

Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee Approved Minutes
6:00 – 9:00 PM **October 28th, 2015** **No Supper** Location: **Greenstone Fire Centre**

Special Kenogami FMP Meeting

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Regrets</u>
Evan Armstrong, Chair/Facilitator, General Public		*
Amie Nephin, MNR LCC Liaison		*
Raymond Weldon, MNR Area Forester (Ogoki)		*
Charlotte Bourdignon, MNR Area Forester, Kenogami	*	
Dave Barker, Geraldton Resource Management Supv.		*
Philip Wilson, Resource Management Biologist	*	
Melanie Shepherdson, Logistics		*
<u>Members:</u>		
Bernie Baillargeon, Bear Management & Baitfish		*
Edgar Lavoie, Environmental Interest		*
Steve Thuerig, AV Terrace Bay	*	
Gary Selinger, Fishing/Hunting Interest		*
Deanna Hoffman, Forest Management	*	
Ken Stevens, Local Business	*	
Louis Garon, Trapping		*
Remi Moretton, Remote Tourism		*
James McPherson. Municipality of Greenstone		*
Bill Hoff, Crown Land Recreation		*
Linda Beaulieu, Road Accessed Tourism	*	
Eileen Johnson, Chamber of Commerce		*
<u>Alternates:</u>		
Gerald Bolduc, Cottaging	*	
George Horobec, Environmental Interest	*	
Ed Hoffman, Forest Industry	*	
Len McEathron, Fishing/Hunting Interest		*
Denny Michano, Forest Management	*	
Travis Vernier, Trapping	*	
Brent Henley, Remote Tourism		*
Hector Vincent, Crown Land Recreation	*	
John Espinola, Road Accessed Tourism		*
Tom Gross, General Public		*

1. Call to Order & Introductions

1.1. Called to order 6:00 p.m.

2. Review of Agenda

2.1. This is a special meeting to give the LCC a chance to review the final FMP after the final list of required alterations has been addressed and prior to the submission back to MNRF on November 2nd. The meeting previously scheduled for December 2nd will not be cancelled and we will go back to our regular agenda.

3. New Business

a) Kenogami Phase II Plan Presentation (Deanna)



2016-2021 Kenogami
Forest Phase 2.pdf



Road transfer
timelines.pdf



FLRA for LCC.pdf

Deanna presented all three presentations attached.

- There were no questions on the “Kenogami Forest Phase 2” presentation.
- There were lots of questions and discussions on the “Road transfer timelines” presentation. As the specific roads being transferred were not highlighted to the group, there were questions surrounding some of the roads that were of concern during Phase One.
 - There is no change to the strategy to return a portion of the Lukinto Lake Road back to the Crown.
 - There were no additional discussions with individual trappers unless they attended any of the information centres. It was acknowledged that attendance at the three information centres was very poor. The group was informed about a trapper who did attend the Phase One information centre and had a concern on their trapline by Jemar Lake. The planning team worked with this trapper on an avenue to access an area on their trapline beyond a bridge removal.
 - There was lots of discussion around the decommissioning of a large section of road around the Cyril/Truax road systems. The road prescription is dependent on the site and is to apply fords to the watercrossings being removed so that public access is not totally shuttered.
- The process that has been proposed for details around road/watercrossing decommissioning is that those roads/watercrossings being decommissioned will be outlined in an AWS the year ahead of the year the actual work will commence. This will give MNRF time to evaluate any specific standards required and the public a chance to understand what is in the scheduled as well.
- There was concern from the group that the roads strategy for Phase II has not really been highlighted to the LCC throughout the Phase II planning process. It was not highlighted at the information centres either, but there was such poor attendance that that would not have been an issue.
 - There were two main changes from what was presented at Phase I (which was highlighted) to Phase II. The first was the fact that there was a delay in a lot of the roads being transferred back to the Crown due to the lack of operations on the forest. So those roads that were supposed to have been transferred back to the Crown by March 31st, 2016 may not be transferred until some time after that date (depending on the road). The second change was that watercrossings on roads that are being transferred during phase II in most cases are now affirmed that the watercrossings will be decommissioned using various techniques. The phase II plan now has a pick list of methodologies to choose from depending on the circumstance.
- Unfortunately, the Final List of Required Alterations that was presented was actually the Preliminary List of Required Alterations. The Final List had the following additions:

- As a result of receiving a comment during the 30 day public consultation period of the draft plan, a series of BMPs for operations within Timed Caribou Dynamic Caribou Habitat Schedule Blocks will need to be added to this section. The MNRF Regional Planning Biologist will provide the details to the plan author for inclusion into the final plan. (see actual Final List of Required Alterations below).
- One issue in the preliminary and final list of required alterations had to do with the manner in which Columbia Forest Products operates on the Kenogami Forest. They have been conducting a veneer-only recovery operation. This means that they are leaving merchantable fibre behind and not paying Crown dues on those pieces left behind. The draft plan did not address this and there was a required alteration to include a strategy in the plan prior to its re-submission. Ed Hoffman explained Columbia's operation to the group. Steve Thuerig explained that AVTB and Columbia are working on a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to outline a working relationship between the two companies.



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b) LCC Statement & LCC Report (Charlotte)



LCC Final Report
Kenogami Oct 21st 2



LCC Final Statement
2011-21-signed.pdf

Two documents (LCC Report and LCC Statement) were previously emailed out by the LCC planning team rep (Evan) and there was only one concern noted around spelling and it was dealt with. The group had one last chance to review these two documents prior to the final submission which was scheduled for November 2nd, 2015. There were no additional concerns. The documents were accepted as written.

Next Meeting: December 2nd
Adjournment

