgrade and drainage
- Joli – ROW felling, subgrade, gravel

Outstanding FMP Amendments:

- none

Annual Work Schedule:

- Slash pile burn plan under review/finalizing
- <https://www.drydenforest.ca/aws.html>
- sent around a map earlier
- Main burn areas in Wabigoon Twp, Smellie, Temple, blocks 162 to 173 in last plan, then Horne Twp. Makeking Rugby, Glider, North Road, and some areas around Britton. Order to action chipper debris this fall. Fire has requested a burn plan – resubmitting separately.
- Original draft report is posted on link (above).

**Questions:** Forward to Steve (steve@drydenforest.ca, 807-223-7216 x 1)  
Steve left the meeting at 6:35pm

b) **Wabigoon Forest – (Daniel Y.)**

<http://domtardrydenforestry.ca/>

Domtar Operations:

- Wood flow changed due to fire shut down of forestry work this summer
- 3 bunchers working in block GW146 at Bar road/Vaughan junction

- 2 chippers/4 skidders working in block GW137 at Ghost Lake road and 1 chipper/2 skidders operating in block RA259 at Doreen road
- 1 backhoe building chip pads for block GW155 at Maclean road and a backhoe accessing gravel pit for gravel crew that will start hauling next week
- 2 backhoes working at backend of Larson road and gravel crew hauling from pit in Gilbert to the Bar/Vaughan junction
- Bunching will begin in Maclean and Spine road shortly in blocks GW143 and GW155

Silviculture:

- Site preparation is in blocks GW139 and GW140 at Centrefire road
- Aerial herbicide spray is concentrated to the south (Dore road area) and east (Snake Bay, Turkey Trail and Moosehide)
- Slash pile burning plan has been submitted to MNRF for review

FMP:

- Annual Work Schedule revision#9 has been submitted to MNRF – addition of blocks GW141, GW142, GW154 to allow harvesting of some roadside wood close to town, updates to operational road boundary and changes to water crossing
- FMP amendment #11 has been submitted to District MNRF – extension of the Ila Road from the English River Forest, through the Wabigoon Forest and to the Pike Bay Road corridor on the Boundary Waters Forest

Slash Pile Burning:

- Hoping to start around October 20<sup>th</sup> depending on weather.
- All information can be found once posted on new website.
- Focusing on the west side.



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Daniel left the meeting at 6:40pm

c) MNRF General Updates (Michelle)

Staffing

1. Karissa Jackson, has joined District as acting Management Biologist – October 31<sup>st</sup> (Jill)
2. Recently held interviews for Integrated Resource Management Technical Specialist (Marlene)
3. District in recruitment phase for Lands & Waters Technical Specialist (Catherine Dashnay) & Fish & Wildlife Technical Specialist (Irene Schneider)
4. Irene Schneider (F&W) – has left for Regional position
5. Catherine Dashnay has assumed the District Planner role
6. Dorothy Brunner extended in her acting supervisor role with SLKT until October 31st
7. Sheila Felske has recently started as Resource Operations Clerk (Wanda)

8. Karen (this is her 2<sup>nd</sup> last meeting)

Return to Work

1. Some staff will begin transitioning into the office, target November for full return
2. Some staff may still have remote working arrangements

Programs

1. Waste Capacity Study underway for Wabigoon Waste Disposal Site
2. Procurement – 5-year agreement to operate the Wabigoon Waste Disposal Site
3. Jackpine Budworm successfully completed – 77 000 ha covered
4. JPBW AGOL – online mapping – addressed complaint
5. Staff assisted with escalated emergency management
6. Nabish Wetland still outstanding due to other priorities (emergency management & staffing)
7. MYOP inspections are a continued priority for staff – drought conditions
8. Several Public Land Act (PLA) compliance inspections
9. FMP Amendments, Spray Plans, Burn Plans, AWS revisions
10. Implementation Order – lead to need for Domtar to revise AWS to bring in blocks with good road access
11. Bearwise response – steady with reports to Bearwise, poor food availability
12. Forest Compliance flights scheduled for October
13. Dryden 71 & 76 (English River) – rehab plan for firebreaks

John asked – poor food availability for bears – do any food drops?

Michelle – no let nature takes its course. Bears can be conditioned too easily.

**6. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Round Table
  - **Nabish Wetland Report (not presently available) – add this on October agenda**
  - Penny has one person interested in joining the LCAC, has reviewed the LCAC website. Penny sent contact name to Ray.

**7. Financial Report**

Distributed (back of Agenda)

**8. Next Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, October 13, 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
- 2021 (March?) Darlene suggest Owl Presentation (will look into cost)
- 2021 Daniel M. suggested Climate Change and the effect on forestry

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Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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(Chair)

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L.C.A.C. Member

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