

Geraldton Area Natural Resource Advisory Committee  
 Date of Meeting: March 3, 2010  
 Location: Greenstone Fire Centre  
 Approved Meeting Minutes

<u>In Attendance:</u>	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Hector Vincent, Facilitator	*	
Evan Armstrong, MNR LCC Liaison		*
Doug Haldane, MNR Area Supervisor	*	
Charlotte Bourdignon, MNR Area Forester (Kenogami)		*
Heather Farrer, MNR Area Forester (Ogoki)	*	
Tom Gross, Conservation Officer	*	
Jeffrey Cameron, GFMI Planning Forester-Ogoki	*	

Members Present:

Bill Hoff		*
Deanna Hoffman	*	
Edgar Lavoie	*	
Ed Hoffman (Chair)	*	
Gary Selinger	*	
George Horobec	*	
Harold Donohue		*
Jamie Armstrong		*
Louis Garon		*
Steve Crawford	*	
Toni Moroz	*	
Yvette Metansinine		*

Alternates:

Bill Arnott		*
Bill Davidson		*
Cory Nephin		*
Greg Riou	*	
Harry Kelly	*	
Kyle Polesky		*
Scott Koski		*
Tom Hunt	*	

1. Call to order – Hector called the meeting to order at 7:00pm after a great steak dinner. Introductions were made.
2. Review of agenda – Toni added a discussion on new funding available.
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Edgar clarified the need for full names on guests only. No other changes were requested. Deanna Hoffman moved to approve Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> minutes, the motion was seconded by Toni – motion carried, minutes approved.
5. Business arising from previous minutes – Hopefully everyone got their comments to Evan on the brown trout stocking issue and Edgar & George are on tonight's agenda for the joint LCC meeting.
6. Financial report – No financial report.

7. Correspondence – No correspondence, however Heather passed around a survey for LCC members for the State of the Forest Report (SOFR) to complete and turn in at the end of the evening. She also provided the group with the results of the last SOFR study.

8. New Business –

A. Ogoki Update – nothing going on in the Ogoki – see below under Kenogami Update

B. Kenogami Update – Steve noted all operations, all equipment operators, backhoes, etc. have been shut down and laid off – the funding for the year has ended. This means no grading or sanding roads. Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Steve Crawford suggested concerned parties to contact him for both the Kenogami and Ogoki forests. Deanna and Steve are the only two local people still working so things are progressing with the FMP, but there is a definite lack of personnel.

Also, the Catlonite Road is very dangerous. Steve went out the other day and marked it with barriers, tape and such – identifying icy road conditions. Everyone has been advised to not travel this road.

C. Joint LCC Meeting – George noted the next Nipigon LCC meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> and that they are definitely interested in a joint meeting. The question is one of scheduling. We took a vote and it was determined our group would prefer a meeting during a weekday (as opposed to a Saturday). Edgar says they are looking for a meeting around the first of May, which everyone agreed would be good timing. The meeting would ideally be a presentation on Mining Land Reclamation and Advanced Exploration. Once a date has been confirmed (we should know something after the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting), then Edgar will talk with MNDM & Kodiak about presentations. After a presentation, the group would have a field lunch and go on a field trip. Time involved would roughly be from 9am to 2pm. There will be a \$50 cost to rent the hall in Jellicoe, but it does appear to be the best location for everyone.

D. Minor Items - No minor items to discuss.

E. Kenogami AWS Review – Deanna gave us a presentation on the AWS for the Kenogami, which is embedded herein. Both Bernie and Greg stated they had some issues with aerial spraying on their bear management areas and lost a lot of effort, time and money because spraying. Steve suggested they come in and sit down with him at the beginning of the year so they can review what plans, if any, are to take place in any area of concern for them. The onus is on the outfitter to find out what may be happening in their area. Deanna also brought forth 3 requests for recommendations for amendments to the Plan. They have been addressed as follows:

1). Harry Kelly recommended that the Planting Block Additions, Bridging Blocks, Second-Pass Harvest, Kassagaminee Road Link to the Big Pic Forest (winter only), Primary and Secondary Road Construction, Skidding and Eagle Areas of Concern (AOC) be considered an Administrative Amendment to the Plan for 2010/2011. Ed Hoffman seconded the recommendation. By vote, recommendation passed.

2). Toni Moroz recommended the Loon Water Crossing (which is a better option for a road) and the Water Crossings (with some decommissions) be considered an Administrative Amendment to the 2010/2011 Plan. Gary Selinger seconded the recommendation. By vote, recommendation passed.

3). Toni Moroz recommended the Aerial Spraying – Tending Blocks (along with all pertinent and appropriate notices for any aerial spraying) be considered an Administrative Amendment to the 2010/2011 Plan. Ed Hoffman seconded the recommendation. By vote, recommendation passed.



F. Ogoki AWS – Jeffrey Cameron gave us the presentation on the Ogoki Annual Work Schedule. It is embedded herein for reference.



G. Funds Available – Toni commented that she read in the Times Star that there is money available for non-profit organizations, up to \$5,000 from the GEDC. However, upon further investigation it was determined these funds are to help grow entrepreneurs, employment and the economy.

9. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> in Longlac at the Sportsplex.

10. Adjournment – George Horobec moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ed Hoffman, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.