**Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes  
6:00pm January 12, 2022 – Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

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| MEMBER | PRESENT | REGRETS |
| Allan Gordon, Greenstone Metis Council |  | X |
| Bernie Baillargeon, Bear Management & Baitfish |  | X |
| Brian Desrochers, Trapping | X |  |
| Bob Baycroft, Fishing/Hunting Interest | X |  |
| Deanna Hoffman, Forest Management | X |  |
| Ed Hoffman, Forest Industry | X |  |
| Evan Armstrong, General Public | X |  |
| James McPherson, Municipality of Greenstone | X |  |
| Jason Booth, Remote Tourism |  | X |
| John Espinola, Road Accessed Tourism |  | X |
| Ken House, Cottaging |  | X |
| Ken Stevens, Crown Land Recreation | X |  |
| Rob Haslam, Naturalist | X |  |
| Vaughn Arsenault, Chamber of Commerce | X |  |
| Yvette Metansinine, Aboriginals | X |  |
| VACANT, Local Business |  |  |
| VACANT, Forest Industry Ogoki |  |  |
| VACANT, Mining |  |  |
| ALTERNATES |  |  |
| Brent Henley, Remote Tourism | X |  |
| Eileen Johnson, Local Business | X |  |
| Kellie Chippett, Forest Industry |  | X |
| Renald Beaulieu, Municipality of Greenstone |  | X |
| Scott Koski, Forest Management |  | X |
| Sean Antonson, Trapping | X |  |
| Steve Thuerig, Naturalist | X |  |
| Tanya Couture, Crown Land Recreation |  | X |
| VACANT, Aboriginals |  |  |
| VACANT, General Public |  |  |
| VACANT, Cottaging |  |  |
| VACANT, Road Accessed Tourism |  |  |
| MNRF |  |  |
| Amie Nephin, MNRF LCC Liaison | X |  |
| Nicole Gross, MNRF LCC Logistics |  | X |
| Charlotte Bourdignon, MNRF Forester, Kenogami | X |  |
| Leal Strain, A/Resource Management Supervisor | X |  |
| Philip Wilson, MNRF Biologist |  | X |
| Charles Brooks, Conservation Officer |  | X |
| Tara Rooney, MNRF Forester, Ogoki | X |  |
| Taylor Hall, Forester Intern | X |  |
| **GUESTS** |  |  |
| Colleen George | X |  |
| Hannah Rideout | X |  |
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**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

* Called to order 6:06pm

**2. Review of Agenda**

* Presentation of LCC survey will be moved up in agenda.
  1. Agenda accepted as amended.

**3. Local Citizen’s Committee Survey (Colleen George)**

* Colleen George is a Research Scientist with Science and Research Division, Provincial Services Division working with Len Hunt and Jeff Robinson
* Here today to speak about the LCC Survey which is a survey to gather information regarding membership, composition and statistics on Local Citizen’s Committee since 2004.
* Email went out on January 10, 2022 to LCC members
* Request to complete survey by **January 31, 2022**

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* Evan asked if summary of results would be available for individual LCC.
  + Survey results are not available by individual LCC as survey is to be anonymous and will not be summarized on individual LCC basis but more a regional grouping.
* Results can be presented back to LCC if requested. Results would likely be ready by April. Contact Jeff Robinson.

**4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes-(May 5, 2021 Meeting)**

* Minutes were approved by email.
* **ACTION ITEM 3.c: Advise LCC members of Resolution decision.**
* IR Decision was mailed out May 20, 2021. Evan felt that the Outfitters seemed happy with decision.

**5. Financial Report – Evan**

* Motion to accept report as presented; Evan, Seconded Yvette

**6. Correspondence – Evan**

* Dillon Consulting would like to provide presentation on Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR). Will be scheduled for next meeting.
* Evan passes along other information as it comes to him. Members find this valuable and confirmed to continue this practice.

1. **Membership Review** – (Evan)
   * Evan reviewed membership attendance
   * Eileen moved up to main member in Local Business category
   * Jamie indicated that Renald will only attend if Jamie can’t make it. Does it make sense to take him off the list. Similarly, Scott K. will only attend when Deanna cannot. Does this skew membership attendance as they will only come when main member cannot.
   * Evan will reach out to Dina Quenneville about mining representation as she is back working for Greenstone Goldmines.
   * Motion to approve membership review: Evan, Seconded: Yvette
2. **New Business**
   1. **2020 Forest Management Planning Manual Update** (Char/Taylor)
      * FMP revised to make the process easier and more efficient while still balancing importance of consultation so that input is collected and considered
      * Taylor Hall, Forester Intern (Thunder Bay, Nipigon District) has put together a presentation to outline the changes
      * Yvette agreed with the changes.
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   2. **Kenogami Operations Update**
      * **Kenogami Update (Charlotte)** 
        + Sustainable Forest License (SFL) issued to Ogwiidachiwaning Sustainable Forest Management Inc.
        + Temporary General manager is Isabel Gannon. This will allow some business to continue until a board meeting and hiring can be done.

* + - **Kenogami 2021-2022 AWS Revision (Deanna)**
      * Deanna presented several revisions/amendments to be made to AWS to align with the 2021 FMP. Changes with 2021 FMP being approved mid-year and need to make AWS consistent
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      * One amendment was already processed to ensure areas that were being harvested currently were bridged into the 2021 FMP.
      * Four amendments that have not been submitted and would like recommendation from LCC on Categorization
      * Deanna confirmed that notification will go to Stakeholders and Indigenous communities who will be affected by the revisions.
      * Stakeholders include Trappers, BMA, Baitfish and for canoe routes (Rob)
      * **Amend/Revise Bridging Harvest Blocks**
      * Approved areas in the 2011 FMP, 2021 AWS should have been bridged into the 2021 FMP and were missed. Request to bridge these areas into the 2021 FMP and AWS. These areas would have been shown in 2011 FMP, 2021 AWS.
      * **Note: Amendment Category was missed at the meeting. NRF discussed with Chair of committee.**
      * **Recommend Administrative Amendment with Notification**
      * Deanna will provide notification to stakeholders, Indigenous communities prior to submission.
      * **Compliance Reporting Areas:**
      * Requirement for CRA to be less than 500 ha. Revising CRA areas to meet requirement by broken down further.
      * Recommend **Administrative Category** as seems more like paperwork. All agree.
      * **Wood Storage Yard: Recommend Minor**
      * Change to move Wood Storage yards under FMP rather than Public Lands Act (PLA) permit approval.
      * New locations are required for Lecours and GreenFirst operations that were not planned in 2021 FMP. Request to amend area on West Boyce and Clavet Road. Many of these areas have been used in the past.
      * Evan asked who GreenFirst is? Deanna responded that it is a company that is operating to the North on the Hearst Forest.
      * Purpose is for stockpiling wood, no processing or debris usually associated with the Lecours operations. Usually within ROW so not taking up additional area.
      * May impact stakeholders so LCC recommend notification to stakeholders
      * Recommend **Minor Amendment**
      * **Operational Road Boundary (ORB)**
      * Need to change ORB due to access into block.
      * **Recommend Minor**
* Motion regarding categorization moved by Evan seconded by Bob
  1. **Kenogami 2022-2023 Annual Work Schedule (Deanna)**
     + - Brian mentioned that although harvesting impacts trapping area it also comes with access to trapping areas. Important to plant areas to ensure that trapping area can come back online faster than just natural regeneration or seeding. He asked if there what the difference was between the decision to plant versus the decision to aerial seed.
       - Deanna indicated that all harvest blocks will have a silviculture intensity assigned so that information is available. Seeding will come with a 5-7 year delay from planting as seeds have to germinate. To seed a block you need an area that has low competition levels to allow the seed to germinate. Also this area will end up with 25-35,000 stems/ha and all those stems are competing for moisture. There isn’t a lot of area on the Kenogami that is suitable for seeding.



* 1. **Ogoki Operations Update** 
     + Ogoki Update (Tara)
       - Harvesting occurring mainly in Box North, Box South, and Wanda
       - Ogoki Forest Resource License and Forestry Agreement due to expire March 31, 2022. NRF is looking at extending current licenses to ADLP.
     + **Ogoki 2022-2023 Annual Work Schedule (Hannah)**

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* 1. **Nedaak Operations Update** (Deanna/Scott)
* Slash piling ongoing at Singing/Watini as the haul progresses. Winter areas most difficult as we need to keep right behind the haul as the roads are open. Once Lecours starts hauling we will move out there to slash pile
* Our crew is doing spot checks on operations.
  + - GDC (Ginoogam Development Corporation)
    - Harvest operations at Singing and Jackfish.
* Haul is bouncing between Singing and Croll/Jackfish.
* Grader is grading the Florrie
  1. **AV Terrace Bay Operations Update** ((Deanna provided an update of AVTB areas)
     + Harvest at Watini and Granny
     + Haul at Watini, Dusk, Granny and Old Selwyn
  2. **Columbia Forest Products Operations Update** (Ed)
     + No operations on the Kenogami at this time.
  3. **Open Discussion**
     + **White Pine**
     + Eileen noticed decline in White Pine around Beardmore. What could be causing this. Loss of needles
     + Some trees close to highway will experience impacts from salt – but Eileen noted that these trees weren’t that close to the hwy to be affected.
     + Charlotte mentioned that they may have picked this up during the summer monitoring
     + Only a few White Pine in the area and they could be aging out.
     + **Action**: Charlotte will check the report to see if there is any notation on White Pine in the area. She will forward to the group any findings.
     + **Catlonite Road**
     + Steve asked if there was an update to access on the Catlonite Road on portion of the Ginoogaming reserve land.
     + Charlotte indicated that bridge has been ditched at both ends and barricaded as the community procured an engineering report that found several issues with the bridge and needed to be closed.
     + Access is through the Seagram Road.
     + **Longlac Mill – Wood**
     + Sean noted that his co-workers have indicated that Buchanan is focused on the Nakina mill for now and will focus on opening the Longlac mill at a later time.
     + Charlotte noted that in any of her meetings it is always the goal of Buchanan to get that mill going.
     + Wood supply at Nakina mill is good.

**Snow Station**

* + - **GANRAC Website**
    - Cost of website is about $200. Evan has been reviewing statistics and is not that well used and becoming cumbersome to update.
    - Evan would like to discuss whether they should cancel the website and move to another platform.
    - Discussed other options such as social media (Facebook)
    - Motion was made to cancel website: Rob, Seconded by Yvette.
    - Evan will cancel website fees this year. He will still be able to access material
    - Evan to work with Rob H. on setting up a Facebook page.
    - Eileen indicated that she does not want her contact information on Facebook. She is very careful about personal information going onto platforms such as Facebook. She would like to ensure that her personal email and phone numbers are not included.
    - Group agreed that personal information could be left off the page as they can reach out through Evan or Facebook to contact individuals.
  1. **Next Meeting Date: February 9, 2022**
  2. **Meeting Adjourned: Moved by Ed, Seconded by Bob**