

RMAC

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Thursday, March 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: Kirk Dillabough Salli Watson
Blind River Trappers Council	Robin Horwath	P	Brian Whelan	P	
Independent Loggers	René Fabris	P	Paul Wyatt	A	Guests: Bill Moryto -Northshore Forest Inc.
Cottagers Association	Mary Demers	P	Peter Hausenblas	A	
Forest Industry	Martin Thistel	P			Observer -
Non-Timber Forest Products	Wayne Carnahan	P	J.J. Roy	P	
Educators	Marie Murphy-Foran	P	Raymond Ansley	P	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
Mining	J.P. Pruneau	A			
Baitfish Harvesters	Dave Rajotte	P			
Commercial Tourism	Tim Jensen	A	James Allan	P	
Public	Cathy Clement	A	Beryl Clarke	A	
Naturalists	Ginny Post	P	VACANT		
Anglers & Hunters	Bill Riddle	A	Chuck Anderson	P	
Crown Land Recreationists	Jack Cavanagh	P	Alex McKee	A	
Trade Union	Heather Foran	P			

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of This Agenda and Minutes of February 24, 2011 meeting
3. Business Arising from Minutes
4. Regular Business:
 - a) Northshore Forest Inc. Update - Norm Iles
 - b) RMAC Terms of Reference (Draft Handout) - for Committee Discussion March 24, 2011
 - c) District Manager's Update
5. Members Items:
 - a) Transient Campers & waste disposal - Mary
 - b) Spring Freshet as it pertains to Rocky Island Lake - Wayne
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, March 24, 2011
Blind River Marina, Blind River, ON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order was at 6:30 pm, René Fabris, chair (see attached attendance sheet for all present/absent).

2. APPROVAL OF This AGENDA with members items added below and approval of February 24, 2011 minutes motioned by Wayne, 2nd by Ginny, carried.

- c) Transient Campers & waste disposal - Mary
- d) Spring Freshet as it pertains to Rocky Island Lake - Wayne

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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: René to forward the Lake Trout recommendation letter to Salli to forward to members. Put on next meeting's agenda.

ACTION: Vegetation Workshop for RMAC - Michael Young or Kirk will be looking into this

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a) Northshore Forest Inc. Update - Bill Moryto

- Regular update -see attached
- AWS (Annual Work Schedule) approved and Operation to start April 1st.
- Question as to why all dead trees not cut on the Fire up on Hwy. 129. Martin said all cutting is done, but still grinding, does not know why St. Mary's left some trees standing.

ACTION: Bill Moryto to find out why all dead trees were not cut and report back to RMAC

b) RMAC Draft Terms of Reference handed out

- committee reviewed and made recommendations for RMAC's Terms of Reference

ACTION: Kirk to make changes & supply members with revised DRAFT copy for approval at May 26th meeting.

- René requested an alternate chairperson to represent RMAC on a Regional LCC (Local Citizen's Committee) teleconference call coming up in April as he will be out of country. **MOTION by Marie that Robin Horwath be the alternate Chairperson, 2nd by Jack, all in favour, carried.**

c) District Manager's Update - Kirk Dillabough

1. Martin D. Blake has been permanently appointed as Sault Ste. Marie District Manager.
2. Peggy Wilson has completed her assignment acting Stewardship Coordinator. Eden Boyko has been appointed to this position for 5 months.
3. Lands and Waters Technical Specialist position in Blind River has been advertised and is expected to be filled soon.
4. Sault Ste. Marie District office has advertised for an Area Technician position.
5. Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) was activated this winter to review weather/snow levels and its potential impact on the Mississagi system. The snow load is currently only at 40% of long term average, therefore we could be in a low water condition again this operating year. Brookfield has drawn down Rocky Island Lake only half of usual winter draw down.
6. District has numerous projects on the go and staff are busy.

5. **MEMBERS ITEMS**

Transient Campers and Waste Disposal - Mary

- Mary has noticed quite a number of campers up Hwy. 129 and wonders where they dump their sewage. Kirk advised it is not MNR's mandate, rather the Algoma Health Unit to monitor the disposal of sewage.

Spring Freshet as it relates to Rocky Island Lake - Wayne

- covered in 4 (c) 5 above
- Jim Allan asked if the drawn down limits were transferred from Ontario Hydro to Mississagi Power - Kirk said he did not have that info in front of him.
- Marie reported that other Stewardship Councils were taking action against the introduction of Asian Carp into our Great Lakes/rivers.

MOTION by Jack that RMAC's next meeting be May 26th, 2011 (No April meeting), 2nd by Robin, all in favour, carried.

6. **ADJOURNMENT at 8:15 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Marie, 2nd by J.J. Roy, carried.

The next RMAC meeting will be in Blind River, Thursday, May 26th, 2011- 6:00 p.m. Blind River Marina. Please RSVP to Salli ASAP, Thanks.

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Keith Sayers, Mississauga First Nation
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Robina Kitchemokman, Whitefish River First Nation

RE M I N D E R S

1. MEETING RSVP... 1 WEEK PRIOR.
2. AGENDA ITEMS 1 WEEK PRIOR APPRECIATED.
3. PLEASE SUBMIT EXPENSES AT EACH MEETING TO ASSIST IN BUDGET TRACKING.