

RMAC

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Thursday, May 26, 2011– 6:00 pm- Order of the Golden Wing Hall, Blind River, Ontario

Sector	Primary Member	P/A	Alternate Member	P/A	
Municipal Assoc.	Todd Stencill	P	V A C A N T		MNR Staff: Kirk Dillabough Salli Watson Guests: Norm Iles -Northshore Forest Inc. Observer - Joyce 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	P	Paul Wyatt	A	
Cottagers Association	Mary Demers	A	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	A	James Allan	P	
Public	Cathy Clement	A	Beryl Clarke	A	
Naturalists	Ginny Post	P	VACANT		
Anglers & Hunters	Bill Riddle	P	Chuck Anderson	P	
Crown Land Recreationists	Jack Cavanagh	A	Alex McKee	A	
Trade Union	Heather Foran	P			

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of This Agenda and Minutes of March 24, 2011 meeting
3. Business Arising from Minutes
4. Regular Business:
 - a) Northshore Forest Inc. Update – Norm Iles
 - b) RMAC Terms of Reference (for Committee to Adopt)
 - c) District Manager's Update
5. Members Items:
 - a) MNR's role in the process of applications for the development of wind resources- Mary
Wind projects proposed in the district or Northshore Forest. (Scheduled for June meeting)
 - b) Update on proposed Biofuel projects in the District. – Mary
 - c) Rocky Island Lake Water Levels – Wayne
 - d) East Algoma Stewardship Council – Activity Update – Marie
6. Adjournment at 7:20 p.m.

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

MINUTES
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 26, 2011
Order of the Golden Wing Hall, Blind River, ON

1. **6:30 introductions were made while dinner was being prepared**

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order was at 6:40 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 March 24, 2011 minutes motioned by Marie, 2nd by Wayne, 8 in favour, carried.**

a) Rocky Island Lake Water level update - 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.**

Heather Foran presented a letter she drafted to the Fisheries Management Zone 10 Council on behalf of RMAC.

Motion by Dave Rajotte for Heather will clarify the wording in the 3rd paragraph and René to sign the letter, 2nd by Peter, 7 in favour, 1 against, carried.

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

Still in progress - no word a near future workshop yet.

ACTION: Bill Moryto to find out why all dead trees were not cut on the Hwy. 129 Fire and report back to RMAC

- See report provided for map and explanation.

The reason is because not all of the area burned was included in the "salvage Licence". When St. Marys Paper proposed this "trials alvage operation", they only asked for a portion of the burned area to be included. Due to operational issues and mill shutdowns, only a portion of the licence area was actually salvaged.

ACTION: Kirk to make changes to RMAC Terms of Reference & supply members with revised DRAFT copy for approval at May 26th meeting. - DONE

Motion by Dave Rajotte to approve the presented RMAC Terms of Reference, 2nd by Wayne Carnahan, 9 in favour, carried.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

a) Northshore Forest Inc. Update - Bill Moryto

- Regular update -see attached

b) RMAC Draft Terms of Reference - adoption of Draft

- Completed, as per above last ACTION item

c) District Manager's Update - Kirk Dillabough

1. Bill 151 passed - Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act.
2. MNR finalizing the Sr. Lands Specialist Position in Blind River and the Resource Technician Job in Sault Ste. Marie.
3. Broad Scale Fisheries project in Blind River again this year.
4. Stewardship Ranger Crew Leader position to be filled soon.
5. SLIN (Spring Littoral Index Netting) just completed - May and Elliot Lakes. Fish stocking also completed this spring.
6. Various fish and wildlife surveys ongoing - Jim Trottier (and other staff).
7. Major rain event this spring produced 140 mm or rain in 7 days resulting in multiple road/culvert washouts. It is expected more will be reported as people start recreational activities again.
8. Blind River issued several Scientific Collector's Permits (part of the Environmental Assessment for renewable energy proposals.)
9. Marie informed RMAC that the East Algoma Stewardship Council has partnered with Serpent River First Nation to do a Blandings Turtle study.

5. **MEMBERS ITEMS**

a) MNR's role in the process of applications for the development of wind resources- Mary

Wind projects proposed in the district or Northshore Forest.

- Kirk has arranged for Lisa Keable to give a presentation at the June meeting.

b) Update on proposed Biofuel projects in the District. - Mary

- Kirk reported that the St Mary's biofuel project which harvested the wood from Sault 13 Fire was the only one on the Northshore Forest.

- Norm said that St Mary's was able to get a lot of good data for their co-gen plant.

c) Rocky Island Lake water Levels Update- Wayne Carnahan

Kirk reported that a difference strategy was used this year.

- The Standing Advisory Committee convened prior to draw down to evaluate snow loads and develop a strategy to minimize the impacts of the lack of precipitation.
- Gradual draw down and the major rain event recharged the system bringing water levels up to normal seasonal levels.
- The gradual draw down and pre spring meeting worked well this year and will be implemented again next year.
- Brookfield Power was in compliance this entire winter.
- If we did not get the rain we did, it is possible a low water situation would have occurred but, not on the scale as last year.

d) Marie reported on the East Algoma Stewardship Council Activities

- The Water Quality Workshop scheduled for June 3rd & 4th was postponed.
- Green Expo, June 22nd & 23rd will add the Water Quality Workshop, plus other topics (i.e. how to clean your boat to prevent invasive species).
- Annual General Meeting is scheduled at Dunlop Lodge in Elliot Lake on June 22nd at 6:30pm - 8:00pm.
- The Council co-ordinates the local (Northshore) High School Envirothons.
- Marie mentioned a very interesting clip shown on "You Tube" on Asian Carp and just how invasive this species really is.

6. **ADJOURNMENT at 7:20 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Dave Rajotte, 2nd by Wayne Carnahan, carried.

The next RMAC meeting will be in Blind River, Thursday, June 23rd, 2011- 6:00 p.m. Order of the Golden Wing Hall. Please RSVP to Salli ASAP , Thanks.

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R E 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.