

Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee Approved Minutes

6:00pm April 1, 2015

Location: Greenstone Fire Centre

Recording secretary: Linda Beaulieu

- 1) Call to Order: 6.08pm
 - a) Charlotte explained the Fire Centre sign-in sheet and safety procedures. The sign-in sheet was circulated for all to sign.
 - 2) Review of Agenda
 - a) George added one future agenda item...The Far North Act. He also asked about Wolves and coyotes. It was confirmed that there are coyotes in the area and a brief description of the differences between the two was given. If there is anything new to present, **Amie will ask Ben Bartlett when it is a good time for him to come and present the Far North Act.** UPDATE: Ben is not available for the June meeting, so we will need to touch base with him in the fall regarding a meeting then.
 - b) Deanna added two amendments which will be dealt with during the Nedaak update
 - 3) Approval of Previous Minutes Feb 4 Mtg.
 - a) Accepted by Ed and seconded by George
 - 4) Business arising from previous minutes
 - a) Bank Signatories. Done
 - b) Send certificate of appreciation to Toni. **Amie will look after.**
 - c) Fish Stocking List updated on Web Site. Done
 - d) McLeod Lake reserves field visit by Scott and Bernie. Keep as action item carry over till spring**
 - e) Update Access restriction map on Web Site. **Denny will update when he has time, keep as ongoing.**
 - f) Minor Items 2-7 all done
Evan will add link for GEDC business directory to GANRAC site.
- 6.1 Site cleanup response. Done
- 7.1 New Conservation Officers for Geraldton Area. **Ongoing carry forward**
 - 7.2 Columbia Amendment **Ongoing carry forward**
 - 7.3 Resend link to Cougar WebEx. Done
 - 7.4 Jamie to bring signed FIPPA Form to next meeting. **Carry forward**
 - 7.5 Miscellaneous – meeting minutes Linda suggested everyone in the Group take turns, until a permanent secretary. Amie will take next meeting. Carry forward**

5) Financial Report

Evan received \$1200 from MNRF and deposited it into our account. This was our annual allotment requested previously. The district submitted a request for an additional \$2000 on our behalf at fiscal year-end.

Evan paid the Times Star and had the Fishing Brochures printed and deposited the check from the municipality.

Accepted by Linda Seconded by Ken

6) Correspondence

Martin Boucher resigned and asked to stay on email, the request was denied because the distribution list would become too unwieldy but he can view minutes on GANRAC website. Eileen was moved to the main member so a vacancy was then created and we need to find an alternate for chamber.

7) New Business

a) Kenogami Phase II Plan Update

Open houses - Geraldton, Schreiber, Nakina

Maps were present for perusal and comment to LCC

Some minor changes with AOC's, Conditions on regular operations, roads and landings,

Carrying forward road transfer that was not complete from phase 1 into phase 2

Deanna brought maps to show the Phase II FMP allocations 2016-2021.

Anything not harvested in Term 1 can be shifted to Term 2. Steve saw some things that need to be changed. Decommission for 2016---Jamar-Pout & Shamokan. Everything else will be put in for 2021. If you want something specific talk to them directly.

KFMP meeting March 12/15 Parked Emily Lake Proposal unless Lake Nipigon approves it in their plan then we will bring it in as an amendment at a later date.

Kenogami Information Centre open house dates: Geraldton Apr 7th;
Schreiber Apr 8th and Nakina Apr 9th.

LCC Report for Kenogami Phase II Plan

Accepted by Ed and Seconded by Edgar. Everyone received a copy for review prior to the meeting via email.



LCC Report
Kenogami Final

b) **Kenogami Update**

Chris Magee – District Manager until March 31/16

Bert Hennessey- Phasing out of district Kenogami Ops Committee

c) Ogoki Update

Nedaak was contracted to write the 2013-2014 Annual Report and 2015-2016 AWS. Both have been submitted.

AWS will go out for public notice in future

Phase I Ogoki FMP will start this fall.

MNR looking at options for completing phase I (writing using MNR staff, contracting out, delaying)

Will probably have to start planning and then stop it so that we can delay planning for one year. The hope is that there will be a change to the Timber Class Environmental Assessment (Timber EA) declaration order that will allow some regulatory changes that we would like to take advantage of.

If there is a one year delay- hope to take this time to maybe get an industry player and this would save some time and money because there are over 8 years' worth of unharvested allocations on the Ogoki.

George questioned Charlotte about 3 first Nation communities starting Forest Management Planning. He suggested that Aroland had recently expanded their planning area. Charlotte was unaware of exactly what George was referring to, but thought it may pertain to far north planning. UPDATE: Charlotte has since confirmed with Ben that he is working with Aroland on expanding their planning area outside of the area of the undertaking (northeast of Ogoki/Kenogami Forests). He is also working with Constance Lake and Marten Falls on refining their planning area in the Far North as well.

d) Nedaak Update

Two amendments added.

Amendment #1 - ORB area additions

Presented maps of areas where the ORB needs to be altered to allow access to harvest blocks. RB were developed during plan production and with more field information, boundaries need to be adjusted to allow for access or use of already existing old retired roads. This will reduce the amount of area lost to roads and landings and not decrease the productive landbase.

Amendment #2 - Contingency area

Presented areas of contingency area (approved in the 2011-2021 FMP) that AVR would like to put into the AWS (2015) to harvest. Reasoning due to lack of upland sites and need for wood at the mill. Sites shown were Larix lake, Grehan west, Mckeever, Mckelvie east, Fauteaux, Arm lake west, pipeline km 13, Proctor lake, Eli lake

Deanna and Charlotte explained that for administrative amendments, a notice goes out to interested parties (Trappers, BMA Operators, Baitfish), but there is no consultation.

Evan was concerned that there was no consultation opportunity with the administrative amendment notices.

Steve will bring a more detailed and larger scale map to see if the group supports adding Operational Road Boundary (ORB) changes to the LCC pre-approved administrative amendments list. A good percentage of the amendments requested are for changes to ORBs.

Charlotte will present the LCC pre-approved list of administrative amendments at next meeting. We will review the list again and see if there needs to be any changes.

Evan described the LCC's role in recommending the type of amendment and the basic differences between the three categories. Administrative—major—minor.

1st Amendment: Evan made motion to accept OBR as administrative, seconded by Louis

2nd Amendment: Swapping hectares. There was a good discussion around trapper's concern about effects on the trapline. It was felt that this amendment needed more opportunity for public consultation.

Linda made motion to accept as minor amendment and seconded by Bernie

e) **Forest Industry Update**

Harvesting:

AVTB Licenses –

Operating area: Burlap, Treptow, Danford, Cat 65,

7 buncher crews harvesting at full capacity, and transitioned today into 2015-2016 AWS blocks

Roads/Haul:

- Continual maintenance to support the hauls.
- Night shift haul to get the last of the wood out of the swamps
- Stockpiles in Longlac for treelength, will process for both mills (AV and LLI)
- Weather looks good to haul a couple more weeks

Mill Inventory:

- Still low... about 1 and half weeks left
- Hog fuel inventory is low as well

Other:

- LUP issued for roads for 2015-2016 to AVTB
- Looking at spring summer areas for development to continue harvest
- Will haul as long as possible

- Not sure yet if mill will be taking a shut down in the spring
George asked why the inventory is so low at mill. Charlotte explained that the industry is still having trouble with attracting trucking and equipment, there is a shortage of both haul trucks and slasher/delimiters after all the bankruptcies.

f) Lake E-206

MNR agreed to stock Lake E206 with yearling splake and it is on the stocking list for 2015. Evan requested that public must give some feedback.

g) Brochure Update

Municipality paid for printing. Brent Henley has some for the trade show, outfitters and tourist info Centre's. MNR has some for their office and the trade show. Some of us are taking some to pass out to different outfitters.

h) Minor Items

LCC membership: Need an alternate for Local Business Rep, need 2 First Nation Reps and an alternate Remote Tourism Rep. There was a discussion about the Tourism Coordinator for the municipality taking on the alternate remote tourism position, it was decided that Evan will talk to Remi first. It is difficult for remote operators to attend meetings due to the nature of their business and many are not here in the off season. The committee wants someone at the table face to face participation is what works; conference calls do not due to poor quality of speaker phones.

Evan will talk to Remi to see if Brent would be okay with him as his alternate. MNRF, as well will contact other potential outfitters in the business.

Nuisance Beavers: There was discussion around how nuisance beaver are now being dealt with since all the changing roles within MNRF. **Evan volunteered to call Tom Savioja and look into present practices and if MNRF still has a list of authorized agents to call. Evan will also mention that Bernie and Travis would like to be put on list.**

Moose Project: Evan talked to Brad Allison about giving an update before meeting and didn't get one. Evan sent out EBR posting link to all members. The proposal was to have a 2 week only calf season starting Saturday closest to October 22nd and a one week later opening in 2016.

Audit Meeting July 7, 2015: The Auditor has requested the Chair or an alternate LCC representative attend the July 7th Pre-Audit meeting. The auditors would like the LCC's perspective of issues or problems that the committee feels should be brought to the attention of the auditors. **All members are to consider issues to bring to the attention of the**

auditors. These will be discussed at the June LCC Meeting and presented to the Auditor at the Pre-Audit meeting on July 7th.

Next meeting June 3, 2015 Bernie **to book curling club, Linda look after food.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 accepted by George and seconded by Gerald

Monday, April 20, 2015	April 1st Mtg. Confirmed	April 1st Attended
Andre Blanchard	No	No
Bernie Baillargeon	Yes	Yes
Bill Hoff	Yes	Yes
Deanna Hoffman	Yes	Yes
Denny Michano	Yes	Yes
Ed Hoffman	Yes	Yes
Edgar Lavoie		Yes
Eileen Johnson	Yes	No
Evan Armstrong	Yes	Yes
Gary Selinger	?	No
George Horobec	Yes	Yes
Gerald Bolduc	Yes	Yes
Hector Vincent	No	No
James McPherson	Late?	Yes
John Espinola	Yes	No
Ken Stevens	Yes	Yes
Len McEathron	No	No
Linda Beaulieu	Yes	Yes
Louis Garon	Yes	Yes
Remi Moretton	No	No
Scott Koski	No	No
Steve Crawford	Yes	Yes
Tom Gross	No	No
Travis Vernier	Yes	Yes
MNRF		
Charlotte Bourdignon	Yes	Yes
Amie Nephin	Yes	Yes
Ray Tyhuis	No	No