

RMAC

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Thursday, February 24, 2011– 6:00 pm- Blind River Marina, Blind River, Ontario

Sector	Primary Member	P/A	Alternate Member	P/A	
Municipal Assoc.	Todd Stencill	A	V A C A N T		MNR Staff: Salli Watson Michael Young Guests: Norm Iles -Northshore Forest Inc. Observer - C.C. - Paul Leale - MNR - Espanola - Marg Carruthers - MNR - SSM - Michael Young - MNR - BR - Jim Trottier MNR - Blind River - Mark Galsworthy - NSIFA Inc. - Brennain Lloyd - Northwatch
Blind River Trappers Council	Robin Horwath	A	Brian Whelan	A	
Independent Loggers	René Fabris	A	Paul Wyatt	P	
Cottagers Association	Mary Demers	P	Peter Hausenblas	P	
Forest Industry	Martin Thistel	A			
Non-Timber Forest Products	Wayne Carnahan	P	J.J. Roy	P	
Educators	Marie Murphy-Foran	P	Raymond Ansley	P	
Mining	J.P. Pruneau	A			
Baitfish Harvesters	Dave Rajotte	P			
Commercial Tourism	Tim Jensen	P	James Allan	P	
Public	Cathy Clement	A	Beryl Clarke	P	
Naturalists	Ginny Post	P	VACANT		
Anglers & Hunters	Bill Riddle	P	Chuck Anderson	P	
Crown Land Recreationists	Jack Cavanagh	A	Alex McKee	P	
Trade Union	Heather Foran	P			

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of This Agenda and Minutes of December 16, 2010 meeting
3. Business Arising from Minutes
4. Regular Business:
 - a) Northshore Forest Inc. Update - Norm Iles
 - b) 2011-12 Annual Work Schedule - Norm Iles
 - c) Annual Report - Norm Iles
 - d) RMAC Terms of Reference (Draft Handout) - for Committee Discussion March 24, 2011
5. Members Items:
 - a) East Algoma Stewardship Council's strategic planning process and the cottaging workshops EASC is planning – Marie Murphy-Foran
6. Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

"Providing Advice and Helping In The Management of Our Natural Resources"

MINUTES
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 24, 2011
Blind River Marina, Blind River, ON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order was at 6:30 pm, Heather Foran, Chair, (see attached attendance sheet for all present/absent).

2. APPROVAL OF This AGENDA with members items added below and approval of December 16, 2010 minutes motioned by Paul, 2nd by Mary, carried.

None

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (December 16, 2010)

- a. RMAC letter (who will write to FMZ 10 Council) with RMAC's recommendations. **Motion by Heather that René write a letter to the FMZ 10 Council on behalf of RMAC recommending that the size limit for lake trout be removed, leave the catch limit at 2 and review the results before 10 years, 2nd by JP Pruneau, carried.**

ACTION: Robin to obtain the letter from Don Oesch, Northshore Fisheries Management Association for René to review.

Robin absent. Leave as ACTION item.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a) Northshore Forest Inc. Update - Norm Iles

- Regular update -see attached
- RMAC approval amendment from last meeting had a few revisions

b) 2011-12 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) - Norm Iles

- Norm showed a presentation and outlined the AWS (see attached copy)
- The AWS is anticipated to be approved by March 15, 2011 for operational implementation April 1, 2011.

c) Annual Report - Norm Iles

- Norm showed a presentation and outlined the Annual Report (see attached copy)
- PLEASE NOTE: once approved, the AWS and Annual Report can viewed in its entirety at www.ontario.ca/forestplans

- Jim Allan asked what herbicide was used by Northshore Forest Inc.
- Norm replied "Glyphosate"

ACTION: Salli to photocopy 2009 Glyphosate presentation and send to Jim Allan

d) RMAC Draft Terms of Reference handed out

ACTION: Committee members to review and be prepared to discuss at March 24, 2011 meeting.

e) A Vegetation Management Workshop information sheet was handed out. RMAC members are interested in local workshop

ACTION: Michael Young/Kirk to inquire about having this workshop locally available for RMAC

f) Michael was asked about the announcement made today re Modernization of Forest Tenure. Following is what was posted:

McGuinty Government Making Forest Industry More Competitive, Creating Jobs

Ontario intends to re-energize the forest sector to create new jobs and attract investment while ensuring forests continue to be managed sustainably.

The proposed Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act was introduced today. If passed, the act would change the forest tenure system and allow for greater market forces in the allocation and pricing of Crown timber. The proposed legislation would maintain the government's existing authority to manage this critical public resource, while bringing more competition and opportunity to the forest sector. This includes providing support for two new forest management models:

- Local Forest Management Corporations would be government agencies that manage Crown forests and oversee the competitive sale of the timber in a given area
- Enhanced Shareholder Sustainable Forest Licences would consist of a group of mills and/or harvesters that collectively form a new company to manage Crown forests under the Sustainable Forest Licence that is issued to them.

These two new models would help make Ontario's timber supply and prices more responsive to market demand, create new business opportunities for entrepreneurs, and facilitate greater local and Aboriginal participation in the sector.

Helping build a stronger forest industry is an important part of the [Open Ontario plan](#) to create jobs and opportunities in Northern Ontario.

5. MEMBERS ITEMS

East Algoma Stewardship Council's strategic planning process and the cottaging workshops EASC is planning – Marie Murphy Foran

- Marie explained described a few of the various completed and upcoming projects EASC has enabled (55 projects last year)
- 2 upcoming workshops are: Water Quality and 2011 Green EXPO (see enclosed handouts)
- EASC has hired "Fresh Water Coalition" to do Strategic Planning. If anyone wishes to be included in the survey - please contact Marie or visit their website:
www.ontariostewardship.org/councils/east-algoma/

RMAC Members

- Beryl Clarke said that 2 Town of Blind River Council Members are appointed by the Town to sit on RMAC

6. **ADJOURNMENT at 8:10 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Bill Riddle, 2nd by Peter Hausenblas, carried.

The next RMAC meeting will be in Blind River, Thursday, March 24th, 2011- 6:00 p.m. Blind River Marina. Please RSVP to Salli ASAP, Thanks.

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