

Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee Approved Minutes

5:30 PM June 10, 2015 (Supper provided) Location: Longlac Curling Club, Longlac
Recording Secretary: Amelie Nephin

1. Call to Order: 6:04 pm. Welcome and Introductions

- a) Eileen volunteered to take minutes for the September meeting
- b) Evan thanked Linda and Bernie for looking after the meal. He also let the group know that they themselves looked after some extra costs associated with the meal.
- c) Introduction of Brent Henley as Remote Tourism alternate member and Alternate to Municipality of Greenstone member. His role at municipality is tourism coordinator for the Greenstone area. Yvette Metasinine, member of Animibigoo Zaagi'igan Anishnabek (AZA) First nation and currently working for Nedaak, has also shown some interest in becoming a member for the first nation category. She is awaiting approval from one or more of the Nedaak member bands or Chief of AZA prior to commitment.

2. Review of Agenda

- a) Agenda Addition – move Industry Update (Scott) to 7c to accommodate Scott having to leave early.
- b) Agenda Addition – Road funding for Kenogami forest (George). Charlotte will provide update during Kenogami Update section.
- c) Future Topic – George mentioned the Wildfire Strategy review. Will be flagged as a future topic when fire staff are available to present.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes (April 1st, 2015 meeting)

- a) Minutes of April 1st, 2015 approved. 1st: Eileen 2nd Ken
- b) Eileen brought up a good point that for the sake of the minute taker that the facilitator or presenters ensure that they stick to the agenda. If there are items that aren't part of the agenda, or are scheduled for later on in the agenda, that they be discussed at that point or added to the end of the agenda.

4. Business Arising from previous minutes (April 1, 2015)

- 2.a - Future topic on Far North Act and CBLUP progress. **Ongoing. Circle back with Ben in Fall.**
- 4.b - Certificate to Toni. Complete
- 4.d – Mcleod Lake reserve field visit (Scott/Bernie). **Ongoing. To be completed prior to September meeting.**
- 4.e – update access restriction map. **Ongoing. Possibly look at other options**
 1. Put disclaimer on current map or website on currency of map and direct to MNRF
 2. Possibility of using FMP map products. **Evan will look into size of maps and if they can be put on the website**
- 4.f – GEDC business directory. GEDC is updating list to include all businesses in Greenstone area with hours of operation. Future app development to link in business information based on listing. **Brent will provide update in September.**

7.1 – MNRF Conservation Officer staff update – no news on CO positions. CO's have been covering off Geraldton area while positions are vacant. MNRF Geraldton office has hired a biologist Aide Badilla, she will be starting June 29th. Two new Resource Technicians are on staff: Natalie Cormier and Amy MacPherson. **MNRF to update on CO competition as soon as hiring is complete.**

7.2 – Columbia Amendment – ongoing carry forward

7.4 – FIPPA forms – Complete.

7.5 – Meeting minutes being taken in turn until permanent recording secretary is found. Eileen volunteered for September meeting.

7.d Nedaak amendment – Steve brought examples of ORB changes similar to those that would be encountered in the LCC pre-approved administrative amendment category list. Charlotte will present the list to group (see notes 7i).

7.h Minor Items

LCC membership: Evan spoke with Remi regarding Brent Henley as alternate for Remote tourism category. Remi agreed and Brent was voted in by group via email. Brent will also act as alternate for Municipality category.

Nuisance Beaver: Evan contacted Tom Savioja regarding protocol. There is still an authorized agent list and Evan mentioned both Travis and Bernie as names interested in nuisance beaver authorized agent list. Travis has been added as a representative from Nakina on the list but Bernie could not get on Longlac list as already have numerous agents in that area. AVTB has also been working with First Nations to deal with beaver.

5. Financial Update

Cheque received from MNRF for \$2,000 **Evan to deposit in bank.** Any outstanding cheques that have not been distributed will be mailed. **Amelie will mail following June meeting.**

LCC is primarily funded by MNRF from FMP money. Travel will be reimbursed for meetings that are outside town ward.

Cost for website & Domain subscription each year. Paid by Evan and reimbursed.

Accepted by Linda, seconded by Scott

6. Correspondance

AVTB amendment letter: Charlotte will update in Section 7j.

Jamie McPherson letter: appointing Brent to be alternate for municipality. Andre will not be part of membership

7. New Business

a) Kenogami Phase II Update

Phase II Draft Plan will be submitted July 3rd. Any changes after that date should be only minor due to residual tool results. Phase II presents detailed operations for last 5 years of 10 year plan. Deanna presentation



Kenogami draft plan

Other changes include use of unidentified stream flow chart to delineate streams and apply correct AOC where streams are not mapped. Water crossings will have Pre-Crossing form.

Deanna to send pre-crossing form to Evan who will distribute the form to group via email. The

group was told to watch the AWS for road decommissioning when it is presented annually to the LCC.

b) **What LCC wants/should get from updates?**

- Decommissioning roads is a hot topic
- Review of caribou guidelines **(Will be added as a future agenda topic)**
- MNRF to present compliance monitoring results. Report on issues in non-compliance should be brought to the LCC on an annual basis. Usually done in conjunction with Annual Report timing. **(Will be added as a future agenda topic)**
- Eileen inquired if presentations could be sent out prior to meeting as it is difficult to follow along with presentation when not familiar with subject. At a minimum, a copy of the presentation could be distributed to group at meeting. **Evan to ensure that copies of presentations are provided when available.**
- SEM updates – would like to see information presented such as how many years are plots checked and the results of established plots. Deanna mentioned that the Silviculture Ground Rules (SGR) will identify when a Free-to-Grow (FTG) survey should be done in order to monitor progress. Comment that some plantations don't seem to be taking. Group to bring any comments or observations to the group in future. MNRF confirmed that their SEM program is a percentage audit on the FTG company results.
- Group would like to hear report on number of machines working in area, road maintenance (grading or plowing)
- Discussion around what the LCC mandate is and making sure that those are being covered. LCC mandate will be in FMPM and LCC Terms of Reference (ToR). **Evan will circulate FMPM and ToR again. Evan or Amie will pull out LCC mandates from FMPM and ToR to guide discussion.**

c) **Forest Industry Update (moved up in agenda from 7f)**

AVTB update (Scott)

- Harvesting: AVTB licenses
 - 7 buncher crews harvesting at full capacity, harvesting in south, mid and north end of licenses
- Roads / Haul:
 - Continual road maintenance to support the hauls.
 - Tree length stockpile inventory hauled complete
 - Chip and Hog deliveries from Longlac sawmill resumed
 - All trucks are on the backroad.
 - No major incidents to report. Mostly related to spilled loads (insecure loads)
- Mill inventory still low – about 8-10 days, mostly chips
- Other activities
 - Graveling and calcium application on the Catlonite planned this spring
 - Road signs are going up around the licence.
 - Brushing and beaver management ongoing
 - Bridge re-decking planned on Suicide and McKay bridge

- Bridge removals planned for Jemar, Pout and Howard Creek

Robertson and Truax culverts are plugged. OPG is doing log operations and letting water go north.

Columbia Update (Ed)

- Eaton block complete. Currently on 1-2 month break
- Mill update
 - New lathe project looking at August installation. The new lathe will use more of the log and improve the yield.

d) Kenogami Update

Road funding – developed in 2005 to provide money to support forest roads. Funding is eligible for funding forest maintenance and creation of forest access roads that are opened to the public. Funding is based on 5 year rolling average of money coming off the forest. Capital expenditure program can only be used on creation of new roads. Harvest licensee accesses funding to offset their costs. Bridge replacement can be applied if under expenditure is under \$90,000. A bridge cost > \$90,000 is considered an asset.



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e) Ogoki Update

Witchwood River bridge replacement: Bridge was built over First Nation values, MNRF commitment to move the bridge to another location.

Tom questioned status of Buchanan camp. LLFP held LUP for Buchanan work camp and another Buchanan company is interested in becoming the LUP holder after the LLFP bankruptcy. There was some interest by Buchanan to take over the permit but nothing has been finalized. MNRF is currently dealing with this site. Tom concerned over the state of the site and need to ensure site is cleaned up.

f) Nedaak Update

- Plan: Draft Plan to be submitted July 3rd
 - Planning Team meeting tomorrow
 - Residual tool to be rerun again and finalize harvest with results from tool
- Silviculture: planting started May 13
 - Haveman has 3 camps with approx. 50 planters in each camp
 - Planting is ½ way through 4,000,000 trees planted
 - Thinning Pamela Lake area started Monday

- Site Prep: Norse, Seagram, Cable were completed and hot planted (planted right after the SIP was completed). The rest of the program will commence again in July with 3-5 skidders.

g) **Kenogami Forest Independent Audit**

Charlotte presented Neil's presentation "LCC Participation through IFA".
Audit will cover 2010-2015.



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h) **Kenogami Forest Independent Audit Discussion for July 7th**

Meeting date was moved from July to August 11th; field portion of audit will be the week of September 21-25 with meetings on 21 and 25. LCC members may be contacted by Al Stewart providing an opportunity to voice your concerns.

Evan requested that any issues/comments be sent to him via email prior to meeting on August 11th.

i) **Administrative Amendments LCC Categorisation Discussion**

An amendment categorization was developed to identify recommendations that could go to District Manager before addressed at a meeting. The Categorization list was developed and included with the ToR. Group took a look at the list again and approved as is.
Any amendment request that is outside of the list would go to LCC directly for categorization.



Amendment
Categorization

j) **AVTB Amendment Decision**

Large amendment request submitted to amend the plan and allow for a large area of contingency to be added to Phase I regular harvest (i.e. harvest prior to March 31st, 2016). The amendment was extremely complicated and portions of it could not be supported. The amendment was subsequently broken down into two packages to work within extremely tight timelines and review more quickly. Both revised amendments were categorized by DM as administrative amendments and this was not a decision made lightly. Letter was sent to LCC previously.

Nedaak completed consultation on the original complete package and 1st piece has already been approved.

The first piece included Eli Lake, Grehan West, McKeever, McKelvie, Pipeline km 13, Fateaux, Larix Lake and Arm Lake.

k) **Bernie's Solution**

Evan had discussed the importance of providing feedback back to the MNRF on the stocking program. Bernie had provided the following solutions:

- a) Erect signs at access identifying lake as a stocked lake and providing contact number to report back to MNRF
- b) Forms or survey to outfitters or tourism establishments to provide feedback from guests.

Linda suggested that tourism reps and general membership could spread the word that MNRF is looking for feedback on stocked lakes and angling opportunities experienced there.

Stocking list has been updated and will be on website. New biologist starts June 29th.

l) **Updated Stocking List**

Stocking list presented. Lake E-206 was stocked this year.

m) **Adopt an Access**

There are currently 49 signs in the program. Program was started by GANRAC membership and volunteers who wanted to clean up access points similar to "Adopt a Highway" program.

Evan received a request for a Klotz Lake sign.

Charlotte outlined requirements MNRF has around the program. Charlotte also mentioned that decisions are not finalized but supervisor has identified some items that may be required in order to fully support the program. MNRF would like to have in place a number of items including an agreement with GANRAC which describes the program details, a letter of Authority authorizing work on access points, and some sort of database which tracks the location and content of the signs erected. Group voiced frustration over requirements citing that it may make it too onerous of a process. Complicating something that is a "good deed" and bogging it down with typical "red tape". Charlotte believes that items were not meant to be too onerous a process and was only meant to document and authorize activity on crown land more formally. **Evan will phone Phil Couture, Resource Operations supervisor and discuss LCC concerns with him.**

MNRF would like to present changes when finalized. Charlotte and Amie believe that process is more a paperwork exercise to document program details rather than imposing changes to the volunteers/adoptees/LCC group.

Next Meeting: September 2nd or 9th TBD (Since the meeting the date has been changed to September 30th)

Meeting Adjourned 9:10pm