

Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee
 Date of Meeting: June 1, 2011
 Location: Nakina French Club
 Approved Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Hector Vincent, Facilitator
 Evan Armstrong, MNR LCC Liaison
 Doug Haldane, MNR Area Supervisor

Present:

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Regrets:

Members:

Bernie Baillargeon
 Deanna Hoffman
 Edgar Lavoie
 Ed Hoffman (Chair)
 Gary Selinger
 George Horobec
 Ron Melhuish
 Jamie Armstrong
 Louis Garon
 Remi Moretton
 Scott Koski
 Toni Moroz
 Yvette Metansinine

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Alternates:

Bill Arnott
 Bill Davidson
 Cory Nephin
 Ken Stevens
 Greg Riou
 John Espinola
 Linda Beaulieu
 Kyle Polesky
 Perry Barkhouse
 Tom Hunt
 Erin Symington-Armstrong

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- I. Call to order – Hector called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm after a very nice dinner provided by the ladies of the French Club. No introductions were necessary.
- II. Review of Agenda – addition of 2009-10 Kenogami Annual Report was added by Deanna.
- III. Approval of previous minutes – no changes were made or noted. Perry Barkerhouse moved to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Scott Koski, minutes approved.

- IV. Business arising from previous minutes – Carried forward: the discussion on legally driving ATVs on the highway. Toni will draft a letter to the OPP asking the question concerning this topic. Evan will clarify with Tom.
- V. Financial report – No financial report this month.
- VI. Correspondence –
- Evan received an email from the GANRAC website. He had sent it around for response but no one responded to it. It was decided that in the future that any correspondence received from the website will receive an email/response from Evan informing them that their comment will be addressed after the next GANRAC meeting. Evan will email the person and refer her to the Terms of Reference on the GANRAC website, as her questions were not specific enough to answer. No phone number was provided, so email is the only method of contact.
- VII. New Business
- a) Capacity Calculations –Evan went through a very rigorous and detailed presentation on how capacity calculations are made based on allowable yield of walleye or lake trout, before a Land Use Permit is approved or transferred. This is done on lakes where development is being considered. These lakes are usually contain walleye and the sustainable yield of walleye becomes the determining factor. If the lake contains lake trout it will become the limiting factor when determining the allowable yield for the lake. There was some discussion concerning full sport licenses vs. conservation license and how those affect the fish population on any given lake. The full presentation is embedded herein:
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- b) Beaver Dam/Brook Trout – Evan showed aerial pictures of Lucy and Hanover creeks taken on May 27th, 2011 showing the area of concern. Environmentally it is sound and since there still is a small flow of water going through the Hanover culvert downstream. There was an overflow culvert placed above the main culvert to help prevent overflows causing wash-outs. The creek was flown upstream to the lake and fish movement is not impeded. Evan doesn't feel it is a problem; this is a natural occurrence on trout stream occupied by beaver. The Lucy culvert is partially plugged but habitat is not in jeopardy upstream or downstream from the crossing.
- c) Ogoki Update – Scott reported no operations on the Ogoki have occurred nor are scheduled at the present time. He noted they are up to standards for the SFI based on a recent audit. Scott and Doug also explained a situation where a monument has been erected at the Witchwood River crossing and a ceremony was held to honour a First Nation sacred area. A protective barrier has been placed and the road will need to be re-routed in the future. Doug stressed the importance of follow through on the consultation process. Scott was asked if he knew anything about the sawmill starting up. He said there was no news in that regard and it really depends on the lumber prices. His update is embedded herein:



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- d) Kenogami Update – embedded below:



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- e) 2009-10 Annual Report - Kenogami –this covers the 2009/2010 plan year and also the 2005/2010 5-year plan results. Deanna reviewed harvested meters (48% of the plan due to the economic situation); renewal and tending (82% of the FMP completed overall; tree planting – 11 million trees were planted; mechanical site prep (none) – 59% of the FMP completed; tending was 56% overall; Roads (none), 40% complete over 5 yrs.; expenditures - \$19 million, 55% of forecasted over 5 years; assessment of regeneration success was 100% over 5 yrs, 88% successful re-gen and 86% success on silviculture and sustainability was achieved. Evan asked Deanna to explain the difference in compliance for regeneration and silviculture success. Deanna's full report is embedded herein.



2009-10 Kenogami
Forest Annual Report

- f) Minor Items –Ron M. reported to the group about the press release and the two new consulting firms hired to assist in the Ring of Fire planning. Evan also provided a report on the website – how many hits on what pages. This is not a true representation of people, as many hits will be Sarah and our members using the site as well. The information, however, is useful to see the traffic on the site. Evan also showed us a map with the sturgeon that have been tagged in Chipman, noting that out of 16 tags, only 14 were found. Four seem to be okay, the rest have mortality indications, but more than likely could be defective tags or the tags have been removed from the fish. He does not believe that all these fish are dead. MNR will be conducting another flight to see if any of these tags have moved. The tags last 5 years on a fish, and they turn the monitors off in the winter as they're not metered then. It could be the turning on/off caused a defect in the tag.
- g) Ask a Conservation Officer – at the last meeting a question was asked if, when doing layout or working in the bush, a gun had to have the plug in, as they are not hunting, it is for protection. The official answer was no, you do not have to have plug in, however, you need to make sure you put it back in before going hunting. The key word is "hunting" in the law and since you're technically not hunting, no plug is required. Safety is the main consideration and the government doesn't want to be in a

position of having someone get hurt because they can't protect themselves.

VIII. Next Meeting – is scheduled for September 7th at the Fire Center

IX. Linda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm and Remi seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.