

Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee  
 Date of Meeting: July 25, 2012  
 Location: Geraldton French Club  
 Approved Meeting Minutes

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Regrets</u>
Hector Vincent, Facilitator		*
Evan Armstrong, MNR LCC Liaison	*	
Ben Bartlett, MNR Area Forester (Ogoki)	*	
Charlotte Bourdignon, MNR Area Forester, Kenogami	*	
Tom Gross, Conservation Officer MNR	*	
Kim Groenendyk, MNR District Manager	*	
Phillip Couture, MNR Acting Geraldton Area Supv.	*	
Anders Lemmetty, Forestry Industry Liaison Officer Ministry of Northern Development, Mines & Forestry	*	
 <b><u>Members:</u></b>		
Steve Crawford	*	
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	*	
Bill Hoff	*	
Donna Pelletier	*	
Andy Yesno		*
 <b><u>Alternates:</u></b>		
Bill Davidson	*	
Martin Boucher	*	
Cory Nephin		*
Ken Stevens	*	
Greg Riou	*	
John Espinola		*
Linda Beaulieu		*
Jane Jantunen	*	
Perry Barkhouse	*	
Tom Hunt	*	

- I. Call to order – Evan called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. We did introductions as we had some new faces at the and members of Council
- II. Ogoki Update – Ben made recommendations for an administrative amendment for aerial tending of 1800 hectares. Steve Crawford so moved, seconded by Ed Hoffman, administrative amendment approved. He also had another amendment request for us to review. They want to move a bridge (re-alignment) at the Witchwood River using the dollars for roads funds (spread over 5 years), based on how much wood is cut. They want to use the money while it's there. The actual crossing is built 500 meters south of where it should be. All affected parties have been consulted and have no issues with moving the bridge. Toni Moroz moved to make the realignment of the Witchwood River Bridge as long as outfitters and other affected parties are fully consulted. The move was seconded by Greg Riou and voted for approval.
- III. Forest Industry/Kenogami/Ogoki Forests – Anders Lemmetty, the Forestry Industry Liaison for the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry gave us a presentation on Forest Tenure Modernization. He explained how the province is modernizing the system that governs who manages our Crown forests and how companies get wood in Ontario. They are transitioning to new models – 1). Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMCs) and Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licenses (Enhanced SFLs), with the objective to create more economically efficient allocations and pricing system, provide opportunities for meaningful involvement for Aboriginal communities, and provide for the sustainability of the Crown forest. The Kenogami and Ogoki Forests have a high priority for review and the MNR will be managing the forests until the new plan is in place (which takes about 18 months to complete). The Kenogami and the Ogoki will most likely be combined into one forest for planning purposes. The entire presentation is embedded herein for further review.
- IV. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 12, in Longlac – location to be determined. It will be a supper meeting, so it will start at 5:30.
- V. Toni Moroz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Davidson – meeting adjourned.