

Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee Approved Minutes

5:30 P.M June 18th, 2014

Supper Provided

Location: Woodlands Inn Longlac

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Hector called to order 6:15 pm

Introductions:

- Introductions around the table- name and positions were announced for every attendee

2. Review of Agenda

- Acceptance of agenda
- Road access/washouts added to agenda

3. Approval of Previous Minutes (May 7th Mtg.) "Review of Minutes"

- Minutes motioned by George, second by Ken

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Review of action items from May 7th, Mtg.)

- George followed up with OPP officer, but has not received a response. This will be carried forward to next meeting in September
- Toni prepared letter to change signatories for our banking account - Ed, Garry and Dave to get to RBC to sign
- Adopt access signs—Mike Moroz has not picked up signs yet, Hector will send out another email to inform him
- Decided best gift for Toni—moccasin slippers from skimmers
- Charlotte to follow up on how many years Toni sat on the board- possible diploma/certificate of appreciation
 - Evan will work with Charlotte

5. Financial Report / Budget Submission/Bank Account Signatories – (Char/Evan)

- Charlotte read through cheques that have not been cashed
- Statement shows a balance of \$9379
- Motion to approve budget/financial—Ed, second by Bernard

6. Correspondence – none.

7. New Business

a) Kenogami Update/ Kenogami Phase II Planning (Char)

- The group is still meeting and MNR is still attending but are not active participants
- Self-facilitating
- Year 3 annual report is due this year – enhanced annual report, need to get approval by district management before we can move into Phase II planning.
- Presentation coming in fall

- Phase II planning going to be starting off after annual report signed off—will be working on terms of reference for Kenogami—looking for 1 or 2 reps (MNR pays for 1, LCC pays for others)
- Will start up in winter, goal is to have approved planned for March 2016
- Action: if you are interested submit your name to Charlotte.

b) Nedaak (Deanna)

- 2 tree plant contractors- Haveman and Outland
- 1.8 million and 800,000—both are just under halfway completed
- 2 site prep contractors- Get it Done and Norprep Salv
 - 1 in Ogoki and 1 is south of Hwy 11, roll block moving to McKelvie and heading south to Chorus lake
 - Approximately 300 hectares completed
- 7 summer staff and 1 site prep supervisor
 - 6 on tree plant which will move to surveys later
 - 1 additional starting July 2—high school grad going to forest tech in fall
- Forest management side: phase 2 planning
- Amendments and revisions are still in process
- AWS Revisions ongoing as they come up

c) AVTB (AV Terrace Bay) (Scott absent)

- 34 days of inventory at mill, hall was started last week and is only running small operation
- Crushing operation on Catlonite around km 50-106
- Lots of washouts —major ones are completed (East Road, Greta, Goldfield)
- Aroland contracting group and Lachance are up on Atikamig off the crib extension
- They are going to start to accept chips by the rail line- updates to the rail line in the mill yard are necessary
- Grand plan: with the annual work schedule, block on top end of the Kenogami. There will need to be a sawmill before they are economic to harvest
- Road maintenance is ongoing
- AVTB logging
On Big Pic forest on East and Lake Nipigon to the west

d) Kenogami Amendments (Deanna)

- AVTB asked for amendment on FMP and annual work schedule—add in 28 hectares area on Eaton block.
- Part was harvested and depleted in 2011, part was not
- Poplar is still standing and 5.9 hectares of non-depleted bush is to be amended into the FMP for harvest
 - Amendments have to come to LCC, not pre-approved
 - Would LCC approve administration amendment for this?
 - Concerns: none
 - **LCC supports administrative amendment to district manager**
 - No silviculture done, not planned to go into

- Veneer, cut to length
- Poplar



FMP Amend addition
map.pdf

- (see map)
 - Red strip= depleted
 - Blue circles= standing,
 - Green striped over yellow= area put back in FMP amendments
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- Second amendment is to expand the Aggregate Extraction Area within the same general area, the boundary just shifted over
- On goldfield road pit 3-19A, want for winter sand

e) **Ogoki AWS Update** (Steve Yeung)

- As of Friday June 13th, about 102 hectares of mechanical site prep has been done by Get It Done Contracting using 2 machines. They started up there on Monday June 9th. Depending on the weather, they should be up to around 225 hectares by the end of the week.
- Tree plant has not started yet, Outland is still planting on the Kenogami, and it is expected that they will be starting the Ogoki tree plant in July as was previously mentioned at the last LCC meeting. As their other contracts finish up, Outland may send more crews to the Kenogami and the Ogoki to speed things up, so the estimated start date for the Ogoki may change.
- 2014-2015 AWS is still being reviewed, as well as the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 AR's.
- On June 4th, a group flew up to Fort Hope with Ben Bartlett, Lisa Nyman, and Ray Tyhuis from the MNR to do a presentation of the Ogoki 2014-2015 AWS and the 2013-2018 FMP. We brought up maps showing values, harvest areas, and road corridors. The estimate was that there was about 40-45 attendees.

Harvest

- Planned Normal and Modified Harvest - 12,010.8 hectares
- Salvage Area Harvest - 4074.2 hectares
- The strategy for the harvest of mixed conifer and conifer dominated stands in Supplementary Documentation 6.28 of the 2008-2018 FMP will be applied to the PoPur, HwdMx, CoMx1, CoMx2, and SpUp forest units due to the hardwood market conditions at the time of this AWS submission. As a result, harvest will not occur in 652 hectares of PoPur and 524 hectares of HwdMx forest unit stands until such time as it can be demonstrated that a market for hardwood species exists.
- As a result of very low harvest activity during the first six years of the 2008-2018 FMP, the harvest area identified in this AWS includes areas previously scheduled during the 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 AWS periods in order to meet the planned harvest of the 2008-2018 FMP.

Renewal and Maintenance

- Mechanical Site Preparation (trencher) - 431 hectares (Axel/Painter)- started last Monday
- Tree Plant - 538,200 trees lifted (136,500 Pj and 401,700 Sb) , planting up north, possibility sending crew to start planting on Ogoki July 3- operated this area in 2010
- No Seeding
- Natural Regeneration - 8,179 hectares
- No Chemical Tending
- No Pre-Commercial Thinning,
- Slash/Debris Management not scheduled unless there is harvesting
- ~6,913 ha of 2004 vintage harvest is eligible for FTG survey

Roads

- Planned Primary Road Construction - 49.4 kilometers
- Witchwood Crossing Installation (OR-WW1) plan on putting crossing on Witchwood 500 m north of original bridge
- Planned Water Crossing Decommissioning - 3 (Reckett 1, OR20, and OR21)
- 4 Forestry Aggregate Pits require rehabilitation that expired, another 4 pits are expected to expire within the AWS
- Decommissioning of bridge- about 5 km passed Reckett Road. Funding/costs are covered by company operating in there

Fort Hope:

- Ben, Steve, and Ray
- Andy Yesno
- went well, good turnout, no major issues, majority people interested in maps to make sure no operations
- new values marked on maps
- Jardeine Lake-- Speckle trout spawning- cutting planned on FMP, not AWS. Plan to protect the water
- Charlotte going to put together an amendment to put protection in our that lake
- Should look at whole system- protection on more than just the one lake

Salvage Harvest Blocks on the Ogoki (Discussion between Steve, Ben and Bill):

- **Decided to take out the salvage blocks because they were too old and un-operable and Steve had put them into the AWS because the phase 2 allocation that Steve was given still had those blocks in there**
- **Came to a conclusion that Steve probably had an older phase 2 allocation and would need to get the latest allocation from the MNR and update the harvest layer and test from the AWS**

f) Ogoki FMP Update (Char/Bill)

- There has not been a planning team meeting since the last LCC meeting
- No development
- Neil Peterson was contacted, ask to send Ogoki planning

- Neil submitted the FMP to the district office to be submitted to the public website for public inspection. He is hoping that he can get district manager/regional director approval prior to July 2, 2014 with posting to the Environmental Registry on July 10, 2014 for 30 public inspection period (July 10-August 8, 2014) of MNR approved Phase II plan with implementation tentatively scheduled for August 18.

g) Far North Update (Ben)- high level planning

**Far North Land Use Planning Initiative:
Community Based Land Use Planning**

GANRAC Presentation
June 18, 2014

- Key focus is building long term relationships, once plan is done has to be signed by both parties
- Slide 2: MNR works on plants, animals, land use strategy, concepts needs to be applied to each plan
- Slide 3: important (circle image) *important, community-led, planning teams each community, MNR and people assigned by community (6-8 people) all decisions are consensus based
- Slide 4: map→ showing community and areas, 2 approved plans: north of red lake white feather forest... 4 communities develop plan- Manitoba in the same process, mark falls launch terms of reference, overlapping areas don't give communities more say over others, and ownerships/rights don't depend on the lines that are drawn up through this planning process. Aroland planning for smaller area south of falls... This enables develop or determine protection

h) Crown Land Camping (Dave)

- Policy- camp on location for 21 days, then you must move
- Issue: Lahti's landing location south of Geraldton, resource mgmt. staff gone out 2 weeks ago, took notes of all trailers, letter prepared outlining regulations, if not gone by 21 problems will be dealt with.
 - Violation of section of lands act,
 - Camping for 21 days, must move 1000 meters
- Also done at turkey lake, west of Geraldton
- Lahti and turkey are being patrolled
- Specific issue Klotz lake
- Complain driven- complaints will be dealt with when brought to attention

i) Membership Review (Char)

- Needing secretary with Toni resigning—LCC, someone willing to step in?
- Chair: was a revolving position, every 2 years moved around the committee, if someone else is willing to step up Ed is willing to accept, but is willing to remain chair if no one wants to step in.



January 15th 2014
Membership.xls

- Member List:
- Add Evan as alternate for general public environmental interest
- Road access tourism: Linda as main
- George to possibly road tourism access as alternate or fish & game and snowmobile advisory groups?
- Bill Hoff to check for prospect for alternate
- Frequency of meetings?
- Eileen putting name forward to assist in setting up meetings, agenda, speakers, etc. **(she will not take minutes)**

j) Minor Items –Misc (Char):



Public stocking list -
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- Fishing Stocking List:
- **Action: Need to forward fish stocking to Sarah to add to website**
- Surplus fish to be done on Monday- Boobas and Lukinto
- 4 day process – will end Monday
- E206 has not been stocked since 2010

k) Road Access- Washouts

- What's being done about all the washouts?
 - Aster: just passed the bridge, down the hill. Charlotte will look into it and see if AV is aware
- All forest management plan has no commitment to have to fix roads, not the priority
- If it is creating hazard/biological issue they will be looked into further
- Main roads will definitely get fixed but will have to be prioritized- program for budgets have been cut
- Our allocation level went down, harvest rates, which cut budget, which will lead to some roads not be fixed
- Washed out roads: call into MNR- call Charlotte, Scott or Deanna

l) Bernie was concerned that a reserve may be too thin at one of last year's harvest blocks. MNR will ensure that an inspection occurs at this location to check on reserve widths.

8. **Next Meeting:** September 10, 2014 in Nakina. Remi Moretton will look after organizing the meal and location.

9. Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm

Future Agenda Topics: not discussed

June 18 th , 2014	June 18 th Mtg. Confirmed	June 18 th Mtg Attended			
Bernie Baillargeon	Y	Y			
Bill Davidson	Y	Y			
Bill Hoff	Y	Y			
Deanna Hoffman	Y	Y			
Ed Hoffman	Y	Y			
Edgar Lavoie	Y	Y			
Eileen Johnson	Y	Y			
Erin Symington-Armstrong	N	N			
Evan Armstrong	Y	Y			
Gary Selinger	Y	Y			
George Horobec	Y	Y			
Gerald Bolduc	Y	Y			
Jane Jantunen	N	N			
Joe Gagnon	N	N			
John Espinola	N	N			
Ken Stevens	Y	Y			
Len McEathron	Y	N			
Linda Beaulieu	Y	Y			
Louis Garon	Y	Y			
Martin Boucher	N	N			
Perry Barkhouse	Y	Y			
Remi Moretton	Y	Y			
Ron Melhuish	Y	N			
Scott Koski	Y	N			
Steve Crawford	Y	Y			
Tom Hunt	N	N			
Charlotte Bourdignon	Y	Y			
Hector Vincent	Y	Y			
Jim Fry	Y	Y			
Dave Barker	Y	Y			
Savanna Gamache	Y	Y			
Guests:					
Neil Peterson	N	N			
Jamie Mucha	N	N			
Ben Bartlett	Y	Y			
Steve Yeung	Y	Y			