

# RMAC

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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Thursday, November 24, 2011– 6:00 pm- Order of the Golden Wing Hall, Blind River, Ontario

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

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of This Agenda and Minutes of September 22, 2011 meeting
3. Business Arising from Minutes
4. Regular Business:
  - a) Northshore Forest Inc. Update – Bill Moryto
  - b) Discussion on Response to RMAC's FMZ10 letter - René
  - c) District Manager's Update
  - d) Date for December meeting
5. Members Items:
  - a) Deer Licences – Beryl
  - b) Trap Cabins – Chuck
  - c) Riparian Zones – Robin
  - d) Mississagi River Water Management Plan - Robin
6. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

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

**MINUTES**  
**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 24, 2011**  
**Order of the Golden Wing Hall, 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. Motion to approve September 22, 2011 minutes by Wayne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beryl, all in favour, carried.**

**a) Beryl noted a change in minutes, Member's item #1 should read Outdoors card, (Not Fishing Licence). Salli to make changes. Done.**

- a) Deer Licences - Beryl
- b) Trap Cabins - Chuck
- c) Riparian Zones - Chuck
- d) Mississagi Water Management Plan - Robin

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**ACTION: Kirk to check if MNR biologist can come to next meeting to discuss lake trout.**

Kirk will be inviting Mike Francis to Dec. meeting - updated to March meeting

**ACTION: Marty to write letter to the author of the survey to request a more comprehensible format for the committees.**

Kirk said MNR has not heard back from them, so they may not need the info anymore.

**ACTION: Kirk to look into low water level on Mississagi River (near Rapid River point - pictures handed to Kirk) and report back for next meeting.**

Kirk still working on it.

**ACTION: Campers well exceeding 21 days at the Little White River near the bridge close to Hwy. 639 - Kirk to bring to Enforcement's attention.**

Kirk brought this item to Enforcement's attention, however it was past the fact and not much can be done. Public encouraged to use the MNR TIPS line: 1-877-847-7667

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a) Northshore Forest Inc. Update - Bill Moryto**  
- Regular update -see attached

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- majority of slash piles burned were in the Shoepack - Portelance Road areas. Weather was very poor for burning.
- Bill noted it is important for RMAC to meet in February to present the 2010-11 Annual Report.
- Robin is concerned about St. Mary's clean up operations along the Hwy. 129 fire - dead wood still standing and creating a highway hazard.
- Kirk noted this is a jurisdictional matter and that MTO is responsible for their Right-of-way. MTO have not contacted Kirk about this matter.

### b) Discussion on Response to Lake Trout letter

- Robin feels more is affecting the Lake Trout population, i.e. global warming, loss of habitat. Robin would like to address his concerns to the FMZ10 committee and would like Kirk to supply RMAC with a list of names/affiliations of the FMZ10 committee members.
- Robin said the Northshore Fisheries Association would also like to be involved in addressing their concerns to the FMZ10 committee.

**ACTION: Kirk to supply RMAC members with a list of names/affiliations of the FMZ10 committee members.**

### c) District Manager's Update - Kirk Dillabough

1. The Forestry Section is now back with MNR from MNM & F. Designation of Authority will be back with MNR.
2. Blind River's Area Forester - Michael Young, is on a 4 month work assignment and Kirk will be assessing the workload, in the meantime, inquiries can be brought to Kirk.
3. Tracey Cooke, Stewardship Co-ordinator is back from maternity leave.

Due to lack of items to discuss, RMAC agreed to not have a December, 2011 meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2012.

## 5. MEMBERS ITEMS

1. Deer Licences - Beryl wants to know if the sale of deer licences is up or down.

**ACTION: Kirk to enquire and report back to RMAC once information is collected Provincially.**

2. Trap Cabins - Chuck wanted clarification of the jurisdiction of Trap Cabins. Robin, General Manager for the Ontario Fur Manager's Association, said the trap cabin allocation/program is still under MNR's jurisdiction and that cabin's can be up to 600 sq. ft. with 2 auxillary buildings each under 200 sq. ft. with no sleeping quarters. Chuck is concerned at what he sees out on the landscape - very impressive buildings which resemble a cottage/recreation camp instead of a trap cabin. He is concerned that successive trapper's will not be able to afford to purchase these cabins and that the current trapper will put a case forward to

MNR to purchase the buildings. Kirk assured RMAC that trapper's are made aware of the risk of investing too much into these buildings - Crown land with trap cabins will not be sold.

3. Riparian Zones - Robin wanted to know if there were new site guidelines in the Forest Management Plan (FMP) to cut down to the water's edge if the trapper so requests and does the trapper go about this.

Bill Moryto said there are Area of Concern (AOC) Prescriptions for this and it is the responsibility of the trapper to identify and bring to the Licencee/MNR Biologist. There would then have to be an amendment to plan for Beaver Habitat AOC. If the logging operation does not (for whatever reason) to cut down to the water's edge, then nothing can be done.

4. Mississagi Water Management Plan - Robin sits on this planning committee representing RMAC. Robin noted a Plan was signed by Brookfield stating Brookfield was to do work at the Rocky Island Landing and on the Lake which included stump removal and noted this was not done. Robin said he signed off on the agreement only because he thought the work would be done as per agreement.

**MOTION: Jack Cavanaugh motioned that all conditions of the agreement be adhered to, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Carnahan, all were unanimously in favour.**

5. Invasive Tree Species - Mary Demers requested Kirk bring in a speaker on this subject and Kirk agreed that March would be appropriate. Mary also noted a great book on the subject titled "The Beetle Empire".
6. Elk Update requested by Beryl - Kirk reports the heard is approximately 135-165 in number and growing. A survey and collaring project is being planned for this winter.

**ADJOURNMENT at 7:40 p.m.**

6. Motion to adjourn by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J.J. Roy, carried.

***The next RMAC meeting will be in Blind River, Thursday, January 26, 2012- 6:00 p.m. Order of the Golden Wing Hall. Please RSVP to Salli ASAP , Thanks.***

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