
















Development and Property Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Council Chambers



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None at time of mailing.

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NOTE:

- County Council: Wednesday, June 26, 2024.
- Submissions received from the public either orally or in writing, may become part of the public record.



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

A meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Chair James Brose
Warden Peter Emon
Vice-Chair Robert Weir
Councillor Daniel Lynch
Councillor Mark MacKenzie
Councillor Gary Serviss
Councillor Keith Watt

Regrets: Councillor David Bennett

Staff Present: Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
Jason Davis, Director of Development and Property
Andrea Patrick, Director of Community Services
Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Daniel Burke, Manager of Finance/Treasurer
Bruce Howarth, Manager of Planning Services
Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development Services
Kevin Raddatz, Manager of Real Estate
Lacey Rose, County Forester
Gwen Dombroski, Clerk
Tina Peplinskie, Media Relations and Social Media Coordinator
Evelyn VanStarkenbug, Administrative Assistant

Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The land acknowledgement identifying that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People was recited. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-59

Moved by Councillor Serviss

Seconded by Councillor Watt

THAT the minutes of the April 9, 2024, meeting be approved. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-05-60

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons:

- (a) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization – Forest Biomass Program;
- (b) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – Official Plan Amendment No. 40 – Storyland Pit; and,
- (c) the security of the property of the municipality or local board – The Old Grove, Arnprior.

Time: 9:33 a.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-64

Moved by Councillor Watt

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 11:20 a.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-65

Moved by Councillor Weir

Seconded by Councillor Serviss

THAT the Development and Property Committee directs staff to support and submit the applications for the Biofoam Projects from Suthey Holler Associates and D.F. Johnson & Associates, University of Toronto with Ben Hokum and Sons to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Wood Biomass Program and FedDev Ontario. CARRIED.

Committee recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 11:28 a.m., with same members present.

Development and Property

The Director of Development and Property overviewed the Development and Property Department Report, which is attached as Appendix A.

The CAO/Deputy Clerk advised that planning is underway for the County of Renfrew's day at Queen's Park on May 27, 2024 to advocate for identified strategic initiatives and concerns directly with the Province's Ministers and policy staff and following this day, staff should have a

clearer understanding of which projects to advocate at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-66

Moved by Councillor Weir

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that, after a review of the current state of Development and Property issues, staff submit delegation request(s) at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference that are consistent with the 2023-2026 County of Renfrew Strategic Plan, current initiatives that require further advocacy, and previous delegations that addressed funding shortfall(s). CARRIED.

Economic Development

The Manager of Economic Development overviewed the Economic Development Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Councillor Lynch advised that on May 25, 2024, the Arnprior Library Speaking Series will be hosting Mark Woermke, who will be discussing 19th Century German Immigration in Renfrew County.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-67

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Councillor Watt

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends to County Council that the new terms of reference for the Renfrew County Agriculture Economic Development Committee be approved as presented. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-68

Moved by Councillor Serviss

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council pass a resolution requesting that the Federal Government reconsider their decisions to cap international student permits to Canada in 2024 and reinstate the programs, reconsider the cap on the total hours permitted to work per week by returning to the pandemic level of 40 hours per week, and confer with colleges and universities to ensure all students receive quality education experiences as follows:

WHEREAS the Federal Government recently moved to limit the number of international students entering Canada to study; and,

WHEREAS studies have demonstrated international students contribute over \$22.3 billion per year to the Canadian economy, which is greater than exports of auto parts, lumber or aircraft; and,

WHEREAS studies have also shown immigrants are 40% more likely than Canadian-born individuals to own businesses in knowledge- or technology-based industries; and,

WHEREAS 6 in 10 international students who were employed (with paid earnings) during their period of study or after graduation became landed immigrants within 10 years of receiving their first study permit, compared with less than 2 in 10 among those who did not work; and,

WHEREAS it has been shown that nearly half of all international student post-secondary graduates who completed their studies between 2010 and 2016 remained in their province of study for the first year after graduation - compared with 8 in 10 domestic students; and,

WHEREAS the Algonquin College Pembroke Campus has over 240 international students currently studying on campus in programs including Practical Nursing, Early Childhood Education, Personal Support Worker, Computer Programming, Environmental Management and Assessment, Social Service Worker, and Outdoor Adventure Tourism to name a few key programs; and,

WHEREAS these students can work anywhere from 20 – 40 hours per week within the community; and,

WHEREAS a former pharmacist from India, studying in Algonquin Colleges Regulatory Affairs program, is now a part-time pharmacy assistant in Pembroke and many of the Pembroke Campus students are filling entry-level positions at local businesses, which is essential for our local economy because these positions have few applicants and high turnover rates, and local taxi companies have noted a significant amount of their business involves trips for international students from their residences to Algonquin College and to their place of employment; and,

WHEREAS it has been shown international student graduates from Algonquin College have gone on to work locally in hospitals as nurses and IT professionals; and,

WHEREAS Algonquin College has been a responsible manager of their foreign student education program; and,

WHEREAS the Federal Government's decision to limit the number of students admitted to Canada for study purposes would have a significant negative impact on our local economy and community and on the rural Ontario economy;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the County of Renfrew request that the Federal Government reconsider their decisions, reinstate the programs, reconsider the cap on the total hours permitted to work per week by returning to the pandemic level of 40 hours per week, and confer with the college and university representatives to ensure all students receive quality education experiences. CARRIED.

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

The Manager of Economic Development overviewed the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Enterprise Renfrew County

The Manager of Economic Development overviewed the Enterprise Renfrew County Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Warden Emon vacated the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-69

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council adopt a By-law to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) with the Province of Ontario for the financial and program support of Enterprise Renfrew County for the fiscal year April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. CARRIED.

Forestry

The County Forester overviewed the Forestry Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

The County Forester presented on the history of the Renfrew County Forest, which is included in the Forestry Report as Appendix FOR-I.

Warden Emon reentered the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-70

Moved by Councillor Watt

Seconded by Councillor Weir

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council adopt a By-Law to Prohibit Certain Activities on County of Renfrew-Owned Forests; AND THAT By-law 92-09 be repealed. CARRIED.

The County Forester advised that once the By-law is approved by County Council it will be circulated to the Minister of Justice for final approval.

Real Estate

The Manager of Real Estate overviewed the Real Estate Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

The Manager of Real Estate advised that the final amount for 1030 Lea Street new build will be provided to Committee in June.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-71

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council approve an additional amount of \$140,000 to complete the renovations at the Eganville Paramedic Base in order to execute the rear structure renovations; AND THAT the additional amount be taken from the Building Capital Reserves. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-72

Moved by Councillor Serviss

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that County Council approve Contract RE-2024-06-RP as submitted by Irvcon Limited, Pembroke, Ontario for the replacement of four flat roofs at the County Administration Building, in the amount of \$159,861 plus applicable taxes; AND THAT County Council adopt a By-law to execute the Contract. CARRIED.

Planning

The Manager of Planning Services overviewed the Planning Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-73

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends to County Council that a letter under the Warden's signature be sent to the Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing recognizing the positive items introduced in Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024, to simplify home construction and approvals. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-74

Moved by Councillor Watt

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the Development and Property Department Report, which is attached as Appendix A be approved. CARRIED.

Written Reports

Councillor Lynch presented the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) Environmental Stewardship Committee Report, which is attached as Appendix B.

Committee was advised that Councillor Serviss will present the Ottawa Valley Forest Local Citizen Committee and Algonquin Park Local Citizen Committee Reports in June.

New Business

Committee discussed if consideration should be given to start the Development and Property Committee meetings earlier. The Director of Development and Property advised that in the future he will ensure that delegations are kept to a minimum and that the reports will be concise.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-24-05-75

Moved by Councillor Serviss

Seconded by Councillor Weir

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on June 11, 2024. Time: 1:00 p.m. CARRIED.

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COUNTY OF RENFREW

DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Development and Property Committee
FROM: Jason Davis, Director of Development and Property
DATE: June 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Department Report

INFORMATION

1. Cell Service Update

Attached as Appendix I is a media release from Lisa Severson, Director of Communications, Eastern Ontario Regional Network, advising that Rogers 5G mobile services are now available in 21 communities across Eastern Ontario, including parts of the County of Renfrew.

2. Well-Water Testing

Attached as Appendix II is a resolution received from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding private water systems and a request for the Province to not phase out free well-water testing as part of the proposed streamlining efforts of public health laboratory operations.

3. Residential Market Activity

Attached as Appendix III is the Residential Market Activity summary for the County of Renfrew for May 2024. This summary provides sales activity within the County compared to previous years as well as a five-year average.



For Release June 3, 2024

Improved Cell Service Now Available in 21 Eastern Ontario Communities

(Peterborough, ON) – The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, and Rogers Communications announced today that Rogers 5G mobile services are now available in 21 communities across Eastern Ontario. Forty-two new cell towers and four additional upgrades to existing sites are completed, and now offer Rogers 5G mobile services to residents, businesses and visitors.

Rogers 5G mobile services are now available in parts of the following areas:

City of Kawartha Lake	United Counties of Prescott and Russell
County of Frontenac	United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
County of Haliburton,	City of Kingston
County of Hastings	Town of Gananoque
County of Lanark	Alderville First Nation
County of Lennox and Addington	Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
County of Northumberland	Curve Lake First Nation
County of Peterborough	Hiawatha First Nation
County of Prince Edward	Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
County of Renfrew	Mohawks of Akwesasne
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	

Today's announcement is part of the EORN Cell Gap Project, a \$300-million public-private partnership to improve and expand cellular services across rural Eastern Ontario. About half the project is co-funded by federal and provincial governments, as well as municipal members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and most of the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC). Rogers Communications, which was selected through a competitive bidding process, is providing the balance of the investment.

Through this partnership, Rogers Communications is building approximately 332 new telecommunications cell towers consisting of newly built and co-located sites, which are sites shared with other providers. In addition, 312 existing sites will be upgraded – bringing vital infrastructure to more municipalities and Indigenous communities in Eastern Ontario. To date, 309 sites have already been upgraded and 100 new cell towers have been completed. Rogers Communications, in conjunction with our

community partners, is working to accelerate tower construction, with ongoing plans for several new towers.

The wireless expansion project is enhancing public safety and improving navigation capabilities along rural and remote roadways.

“High-speed, reliable, and affordable cellular services are essential for Canadians to succeed today,” said the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities. “We are proud to support this project, and I am incredibly excited about today’s milestone with even more Ontarians now able to access enhanced broadband services and all the benefits that come with it.”

“Our government is continuing to make progress to deliver reliable cellular services for families, businesses and residents across eastern Ontario” said the Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario’s Minister of Infrastructure. “By investing in EORN’s Cell Gap project and working closely with our municipal partners we are getting shovels in the ground faster to build stronger, safer, more connected and resilient communities for everyone.”

“By working together, the federal, provincial and municipal governments along with our private sector partner, Rogers Communications, are bringing access to improved cell services to our residents, businesses and to those that travel in our region”, said EORN Interim Chair Jennifer Murphy. “Reliable cell service is critical for public safety and will aid economic development in our communities.”

“Together with our government partners and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, we are proud to bring 5G service to residents and businesses in more Eastern Ontario communities,” said Phil Hartling, President, Wireless, Rogers. “We are making long-term investments to keep Canadians connected, including now with Rogers 5G Home Internet, delivering home internet service over the largest and most reliable 5G network in Canada.”

About EORN

Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) strives to fuel economic development and growth by working regionally to improve and leverage broadband access and cell connectivity. EORN is a non-profit organization created by the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus (EOWC). Since 2010, it has helped bring hundreds of millions of dollars in federal, provincial and private sector investment to improve connectivity across the rural region.

As part of its Cell Gap Project, EORN is working with Indigenous communities to ensure that new cell infrastructure is built with respect for Indigenous treaty rights and heritage. Based on input from several First Nations, EORN has committed to exceeding industry practice, and is conducting archaeological assessments on most new tower sites.

From 2010 to 2014, EORN helped to enhance broadband access for nearly 90 per cent of eastern Ontario through a \$175 million public-private partnership. The network was funded by federal, provincial, and municipal governments and private sector service providers. By the end of the project, 423,000 homes and businesses were able to access services of up to 10 Mbps download. It also spurred an additional \$100 million of private sector investment in the region beyond initial commitments.

About Rogers Communications Inc.

Rogers is Canada's leading wireless, cable and media company that provides connectivity and entertainment to Canadian consumers and businesses across the country. Rogers shares are publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: RCI.A and RCI.B) and on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: RCI). For more information, please visit: rogers.com or investors.rogers.com.

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Thursday, May 15, 2024

VIA EMAIL

RE: Resolution – Well-Water Testing

At its Regular Meeting of Council and Committee of the Whole held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-172

Moved by: Councillor Dykie

Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

WHEREAS private water systems (e.g., wells) are not protected through legislated requirements under *The Safe Drinking Water Act 2002* and *The Clean Water Act 2006*, but are more likely to contribute to cases of gastrointestinal illness than municipal systems; and

WHEREAS the 2023 Ontario Auditor General's value-for-money audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) recommended that PHO, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Health, begin the gradual discontinuance of free private drinking water testing; and

WHEREAS, in Bradford West Gwillimbury, approximately 3200 households do not receive water from municipal systems, with many relying on a private drinking water system, including wells; and

WHEREAS the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part II, concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples contributed directly to the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ontario in May 2000; and

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve safe, clean water, and free well-water testing is a way to help ensure that residents on private wells continue to have barrier-free access to well water testing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Council call on the Province to not phase out free well-water testing as part of the proposed streamlining efforts of public health laboratory operations in the province; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, York—Simcoe's MPP; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Vicary".

Valerie Vicary
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CC:

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health;
Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;
Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, York—
Simcoe's MPP; and
All Ontario Municipalities

Residential Market Activity Report										
Month of May										
AREA	TWP	Sales Activity		% Change	5 Year Average	Average Price		% Change	5 Year Average	Average DOM
		2024	2023			2024	2023			
541	Admaston/Bromley	1	2	-50.0%	1.6	645,000	477,550	35.1%	474,260	46
550	Arnprior	16	21	-23.8%	17.4	486,219	490,924	-1.0%	469,509	26.6
581	Beachburg	3	1	200.0%	2.8	451,702	340,000	32.9%	415,896	84.3
572	Brudenell/Lyndoch/Raglan	0	1	-100.0%	1	-	270,000	-100.0%	436,667	0
511	Chalk River	8	7	14.3%	8.6	411,338	411,622	-0.1%	349,334	23.3
582	Cobden	1	4	-75.0%	2.6	232,500	412,322	-43.6%	353,360	34
510	Deep River	9	11	-18.2%	12.2	364,100	413,917	-12.0%	343,670	25.2
560	Eganville/Bonnechere	6	8	-25.0%	7.6	397,333	424,375	-6.4%	319,395	49.5
542	Great Madawaska Twp	4	8	-50.0%	7	603,750	704,838	-14.3%	590,876	24.8
512	Head Twps	1	0		0.6	239,900	-		339,450	32
544	Horton Twp	4	7	-42.9%	6	791,250	462,814	71.0%	485,619	50
571	Killaloe/Round Lake	5	3	66.7%	3.8	386,960	559,000	-30.8%	425,723	82.6
513	Laurentian Hills North	0	1	-100.0%	1	-	330,000	-100.0%	354,611	0
531	Laurentian Valley Twps	17	13	30.8%	15.4	526,718	450,746	16.9%	416,256	23
570	Madawaska Valley	6	7	-14.3%	7	583,917	541,429	7.8%	432,299	75
551	McNab/Braeside Twps	11	21	-47.6%	12.2	826,091	559,829	47.6%	645,885	30.7
561	N Algona/Wilberforce Twp	4	1	300.0%	4.8	364,975	890,000	-59.0%	500,062	36.8
530	Pembroke	24	26	-7.7%	28.8	402,292	373,900	7.6%	318,111	40.3
520	Petawawa	60	52	15.4%	60	508,554	485,028	4.9%	450,454	27.3
540	Renfrew	10	11	-9.1%	12.2	366,865	337,091	8.8%	339,306	27.6
580	Whitewater Region	6	6	0.0%	7.6	448,333	423,167	5.9%	371,960	13.5
Total		196	211	-7.1%		\$ 491,071	\$ 467,500	5.0%	405,906	33.10

Year - To - Date										
AREA	TWP	Sales Activity		% Change	5 Year Average	Average Price		% Change	5 Year Average	Average DOM
		2024	2023			2024	2023			
541	Admaston/Bromley	9	6	50.0%	9.4	490,018	591,100	-17.1%	455,011	56.8
550	Arnprior	83	62	33.9%	81.8	502,060	482,598	4.0%	484,350	36.7
581	Beachburg	11	4	175.0%	11.6	426,355	468,249	-8.9%	432,895	65.1
572	Brudenell/Lyndoch/Raglan	6	3	100.0%	5.4	512,500	381,667	34.3%	431,713	102.3
511	Chalk River	14	20	-30.0%	24.4	390,286	352,493	10.7%	316,805	34.2
582	Cobden	5	7	-28.6%	10	366,680	386,041	-5.0%	346,087	25.6
510	Deep River	26	31	-16.1%	40	397,358	349,945	13.5%	334,841	57.4
560	Eganville/Bonnechere	20	19	5.3%	23.4	376,115	412,898	-8.9%	343,899	51.3
542	Great Madawaska Twp	15	16	-6.3%	19.6	566,487	603,325	-6.1%	580,654	55.5
512	Head Twps	2	2	0.0%	2.2	244,450	378,000	-35.3%	409,688	23
544	Horton Twp	12	13	-7.7%	16.2	602,500	394,362	52.8%	496,905	62.3
571	Killaloe/Round Lake	12	14	-14.3%	12.4	488,483	431,357	13.2%	424,947	69.1
513	Laurentian Hills North	5	2	150.0%	3	410,255	522,500	-21.5%	367,731	38.2
531	Laurentian Valley Twps	40	36	11.1%	49.6	503,788	450,370	11.9%	416,903	36.7
570	Madawaska Valley	16	18	-11.1%	25.2	531,031	424,250	25.2%	422,763	59
551	McNab/Braeside Twps	49	37	32.4%	40	690,798	573,900	20.4%	594,666	39.9
561	N Algona/Wilberforce Twp	14	13	7.7%	17	515,171	483,794	6.5%	463,910	42.1
530	Pembroke	78	97	-19.6%	114.2	347,797	324,387	7.2%	297,957	37.9
520	Petawawa	158	136	16.2%	196.8	513,454	478,442	7.3%	448,980	31.1
540	Renfrew	57	26	119.2%	44.4	384,515	365,154	5.3%	348,041	46.8
580	Westmeath Twp	19	18	5.6%	24.6	572,468	476,156	20.2%	436,385	28.5
Total		651	580	12.2%		\$ 482,157	\$ 437,100	10.3%	417,681	41

MLS® Residential Market Activity	May 2024	Compared to		
		May-23	May-22	May-21
New Listings	333	1.80%	12.10%	8.50%
Active Listings	526	28.00%	134.80%	95.50%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

June 11, 2024

INFORMATION

1. Ontario Biomass Program

Staff have submitted the funding application to the Ontario Biomass Program in support of a research project with Suthey Holler & Associates, DF Johnson & Associates and Ben Hokum & Sons.

Funding application guidance and review, as well as letters of support were also provided to other local forestry companies applying to the program.

2. Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Webinar

As part of the marketing efforts for Renfrew County's BDO Zone 'AA' Rating, a webinar will be held in July (exact date to be confirmed) to a targeted audience of bio-based industry stakeholders, project developers, technology partners, capital markets and investors.

Facilitated and hosted by EcoStrat, the webinar will include Business Development Officer David Wybou and County Forester Lacey Rose who will speak to the rating and availability of woody biomass.

3. Taste of the Valley Vendor Applications

Vendor applications for the 2024 Taste of the Valley event series opened on May 17, 2024. Due to high demand, applications received prior to June 7 are given priority placement and approval. Applications received after June 7 are approved on a first-come, first-served basis based on remaining available space.

To date, more than 100 applications have been received compared to 66 submitted during the same application period in 2023.

Dates and locations for the 2024 event series include:

- August 10 – Railway Station Park, Barry's Bay
- September 7 – Township of Killaloe, Hagary and Richards Municipal Office, Killaloe
- September 28 – Civic Centre, Petawawa
- October 19 – Cobden Fairgrounds
- December 14 – Renfrew Armouries

4. Temporary Foreign Worker Program Webinar

On May 29, 2024, the Economic Development Division hosted a webinar with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and Service Canada, to provide updates about the changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

More than 20 businesses attended to learn about temporary worker immigration programs, global talent recruitment options, the International Experience Canada program, and Labour Market Impact Assessment information.

5. Community Futures Ontario Conference

On June 3, 2024, Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development, along with Cyndy Phillips, Executive Director and Kelley Lemenchick, Community Development Officer with the Renfrew County Futures Development Corporation (RCCFDC) presented at the [Community Futures Ontario Conference](#) in Sault Ste. Marie.

The session titled, Case Study: Renfrew County Partnership, focussed on the recent success of the Economic Development Division and RCCFDC's collaborative strategic planning process. More than 25 delegates participated in an engaging session to learn how the two organizations came together around common goals, uniting people and businesses to pool resources.

This case study will also be presented at the [Ontario East Municipal Conference](#) this September in Ottawa.

OTTAWA VALLEY TOURIST ASSOCIATION REPORT

Prepared by: Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

June 11, 2024

INFORMATION

1. Revamped Tap & Cork Website

In collaboration with partners – MRC Pontiac and SADC Pontiac – the [Tap & Cork](#) website has been revamped with a fresh look and feel. This interprovincial collaboration and self-guided route, which launched in 2018, aims to support and promote the variety of craft alcohol producers on both sides of the Ottawa River, including beer, wine, cider, and spirits.

2. Public Outreach

In May, the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) and Economic Development teams attended the Pembroke Expo to promote tourism experiences and programming support to the broader community. The Big Green Chair was also in attendance and attracted visitors for selfies and photos. The Big Green Chair has been relocated to the Eganville Visitor Information Centre for the summer months.

The OVTA and Economic Development teams will have a presence at the following events this summer:

[Ottawa River Paddle Festival](#) – June 21-23, OWL Rafting, Foresters Falls

[Multicultural Festival](#) – July 19-20, Pembroke Waterfront Park

[Arnprior Cultural Night Market](#) – August 24, Downtown Arnprior

3. Bicycle-Friendly Business Award Winners Announced for Ontario's Highlands Region

Ontario By Bike has announced the winners of the annual Bicycle-Friendly Business Awards which celebrate businesses that have taken the extra steps to welcome customers arriving on two wheels.

Since 2019, Ontario By Bike has been awarding this coveted recognition to two businesses in each Regional Tourism Organization (RTO) region. The 2024 recipients for Ontario's Highlands region (RTO11) are two businesses located in the Ottawa Valley, including [Ottawa Valley Coffee](#) (located in Renfrew, Arnprior, and Almonte) and [Valley Cycle Tours](#) (located at The Whitewater Inn, Beachburg).

The awards are open to businesses certified by Ontario By Bike as bicycle-friendly, having met criteria that help ensure cyclists are welcomed at businesses they choose to stop at.

There are now over 1,685 certified bicycle-friendly businesses across Ontario, including 95 from Ontario's Highlands region and [35 from the Ottawa Valley](#).

4. Visitor Information Centre FAM Tour and Training

In preparation for the summer tourism season, the OVTA is coordinating the annual Visitor Information Centre (VIC) staff familiarization tour and training, which is tentatively scheduled for June 25-27, 2024.

The familiarization tour offers VIC staff the opportunity to visit an array of tourism businesses and communities from across the region while learning about and experiencing some of the tourism offerings and activities available for residents and tourists.

Customer service and product knowledge training are also provided to the VIC staff. OVTA staff provide product knowledge training, while the Training and Learning Centre of Renfrew County will deliver the customer service training.

5. Grand Unveiling of Splash Valley Waterpark and Resort

On June 25, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., Summerhill Resorts will officially launch their brand new Splash Valley Waterpark and Resort to the public. Located at the former Logos Land Resort site in Cobden, the unveiling will include a chance to see Eastern Ontario's largest floating playground, including a 60-foot tall floating flamingo, as well as enhancements to existing amenities. The ribbon cutting will take place at 12:00 p.m.

ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY REPORT

Prepared by: Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

June 11, 2024

INFORMATION

1. Summer Company

Intake for the 2024 Summer Company program closed on May 17, 2024 with a total of 15 applications received.

A committee comprised of representatives from the Town of Petawawa, Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation, and County of Renfrew Economic Development Division reviewed all applications and selected seven individuals who demonstrated exceptional potential and readiness for entrepreneurial success to fill the eligible spots.

The 2024 Summer Company program participants include:

- Cayden McKinnon (Renfrew): car detailing service
- Haley Vanderzwaag (Westmeath): care box subscription
- Is Ameen O'Brien Jilani (Barry's Bay): lawn game rentals
- Katie White (McNab/Braeside): animal balloon business
- Ki Myra (Pembroke): clay art
- Kyle Radford (Eganville): barbeque cleaning business
- Scarlytte Merrill (Deep River): mobile babysitting service

The number of eligible spots in the 2024 Summer Company program increased from five to seven due to increased funding from the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT).

Participants will each receive a \$1,500 grant to assist with business start-up costs, including equipment purchase, setting up online platforms, etc.

To successfully complete the program and receive a second grant of \$1,500, students must log 280 operational hours, complete training, attend bi-weekly meetings and provide proof of sales.

2. Workshops and Community Outreach

On May 4, 2024, Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) staff attended the Eastern Ontario Homesteading Conference held in Denbigh to promote services and programming to potential small business clients connecting with 26 vendors.

In May, ERC kicked off a two-month Master Marketing webinar series that continues throughout the month of June. A total of 78 attendees participated in three workshops to learn more about “Google Business Profiles” and “META for Small Business” facilitated by Mimi Marketing, and “Marketing Channels” facilitated by Reply-ALL. The last webinar in the series, “Debut Sales” facilitated by Thompson Coaching, takes place on June 11.

In July, webinars will be offered from Workplace Safety and Prevention Services (WSPS), including “Mandatory Workplace Postings” on July 23, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., and “The Importance of Onboarding: What Should Your Orientation and Training Programs Look Like” on July 30, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. For information and to register, visit the [ERC website](#).

3. CORE Business Consultation Success Story – Airborne Petawawa

ERC conducted a series of consultations supporting military entrepreneur Raul Zaharia and partner Aria Vela and their new business, [Airborne Petawawa](#).

Their mission is to provide a local, safety-focused civilian drop zone for the Town of Petawawa and surrounding area. Airborne Petawawa provides the aircraft, organizational structure and equipment, supporting a variety of skydiving disciplines, for skydivers who have already received military training and are looking to further hone their skills, or for those who are starting from ground zero to obtain a skydiving license. Airborne Petawawa also offers tandem skydiving experiences to those seeking a thrill without commitment.

Through ERC’s CORE business coaching services, Airborne Petawawa learned how to register the corporation, fine-tuned their business plan and developed cash flow projections supporting a successful application to the Business Development Bank of Canada to fund the purchase of a plane.

Airborne Petawawa is operating from the Pembroke and Area Airport and is currently accepting weekend bookings only using a leased aircraft while the purchased aircraft is inspected and cleared for take-off.

FORESTRY REPORT

Prepared by: Lacey Rose, County Forester
Prepared for: Development and Property Committee
June 11, 2024

INFORMATION

1. Forestry Tour

Approximately 40 students from Opeongo High School participated in a tour of a recently harvested forest area and a mill tour to Murray Brothers Lumber Company, Madawaska on May 16, 2024. The tour was funded and facilitated by Forests Ontario and organized/hosted by the County of Renfrew, Bancroft Minden Forest Company and Murray Brothers Lumber Company.

2. Operations Update

Work is underway to prepare areas for 2025 harvest tenders. An update on 2024 harvest operations is included below.

Tract	Sale #	Harvest Type	Allocated Area (ha)	Total Bid Received (\$)*	Status	Invoiced** to Date(\$)
Budd Mills	01-24	Red Pine Plantation	50	\$144,200.00	Complete	\$194,985.46
Killaloe	02-24	Red Pine Plantation/ Spruce/Poplar	20	\$31,400.00	Harvest complete, haul ongoing	\$28,961.19
LeClaire	03-24	Red Pine Plantation	7	\$13,700.00	Harvest complete, haul ongoing	
Petznick Lake	04-24	Red Pine Plantation	13	\$36,300.00		
Ruby	05-24	Natural Mixedwood	64	\$57,000.00	Partially complete: 2-year contract	\$41,189.64
<i>TOTAL</i>			<i>154</i>	<i>\$282,600.00</i>		<i>\$265,136.29</i>

3. Upcoming Activities at Beachburg Tract

Renewal work continues at the Beachburg Tract in the natural white pine area that was harvested in 2022/23, with a possible chemical site preparation treatment later this summer and 45,000 trees already growing to be planted in 2025.

Recently, our staff visited the Beachburg Tract to collect data and update the Forest Resource Inventory for the area and observed significant decline and dieback in a white

pine stand from a non-native disease called Blister Rust. Some trees have already succumbed to blister rust, and many have thinning tops. This area was in good condition in 2019-20, the last time it was surveyed.

As a result, this area will be scheduled for a salvage/shelterwood harvest in 2025, followed by activities that will ensure the area is regenerated back to pine. The goal will be to harvest declining white pine in the overstory and increase light available to the forest floor to enable planting of red and white pine. The result, sequence of events, revenue and costs will be similar to the 2022-23 harvest area. The expected total cost for the renewal of these areas is about \$2,300/ha. The revenue from the 2022-23 area was over \$4,000/ha. These future costs highlight the importance of the forestry reserve.

Since this is a Tract that is very well-used by the public, outreach has already begun for upcoming activities in 2025, via social media and direct contact with stakeholders (Whitewater Region, Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA), and Snow Country). Trail closures will be required during silviculture and harvest activities. A public information tour will be hosted on July 31, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. should any members of Committee wish to attend.

REAL ESTATE DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Kevin Raddatz, Manager of Real Estate
Prepared for: Development and Property Committee
June 11, 2024

INFORMATION

1. **Real Estate – 2024 Capital and Capital Under Threshold Projects**

Attached as Appendix RE-I is a summary report of capital and capital under threshold projects approved in the 2024 budget.

2. **1030 Lea Street New Build Progress Report Update**

The multi-unit affordable and supportive housing complex at the corner of Lea and Douglas Streets in Pembroke, Ontario, is in the final completion stage. A [Zencity](#) webpage for the project, featuring construction updates, provides the viewer with a description of the project along with progress images. Status of overall project is approximately 98%, with a focus on priorities to address the identified deficiencies for both exterior and interior work to be 100% complete June 21, 2024. Authorized changes to date total \$165,578.99, with a revised construction value to date of \$3,284,258.71.

3. **Broader Public Sector (BPS) Energy Report – O. Regulation 25/23**

The final 2022 and 2023 Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Energy Usage Data) report was completed that identified 14 buildings in County of Renfrew. The report was submitted May 30, 2024 to the Ministry of Energy.

PLANNING DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Bruce Howarth, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Planning Services

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

June 11, 2024

INFORMATION

1. Planning Staff Update

Please join me in welcoming Nicole Moore to our Planning Division team in the position of Junior Planner. Nicole has recently completed her Masters of Science in Rural Planning and Development from the University of Guelph. Nicole may not be a stranger to many of you as she has previously worked for the Township of Bonnechere Valley as a tourism ambassador, and more recently at the Township of Whitewater Region for the past four summers as a summer planning student. We are excited to have Nicole with us and she is already focusing on the Regional Incentives Program as directed by Council.

2. Planning Activity Tracker

Attached as Appendix PLAN-I is the planning activity tracker for the first half of the year.

3. Groundwater Mapping Project

Attached as Appendix PLAN-II is an email from the Ontario Ministry of Mines and a flyer indicating that they are undertaking a groundwater mapping project this summer.

4. DRAPE Update

Air photography (DRAPE4) for the County of Renfrew, was successfully conducted in May, with the final flying day recorded on May 16, 2024. The County was flown with mostly leaf off. The County anticipates receiving the digital air photo files within the first quarter of 2025.

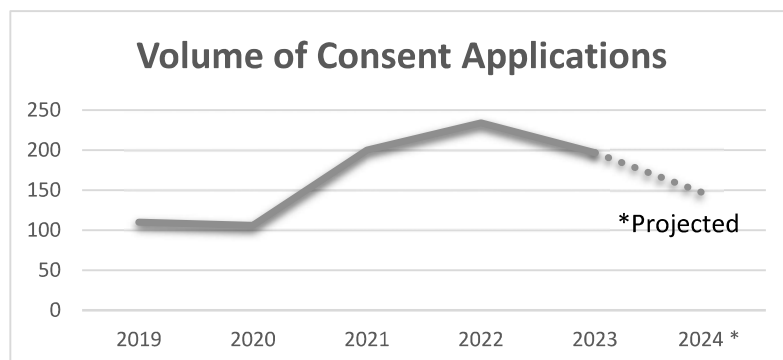


DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION ACTIVITY TRACKER TIME PERIOD - January 2024- May 30, 2024

	Arnprior	Deep River	Laurentian Hills	Petawawa	Renfrew	Admaston/Bromley	Bonnechere Valley	Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan	Greater Madawaska	Head, Clara & Maria	Horton	Killaloe, Hagarthy & Richards	Laurentian Valley	Madawaska Valley	McNab/Braeside	North Algona/Wilberforce	Whitewater Region	County Wide	YEAR TO DATE TOTAL
County of Renfrew Applications																			
County Official Plan Amd.											2				3			1	6
Local Official Plan Amd.		1		1									1						3
Subdivision App Received								1											1
Subdivision Draft Approved		1			1														2
Subdivision Final Approval	1																		1
Part Lot Control By-laws	2			4															6
Consents App Received			10	1		9	16	3	4		8	2	1	4	12	2			72
Consents Cond. Approved				2		9	4	10	4		17	4	1	9	18	10			88
Local Municipality Application Review																			
Official Plans		1									2				3			1	7
Zoning By-laws						2	4				2	2			4	4			18
Site Plans/Agreements															2				2
Minor Variance		1													4	1			6
SPECIAL PROJECTS																			
Comprehensive Zoning Updates for KHR/HCM/NAW/LH/BLR/MB																			
Communal Servicing, CIP, Climate Action Plan, Floodplain mapping																			
3 Appeals (MB/H/KHR)																			
Pre-consultations																			
		1	6	3	0	7	26	2	11	0	12	2	10	6	32	5	2		125

Previous Severance File Activity

2019	110
2020	106
2021	200
2022	234
2023	197
2024 *	144



Subdivision Status

Applications Submitted - Under Review/Circulation

File #	Municipality	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total Units
47T-15003	MV	7				7
47T-19002	PET	13				13
47T-21001	ARN	138	22	112		272
47T-21004	ARN	51	4	38	22	115
47T-22002	ARN			55		55
47T-22003	ARN	147	20	118		285
47T-23001	MV	5				5
47T-23003	GM	8				8
47T-23004	GM	6				6
47T-23005	GM	6				6
47T-23006	M/B	23				23
47T-23007	LV	55	34	34	33	156
47T-23008	PET	56				56
47T-24001	GM	26				26
47T-2****	ARN	154	113	20		287
TOTALS		695	193	377	55	1320

Draft Approved Subdivisions (Developer to Clear Conditions)

File #	Municipality	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total Units
47T-88005	MV	23				23
47T-91006	Ren	20				20
47T-92002	Ren	21	4	68		93
47T-93005	WW	46				46
47T-10004	LV	22				22
47T-12001	Pet	62				62
47T-14001	LV	149	46	108		303
47T-14002	ARN	26	44	40	80	190
47T-14003	BV	6				6
47T-14005	LV	20				20
47T-17001	PET	257	20			277
47T-18003	REN	62	70	72		204
47T-18005	LV	8				8
47T-20001	GM	7				7
47T-20003	MB	41				41
47T-21002	WW		6	44		50
47T-22001	MV	6	8	20	44	78
47T-22004	GM	15				15
47T-22005	GM	11				11
47T-23002	DR			12		12
TOTALS		802	198	364	124	1488

Final Approved Subdivisions (Lots Created)

File #	Municipality	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total Units
47T-88005	MV	35				35
47T-10001	Pet	14				14
47T-12001	PET	50				50
47T-14002	ARN	39	32	57		128
47T-14004	Pet	63				63
47T-15005	MB	25				25
47T-16001	MB	41				41
47T-16002	MB	30				30
47T-16003	MV	17				17
47T-19001	GM				10	10
47T-18001	MV	44				44
47T-18004	ARN	39	80	28		147
47T-19004	ARN			24	64	88
47T-21003	PET			96		96
TOTALS		397	112	205	74	788

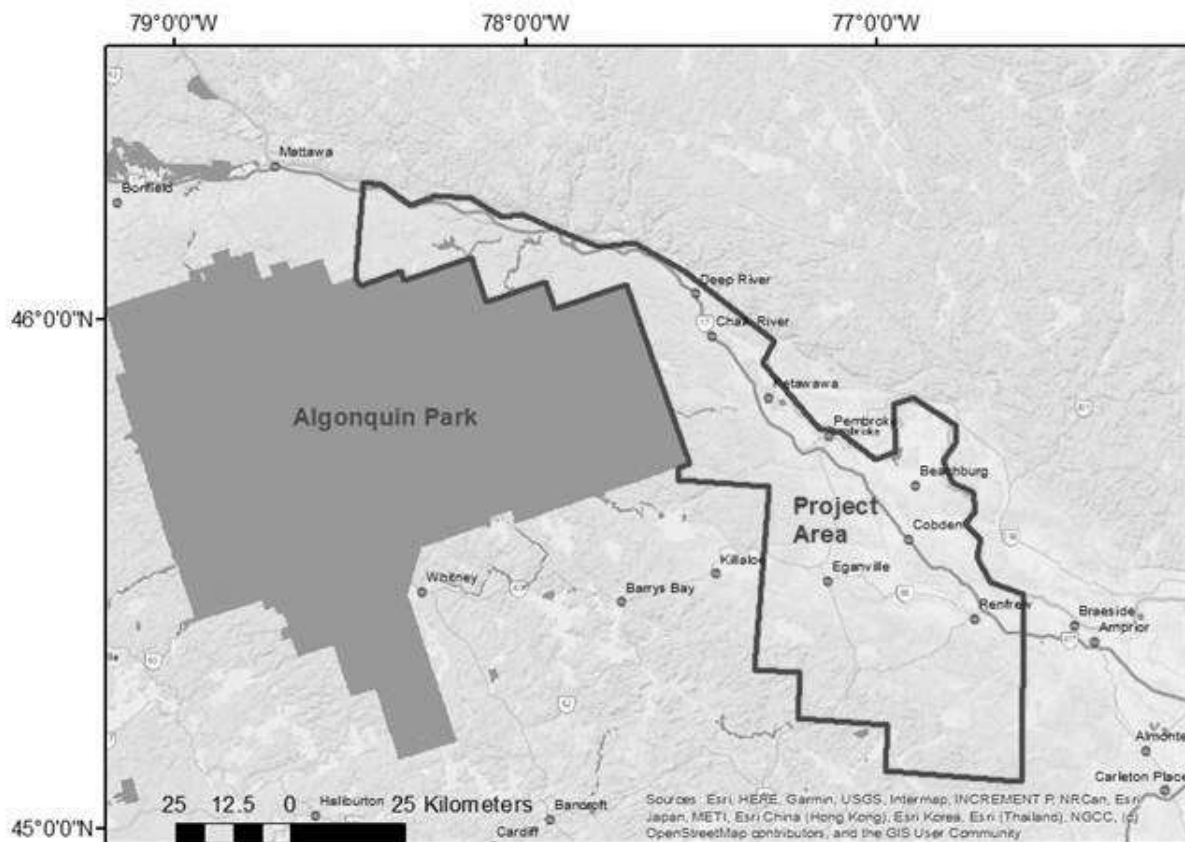
Good afternoon,

I wanted to just introduce myself and make the county aware of a groundwater mapping project that will be happening this summer! The Ontario Geological Survey (part of the Ministry of Mines) conducts regional, low-density groundwater mapping across the province for the purpose of documenting baseline conditions and investigating geological controls on groundwater chemistry. This summer, the program will be running in the Ottawa Valley (see map below) from mid-July to mid-August – this data will ultimately be publicly available and may be of interest to the county.

We largely utilize pre-existing private domestic/agricultural wells, though we do sample monitoring wells on occasion when they are available. We provide a copy of the extensive chemical analysis to the well-owners as a courtesy (though it is not a water testing service). Would you know (or know who would know) if the county has any groundwater monitoring wells? In some cases, it can be difficult to find a private well to sample and a monitoring well may be a nice option – and we would provide the county a copy of the analysis of course.

I have attached our participant recruitment flyer for you to check out – please feel free to circulate it amongst colleagues or anyone with a well in the area who might be interested in participating! And if there are any other folks working for the county who are in the environmental-field or have cross-overs with groundwater, please feel free to forward them this email (as I wasn't sure exactly who to reach out to).

Let me know if you have any questions or would like to touch base further!



Here are some links on the Ambient Groundwater Geochemistry Project if you would like a bit more context or info!

- The latest Southern Ontario database: <https://www.geologyontario.mines.gov.on.ca/persistent-linking?publication=MRD283-REV2>
- Sampling protocol for the program: <https://www.geologyontario.mines.gov.on.ca/persistent-linking?publication=GRS021>
- Study on pan-provincial trends in Southern Ontario groundwater: <https://www.geologyontario.mines.gov.on.ca/persistent-linking?publication=GRS017>



Ottawa Valley Well Water Study



We are looking for volunteers to be a part of a scientific study of groundwater

The Ontario Geological Survey is conducting a scientific study of the groundwater throughout the Ottawa Valley in July and August 2024.

All well-owners who participate will receive a free copy of the results of their well water (valued at about \$1500) and a summary report

The results of your well will be used to better understand the influence of geology on groundwater quality. No homeowner names, personal information or addresses will be released or published.



To apply for the program, fill out the questionnaire at the QR code below:



Note that not all wells are tested or eligible. For questions, please contact the OGS groundwater team at

OGSGroundwater@ontario.ca



Ottawa Valley Forest Local Citizen Committee - Meeting Notes

March 6, 2024, 6-8pm in the MNRF Boardroom

Round table introductions

- Attendance: **OVF**: Bruce Summerby, Nick Gooderham, **LCC**: Gary Serviss, Terry Vaudry, Steve Stewart, Wayne Goreman, Robyn Cunningham, Natalie Jalette, **MNRF**: Meena Gurung, Randy McLaren, Edie Russell, Shanagh Hore, Katia Charlebois

Year 2: Annual Report (AR) 2022-2023

- Overview of harvest area, 1700 ha harvested, bridging area needed to be completed by March 2026
- Question: behind getting started on what is projected, area is available, depending on mills, area could be available for next plan, timing restrictions like turtles, hang ups with revisions,
- Question: In terms of species, more concentration on red pine? Pine markets are generally better than hardwood markets, white pine and red sawlogs strong demand
- Drone depletion mapping: 80m above ground, 100s of photos taken, resolution is good, can zoom in on individual trees, very precise, 100ha an hour, runs in a grid, software stitches photos together, have another drone and can fly very close to the ground, drone maps 1m accuracy
- Wood utilization: 176,075m cubed (conifer 95,976m³, hardwood 79,920m³), wood utilization is getting better, under half of planned harvest volume, ways behind planned levels
- 72% sawmill products, 22% pulp and paper, fuelwood 5%, composite wood panel 1%
- Question: some sent for veneer but less than 1% sent some in the past
- Pulp hauled to Temiscaming in Quebec, small volumes, Trenton just shut down, problem going forward, only few places left to send pulp (Maniwaki), need to find a new home for that pulp, doesn't have to be pulp but could be any small diameter logs
- Renewal, tending, and protection: 561,600 trees planted on 420ha, direct seeding of 10,000 red oak acorns on 4ha, successful project but observing results
- Site prep: 203ha mechanical, 246ha chemical

- Tending: 36ha cleaning with brush saw, 321 air blast tending, 138ha stand improvement
- Roads: no new construction on primary or branch, maintenance and monitoring 242km, new operational 20km construction
- Forestry Compliance: 100% compliance rate
- Regeneration assessments: FTG assessments 1645ha all FTG, 82% successfully regenerated to the target forest unit, 2022 starting ocular regen assessments have been augmented using drones
- Occasionally market for posts, not great market for smaller diameter stuff, does that get sent away or left on the ground
- Lower compliance rates, high turnover, low number of inspectors, difficult to get certified (change in way to get certified, now need mentorship), different inspections for industry vs MNRF, FOIP reports, typically 100 done by SFL and 10-15 by MNRF
- FSC audit (every year), independent forest audit (5 year), ministry and SFL also audit

Annual Work Schedule (AWS) 2024-2025

- AWS comes from Forest Management Plan
- Can be found online, NRIP, or by contacting MNRF or OVF
- Written in late Nov/early Dec, anything can happen
- FMPM allows for 3 years of harvest area
- Bridging: area bridged to next plan because they didn't get cut, put in all bridging area to this AWS
- Scheduled salvage near Hutson Lake
- All road corridors are put in AWS to allow for maximum flexibility
- Radcliffe/Gunns Lake near Algonquin Land select
- 48 water crossings
- OVF most common question asked is 'are you removing access to certain area or are you developing access'
- Question: Timeframe for access? Assessed when work is done on water crossing, if there was access there before we will provide access when we are done, conflicts with folks on same trails, make sure it is possible when finished cutting, challenging with multiple interests on the land
- Existing active gravel pits are on operational maps
- 400,000 seedlings produced in Kemptville for this spring planting
- 330 ha mechanical site prep, 270ha chemical site prep planned, limit competition while trees are getting started, some areas overlap may not be on same year

- All areas with harvest or renewal history are in FMP for possible renewal and tending work, surveys and timeframes for review have placed areas in AWS
- 50ha stand improvement (chainsaws), 175ha ground chemical tending, aerial spray planned for this year 700ha tentative at this time, forestry futures trust fund
- All spray plan in areas north of Deep River, using glyphosate
- FTG 400ha planned, 1000ha regen, post cut 600ha

MNRF Wildlife Update

- Barbed Wire hair traps successful project this past summer
- Another line/project planned for this field season 2024
- Open temporary registered traplines – reach out if interested
- No MAI (moose aerial inventory) this year due to poor winter weather conditions
- Bear activity – earlier this year, send Kat any tips or sightings

Other Discussion Topics

- LCC interested in stocking presentation/Biology presentation/relating to forestry
- TIPS line – direct to Conservation officers, if suspected natural resources laws being broken
- Black Ash – new regulations around BA, not really cut in OVF or seen, mostly retained, always done silviculturally appropriate, maybe not concern for managed forest
- Beech – looking at ways to deal with renewal to improve hard maple and introducing other species like white oak or black cherry, no change in strategy for harvest/managing beech
- Pale bellied frost lichen values collection on ironwood
- Mayor Serviss mentioned biomass (biofuel) potential in Renfrew County, received double A rating

Action item:

Send out all presentations and AWS on 15th of March when public



Ottawa Valley Forest Year-2 Annual Report 2022-2023

**OVF LCC Meeting
March 6, 2024**

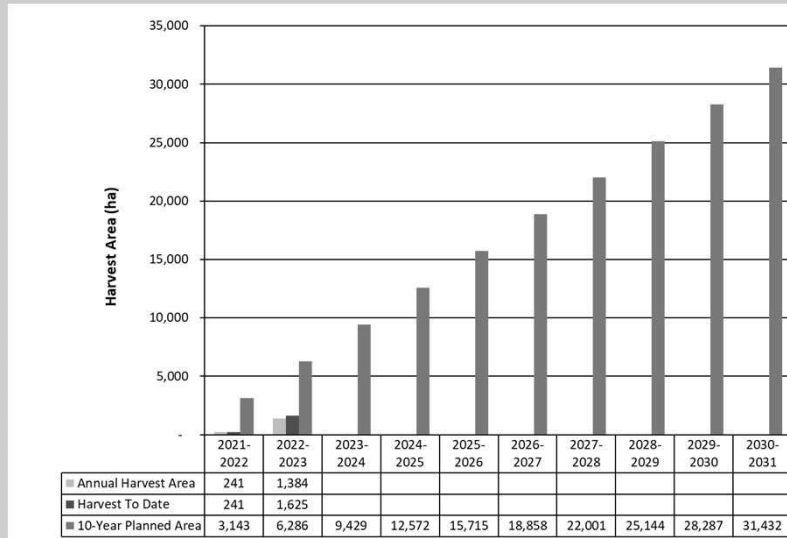


Year – Two Harvest Area

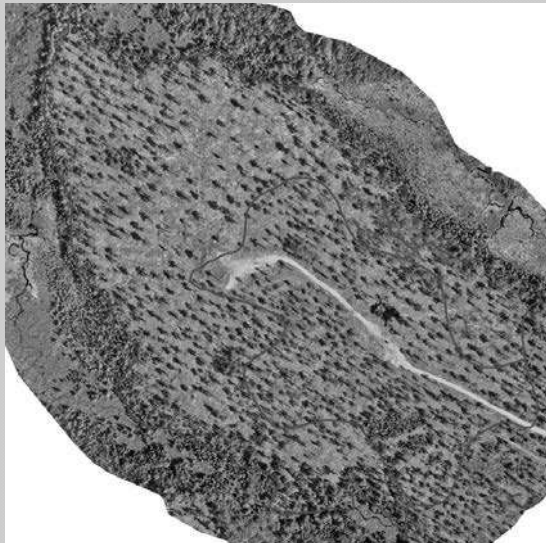
- ◎ **1,741 Ha. Harvested over the period**
 - 1,384 ha regular 2021 FMP area
 - 337 ha bridging from 2011 FMP
 - 20 ha salvage
- ◎ **Regular harvest 44% of average annual harvest area of 3,143 ha.**
- ◎ **573 ha to date of the 4,383 ha Bridged from 2011 FMP**



Harvest Area – Year Two



Drone Depletion Mapping



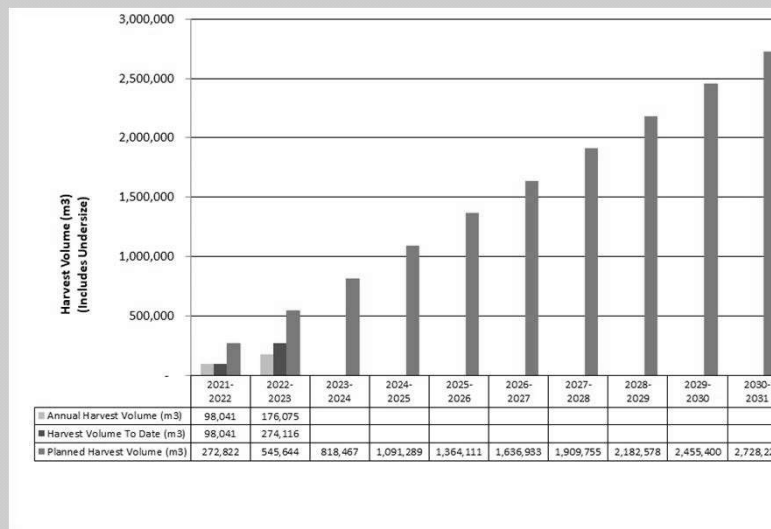


Wood Utilization – Year Two

- **Total utilization all species was 176,075 m³.**
 - 65% planned annual utilization level
 - 10% of the 10-year planned level to date
- **Conifer Utilization was 95,976 m³**
 - 79% planned annual utilization
- **Hardwood Utilization was 79,920 m³**
 - 53% planned annual utilization

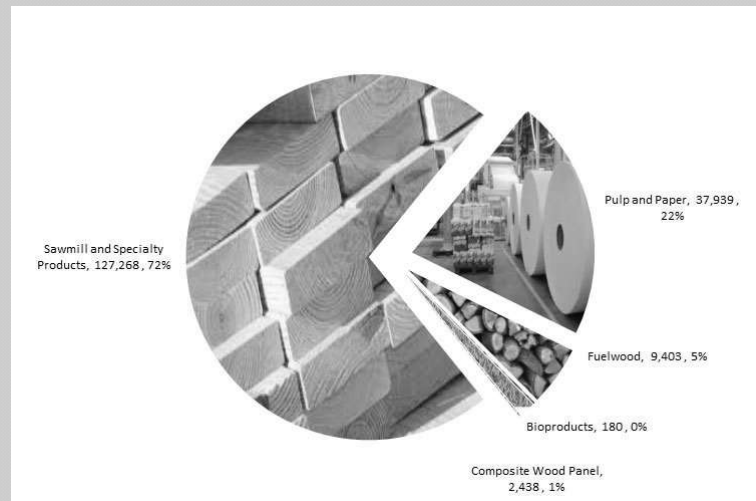


Wood Utilization – Year One





Wood Utilization by Product



Renewal, Tending and Protection

- **Tree planting:**
 - 561,600 trees planted on 420 ha.
 - 76% of average annual planned level
- **Direct Seeding**
 - 10,000 Red Oak acorns
 - 4 ha.





Renewal, Tending and Protection

- **Site preparation.**
 - 203 ha. - Mechanical
 - 246 ha. - Chemical
 - 449 Total
- **Tending**
 - 36 ha. cleaning with brush saws
 - 321 ha. air blast tending
 - 138 ha. of stand improvement



Roads – Year Two

- No new Primary or Branch Road Construction during the period
- Primary and Branch Road Maintenance and/or Monitoring – 242 km.
- New Operational road construction – 20 km
- Operational Road Maintenance and/or monitoring - 45 km
- Total Funding Received from the Provincial Road Program - \$620,959



Compliance Monitoring

- ◎ **Forest Operation Inspections**
 - 94 Industry submitted reports
 - 1 MNRF submitted report
 - No instances of non-compliance reported
- ◎ **100% compliance rate**



Regeneration Assessment

- ◎ **FTG Assessments – 1,645 ha all FTG**
- ◎ **1,353 ha or 82% successfully regenerated to the target forest unit**
- ◎ **573 ha. of Year-10 monitoring of Shelterwood cuts**
- ◎ **Starting in 2022 ocular regeneration assessments have been augmented using drones**





Presentation to the LCAC

2024-2025

Annual Work Schedule

Year 4 of the

2021-2031 Ottawa Valley Forest

Forest Management Plan


April 1, 2024 to Mar. 31, 2025



Presentation to the LCAC


2024-2025

All activities in an Annual Work Schedule * are selected from the approved 2021 – 2031 Forest Management Plan.



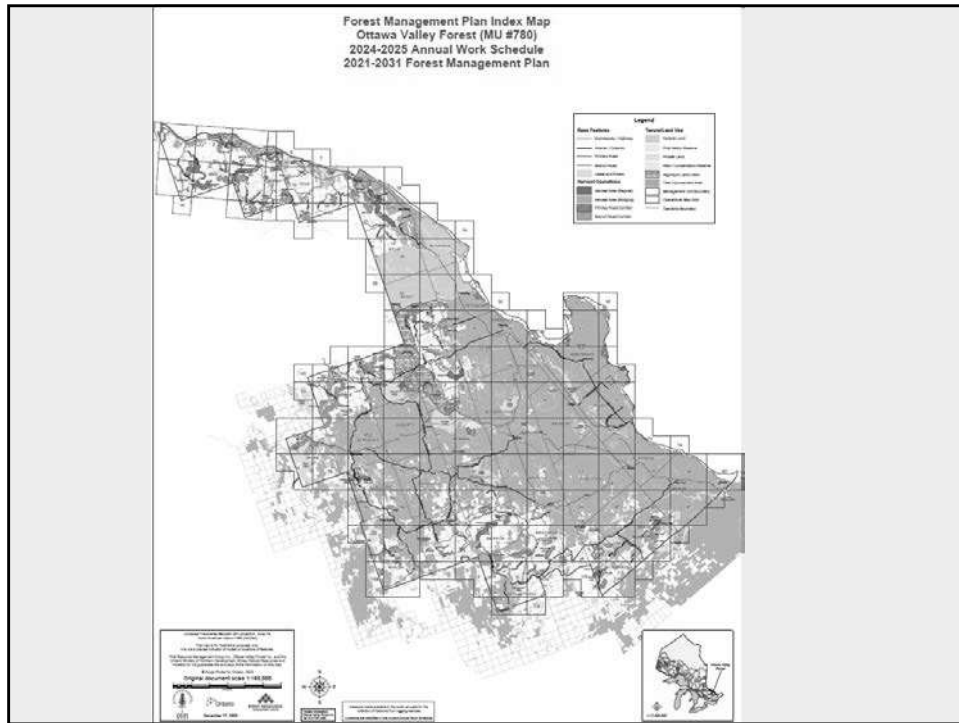
Annual Work Schedule

- For this AWS, it will identify operations scheduled for implementation during the upcoming year.
 - Harvest -
 - Renewal and Tending
 - Access including Water Crossings
 - Forestry Aggregate Pits
 - Fire Prevention and Preparedness
 - Monitoring and Assessment



Annual Work Schedule

- The AWS can be found on-line and contains:
 - Tables (water crossings)
 - Maps
 - GIS Layers (all activities)
 - Can be viewed on NRIP website or MNRF or OVFI office computers



Presentation to the LCAC

2024-2025

Areas are selected for harvest in the AWS in late November/ early December. There are many blocks that are active or planned for harvest at that time that will most likely be finished by the next year, but are included in the next AWS as a precautionary measure.



Scheduled Harvest

- FMPM allows for up to three years of harvest to allow flexibility, primarily to address erratic markets, but also the allow blocks from the previous year that may have areas still to complete, to be carried over into this year.



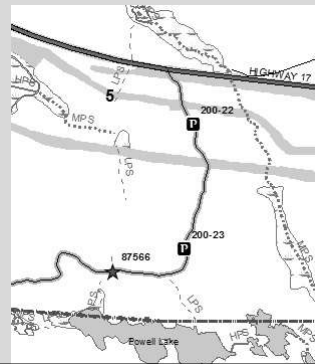
Scheduled Salvage

- A Salvage Harvest amended into the Plan last year near Hutson Lake was not harvested. It has been placed in this AWS to be re-visited, and possibly harvested to capture the limited blow down stems while providing appropriate Crown closure via normal shelterwood for oak.

Roads

- Water Crossings

At this time, 48 water crossings are submitted in the 2024 AWS.



Roads

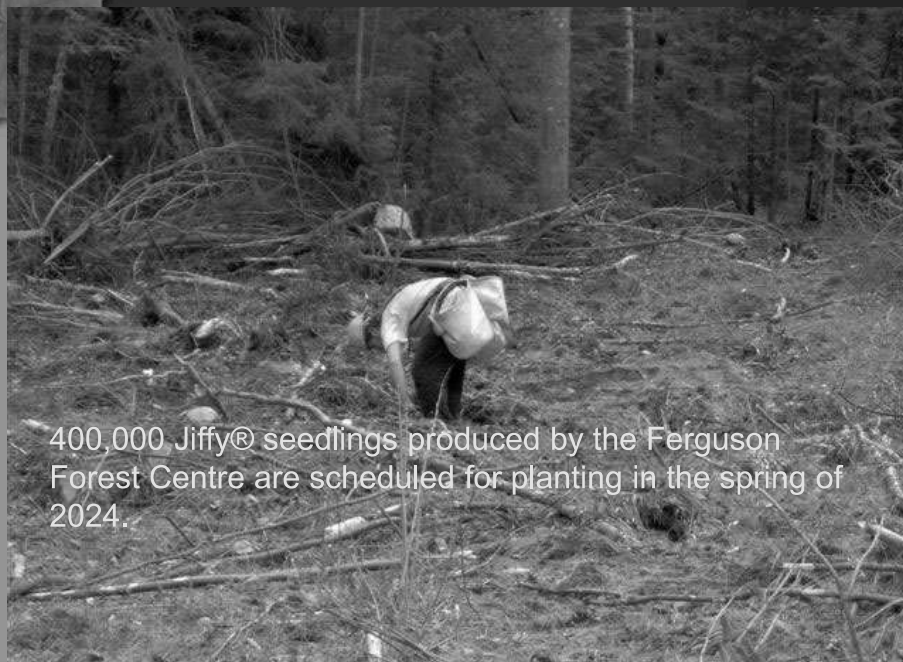
- Water Crossings

- An installation is defined as a new road built to and over the stream.
- A replacement is defined for a crossing where there is an existing road or trail with access through or across the stream. The crossing may function for the public, but is not suitable for the forest industry.
- A water crossing removal is the removal of the installed structure. These terms are important because there is pressure, both from the FMP and the MNRF to reduce roads on the landscape. Removal of a water crossing is an effective access control, but we don't want to eliminate access to the public where they have had access previously.

Roads

- **2024-2025 AWS Operations**
- Forestry Aggregate Pits
 - Existing Active Gravel Pits are placed on the Operations Maps.
 - Gravel pits can be approved by the SFL at any point in the year as long as they do not impact an AOC, or fall within an MTO first right of refusal area.

Tree Planting



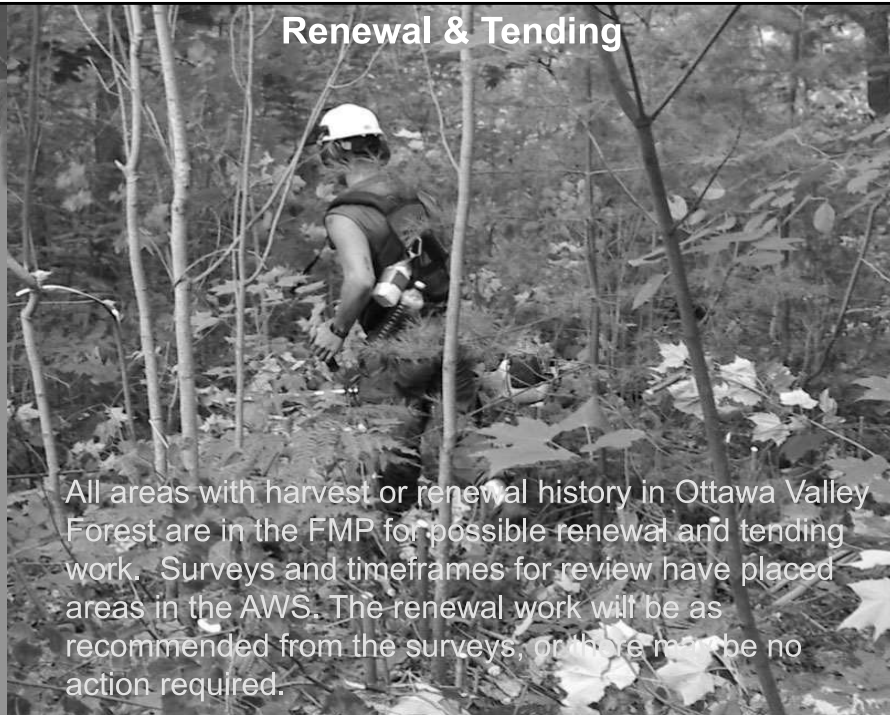
Site Preparation



330 hectares
Mechanical

270 hectares
Chemical

Renewal & Tending



All areas with harvest or renewal history in Ottawa Valley Forest are in the FMP for possible renewal and tending work. Surveys and timeframes for review have placed areas in the AWS. The renewal work will be as recommended from the surveys, or there may be no action required.

Tending

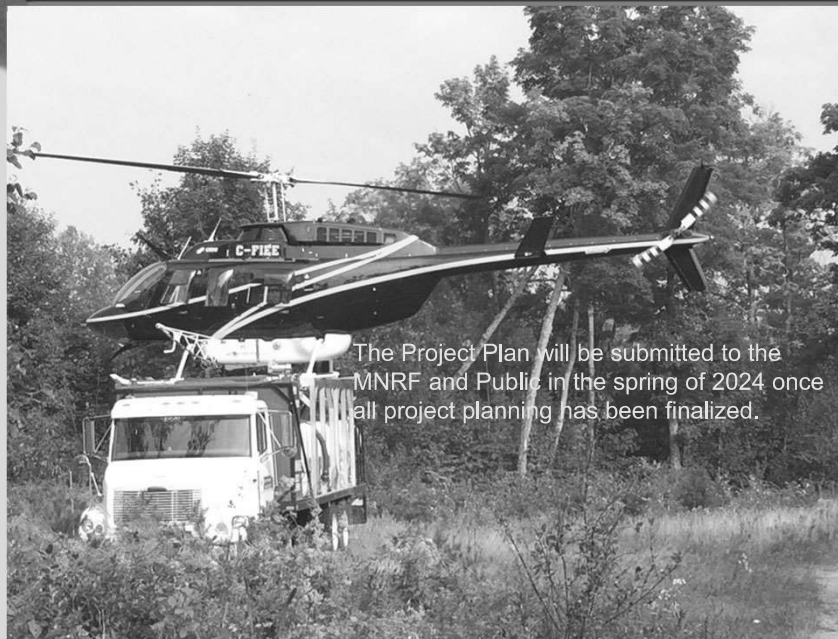
50 hectares
Stand improvement

175 ha Ground Chemical tending

Aerial Chemical Tending – Aerial Spray
700 hectares – Tentative at this time

Forestry Futures Trust Fund
is continuing to fund Stand Improvement
activities, where un-merchantable material
is removed during or post harvest

Aerial Spray 2024



The Project Plan will be submitted to the
MNRF and Public in the spring of 2024 once
all project planning has been finalized.

Algonquin Park LCC Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:30 to 3:51 (Microsoft Teams Meeting)

Attendees: **LCC Members**: Gary Serviss, Judi Brouse, Sarah Bros, **AFA**: Andy Schafer, Gord Cumming, Tom Dolan, **MNRF**: Meena Gurung, Edie Russell, Randy McLaren, Katia Charlebois, **MECP**: John Swick

Regrets: John McRae, Richard Swift

1. Welcome/Introductions

- Meena welcomed everyone, round table introductions

2. LCC Member/AFA/MNRF staffing update

- Chair has retired, Tom Ballentine, Meena to forward to Gord (**Action Item**).
- 12 members up until last meeting, lost 3 members, Tom Ballentine, Wendy, John Chartrand, a letter of appreciation is prepared to recognize their services, 9 members left, are all still active? Word of mouth has been effective in the past, Meena can provide further information if you find anyone who would be interested.
- AFA, Gord: Jeff Leavy previous General Manager retired last fall, Tracey Bradley new General Manager, hired Gary Ready Area manager on Huntsville side
- MNRF, Randy: it has been a while, nice to meet again today and see everyone virtually. Regarding staffing update, only constant is change, lots of turnover, lots of newer folks, stability in supervisor (Corrie B and Kelly D)
- MECP, John: Lauren Trute, new park biologist.

3. Review of Previous Minutes and Action Items:

- Draft minutes and action items from Feb 7, 2023 were reviewed. Meena will finalize and send the final minutes (**Action Item**).
- **ACTION: Have a presentation at future LCC meeting with guest speaker regarding beaver study.** Not complete for this meeting, will be carried over for future meeting. Meena will try bringing guest speakers (**Action Item**).
- There was a LCC field tour on October 24, 2023 combined with OVF LCC, tour was great.

4. 2024-25 Annual Work Schedule review

- Tom and Andy provided overview of the 2024-25 AWS (presentation map attached)
- AWS was submitted through NRIP on Dec 18, 2023. , Commence April 1

- Extensive indigenous consultation sent out to advise them of AWS, encourage review with questions or concerns, met with Ethan (AOO) and APFN, had good discussions, primarily about access, provided summary of consultation back to Randy last week, awaiting approval
- Randy: approved media ads, should be good to go April 1st for AWS

East Side Operations:

- Dombroskie: Basin Depot Road area summer, Number One Lake Road winter, back to Basin in spring
- Brians forestry: Lake Travers Rd area, not until June, North Rouge area for summer, Narrowbag area after Labor Day til fall, Achray area as well for winter, Kirtland Warbler project area OPU 1203
- Reduction in harvest contractor capacity, trying to work directly with mills and coming with their own crews.
- Heidemen and Hokum: White Partridge Rd area, McManus Lake Rd
- Shaws: Lodar Rd area and Clouthier Lake Rd area
- Another potential contractor: Summer ground in North Depot, Wabinimi, Klocks Lake area hasn't been harvested in a long time, Radiant lake area.

West Side Operations:

- A lot depends on markets, contractors, and weather
- Earlier start hopefully
- Visneskie: Animoosh Lake Rd area, June-august, Thomas lake, Opeongo Rd area, Teal Lake, Major Lake Rd area, Alsever area
- Mieske: Pan handle area, Cameron Lake, Vesper Lake Rd area, removing 2 large bridges, area will be completed, may-early June Skinny/Stubby area, Clydgale area, Proulx Lake Rd, winter options but need decent frozen winter roads, Louisa lake rd brushing (in next several weeks tentative), North Grace Lake Rd development
- Lots of uncertainty, market dependent
- Tom Fisher Logging; fall and winter, Tim Lake Rd for June, may need sound zone exemption for work in July, working in fall and winter there as well,
- Daisy lake, West Harry Lake tentative on contractor, fall and winter option
- Trout creek Rd corridor development into roads to tree mark, anticipating fall and winter harvest

- John: forest in park is really looked after, all three (MNR, MECP, AFA) working together for successful management of the park and it really shows, kudos to AFA for pulling it all off for another year

Silviculture:

- o Planting just over 1 million trees this spring, Kennedy bay area 600,000 trees, rest scattered, mostly in pine areas
- o Mechanical site prep area to prepare for planting
- o Brush saw manual cleaning larger year for that, 5-7 years after planting to clean competition around planted trees, eastern side of park
- o Drone seeding project, Flash Forest Company, white partridge area clear cuts, regenerate with jack pine, aerial seeding has seen success up north, experimental project, 5ha area
- o Kirtland warbler project with Ontario parks
- o Beech tending: beech bark disease reaching the park, slowly reaching its way here, used by bears, after math is thick competition and other species can't get established, started cleaning out understory of beech, to get more diversity, 60-100ha over last 3 years, outside park uses herbicide, combo of brush saw and chainsaw, started using herbicide, hack and squirt method, very stem specific, basal bark treatment, reduces suckering and sprouting, visited on LCC tour last fall, happy initially with results, expanding up to 50ha, controversial topic, have discussed with Indigenous communities, MNR, park, received feedback from communities, 10m buffer along road tentative, well signed following regulations
- Gord: a lot more area put in AWS, three years worth of area, probably only 1/3 will get cut in order to be flexible
- Judi: how are you reaching smaller communities with posting for AWS? Sent out to newspapers and online as well.
- Katia: AWS will be posted in social media (i.e. Facebook, twitter) as well as available online on Natural Resources Information Portal (NRIP).

5. 2022-23 Annual Report Review

- Gord provided a comprehensive overview of the 2022-2023 Annual Report (AR) (presentation attached).
- Year 2 of operations
- Available on NRIP can put link in again if anyone wants to see it
- Bridging area carried over from previous FMP, have 5 years to harvest it
- Harvest area, declining since 2016, 80% regular harvest area, 20% bridging area, mostly selection harvest and shelterwood

- Annual harvest area, 27% actual harvest, cutting significantly less than available, fluctuation in fuel costs and contractors, lots of challenges, climate change,
- Lowest year in quite awhile for actual harvest volume, 32% was harvested in year 2
- Will continue to tidy up bridging areas before year 5 AR
- Natural depletion: 14 fires, largest 11.5ha, total area burned 15.6ha, 8 recreational origin, 4 lightning strike, 1 uncategorized,
- Planted half a million trees
- Site prep completed as well as stand improvement
- FTG assessments, 728ha assessed
- 3600 ha natural regeneration
- Renewal expenditures: Forest renewal trust and forestry futures trust, a lot goes towards stand improvement and tending and has all increased, 20% FRT and 100% FFT
- Assessment of regeneration: 1,372ha surveyed for survival, stocking and FTG, 76% FTG silviculture success, 24% regen success
- Road construction and maintenance conducted, 54km built
- Forest operations inspections: 44 AFA inspections completed, 10 MNRF inspections completed, 0 non-compliance reported, numbers of inspections have gone down in recent years

6. FMP Amendment Update, Forest Certification/Independent Forest Audit Update

- Amendment 8 approved and published
- No amendments proposed as of now

Gord provided Forest Certification Update (presentation attached).

- The transition from CSA to SFI (sustainable forestry initiative) has been positive, surveillance audit annually and SFI certification audit happens next 4 years, KPMG, audits all aspects of standard.
- Conducted by KPMG, December 5-6, 2023, 2 auditors, one field day and one office day, positive outcome: 1 minor non-conformance, 2 opportunities for improvement, 3 good practices (utilization, drainage and water crossings, use of website to inform public)

Meena provided a quick overview of the IFA.

- Algonquin Park Forest is selected for Independent Forest Audit (IFA) this year, last was in 2017, with previous regulations, taking place in June and October, there are opportunities for LCC involvement in the IFA process.

- Gord mentioned an agreement has been confirmed with Caliber Services Ltd. to undertake this year's audit recently.
- LCC Roles and Responsibilities as per Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM) and Independent Forest Audit Process and Protocol (IFAPP) include: receiving general awareness presentation, considering how they wish to be consulted, receiving and reviewing audit plan, attending pre-audit meeting, participating in field audit and closing meeting, receiving presentation of findings; and final audit report etc.

7. LCC Terms of Reference Update

- Meena shared the LCC Terms of Reference (ToR) on Teams. This needs to be updated to reflect some sections such as reference to the manual. We have 2020 FMPM and the 2024 FMPM is going to be effective soon (July 1st). There are also membership changes to update on the ToR. There is no chair currently. Need a new chair selection soon.
- Meena is looking at emailing the draft ToR to the committee for their review and input (**Action Item**).
- Sarah: Is it possible to make it more general? Reference **applicable** FMPM instead of specific manual? Suggestions for folks to join? What representation is missing?
- Meena will forward the list of affiliation currently present and representation that are missing along with a sample application letter to become an LCC member (**Action Item**). Gord and John mentioned they could help with this reaching out or advertising on papers. (**Action Item**).

8. MNRF's Silvicultural Effectiveness Monitoring Program Update

- Members suggested to skip this agenda for this time. Potentially move to next meeting

9. Walk on Items

Meeting adjourned 3:51pm

INSPECTION

Inspection of 2024-2025 Annual Work Schedule for Algonquin Park Forest

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More Information

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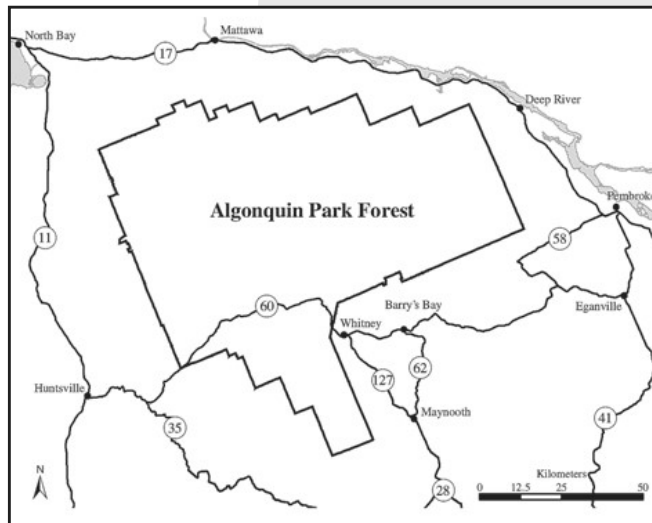
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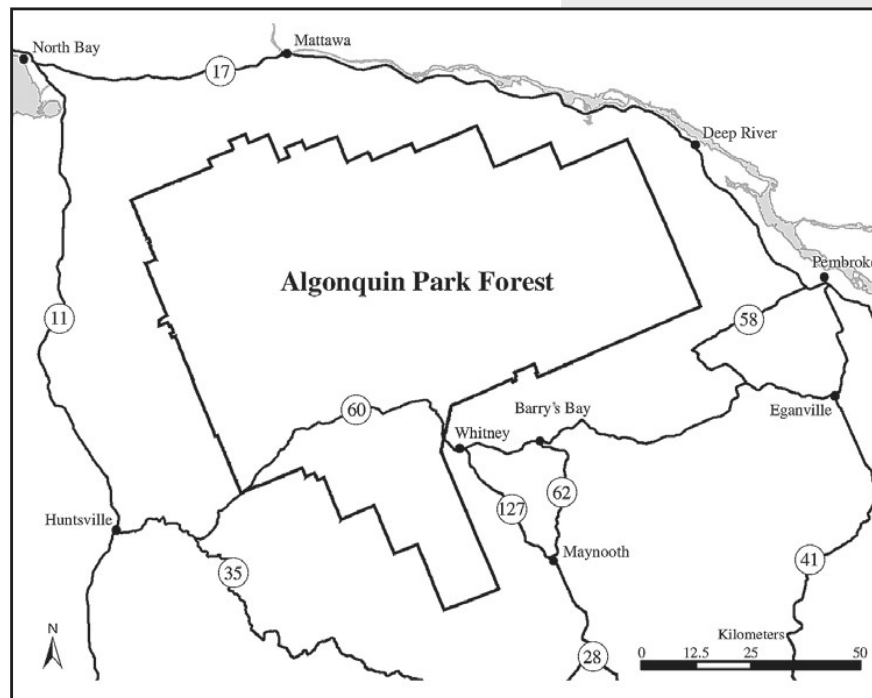
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SUBJECT: Pembroke District, Algonquin Park Forest MNRF Digital Mail List

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To receive future Pembroke District FMP notifications regarding the Algonquin Park Forest (like the one on the opposite page) via email, please send an email request to Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca using the subject line AFA Mail List. All future notifications will be sent to you digitally at the e-mail address provided. We strongly encourage switching to email notices for efficiency and cost savings. Paper mailings may discontinue in the future. However, if you do not have email you can disregard this notice and continue receiving hard-copy mailings through Canada Post.

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How to navigate Algonquin Park Forest from Ontario Government website?

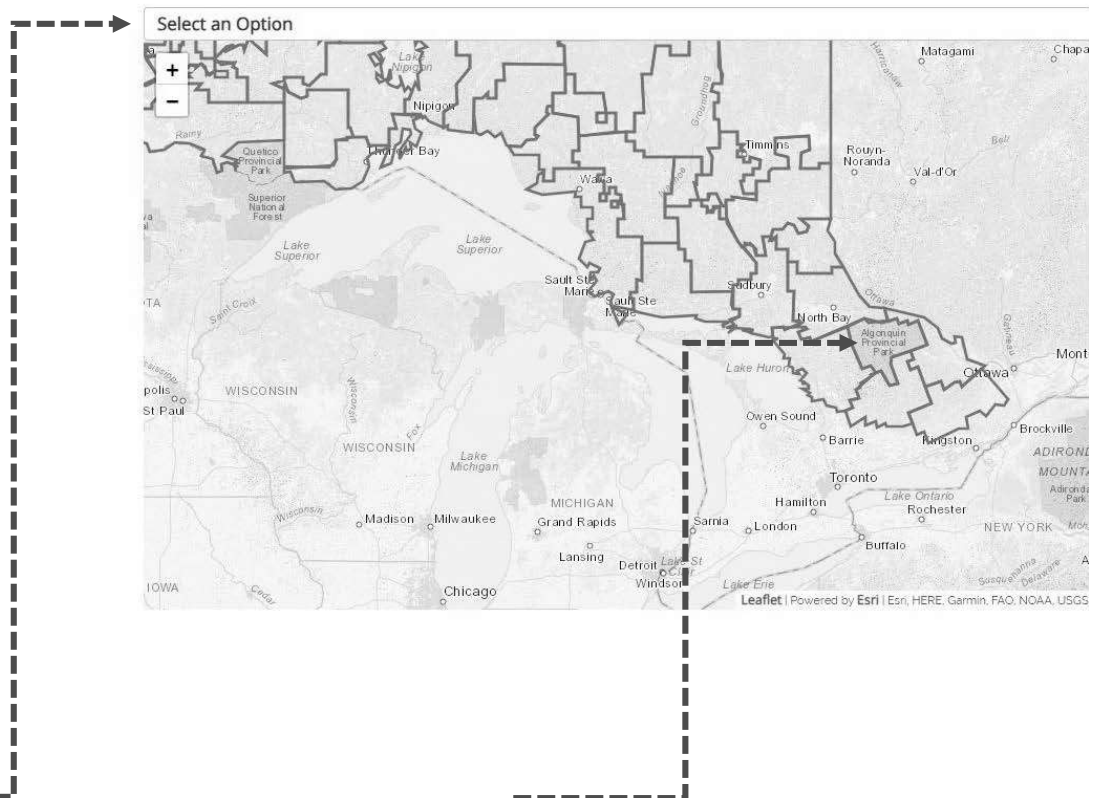
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Find a plan

Select an area on the forest management unit map or select a unit name from the drop down list.

Select an area on the forest management unit (required)



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Submission type Annual Work Schedule	Plan period - start 2021
Publish start date 2024-03-14	Plan period - end 2031
Sequence Number 0	Change type N/A
Submission ID FM-451-2024-AWS-1126	Submission approval date 2024-03-14

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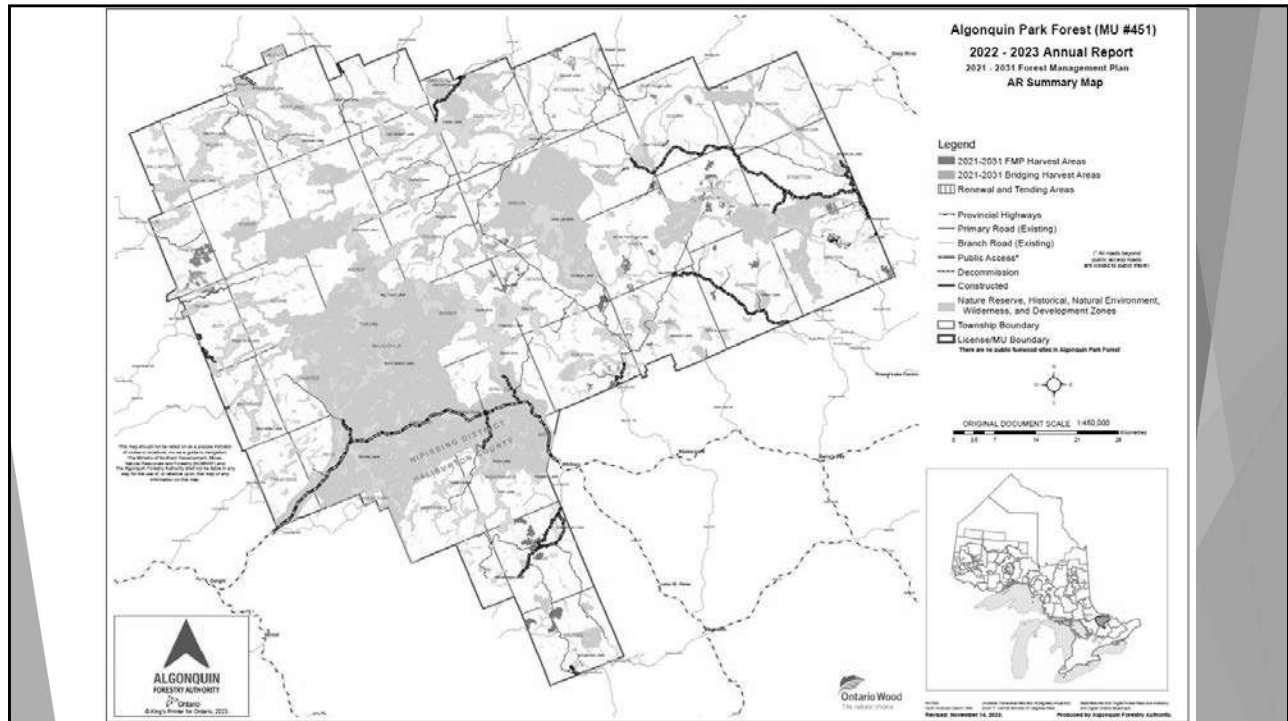
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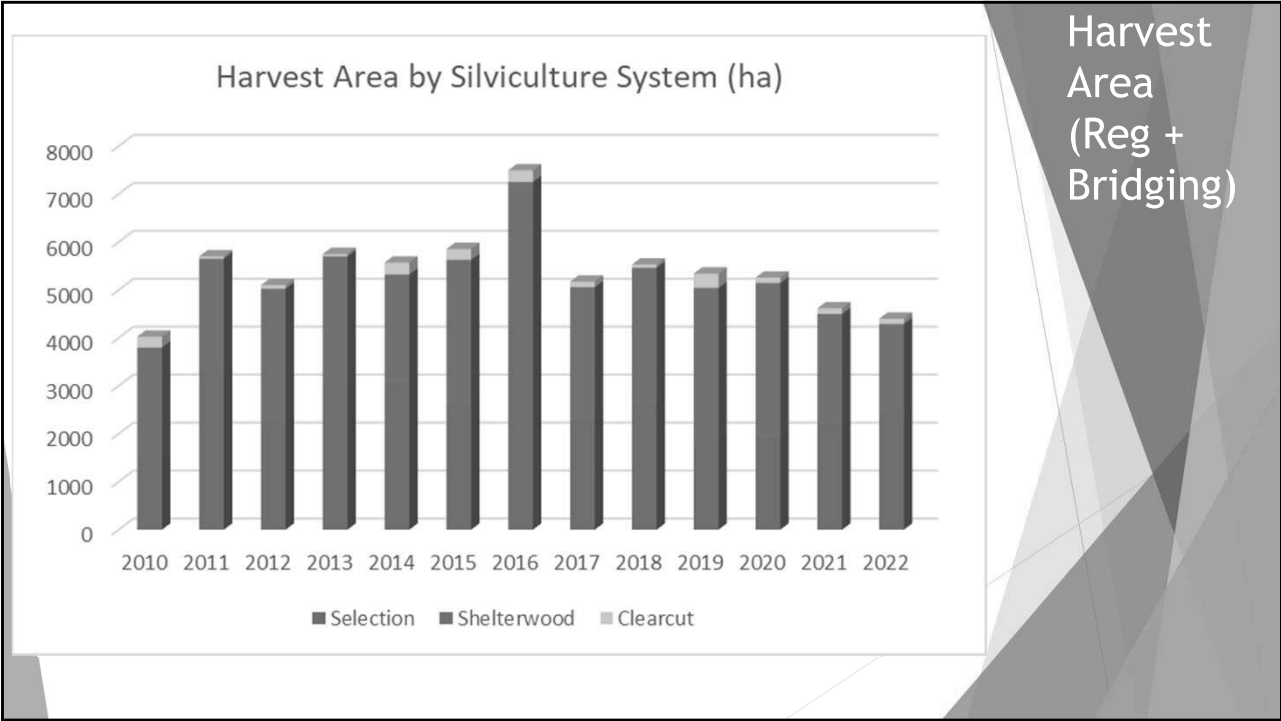
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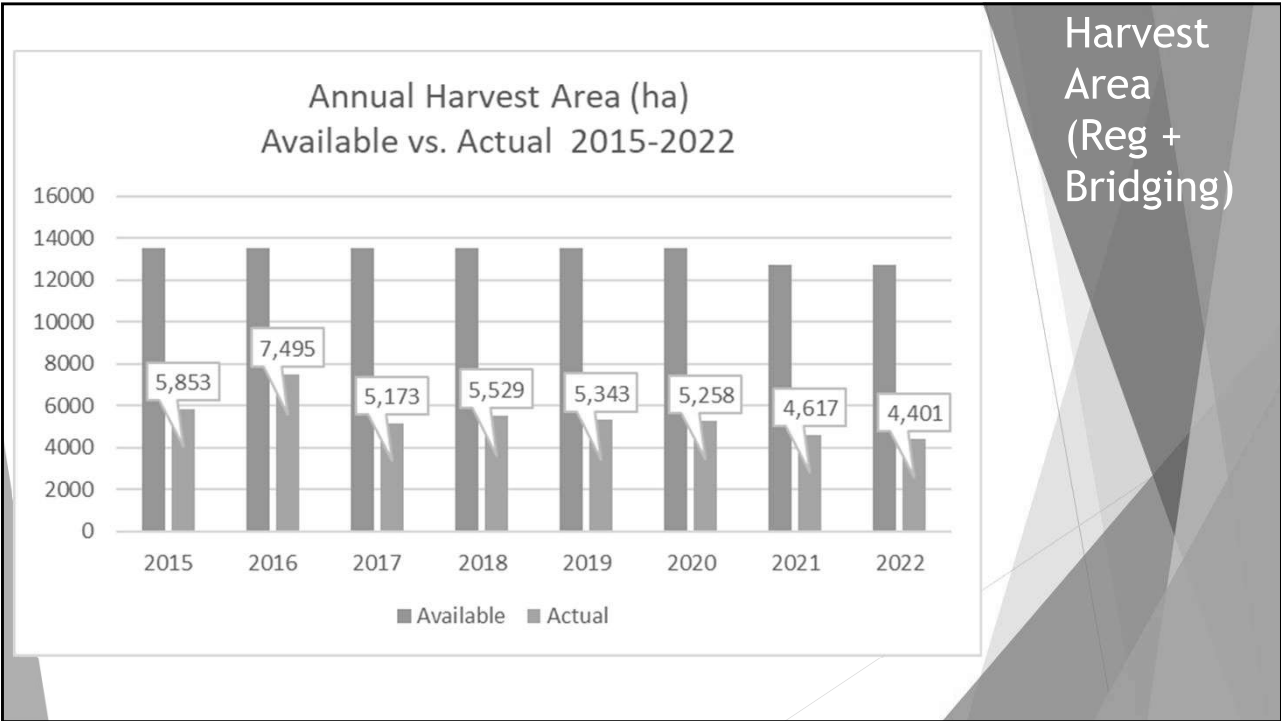
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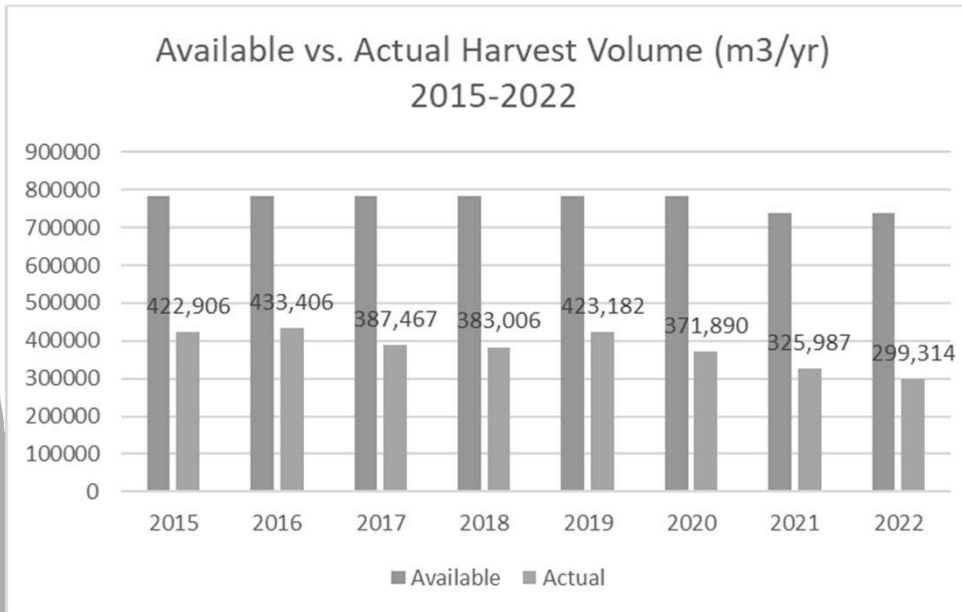


Harvest Area
(Reg + Bridging)

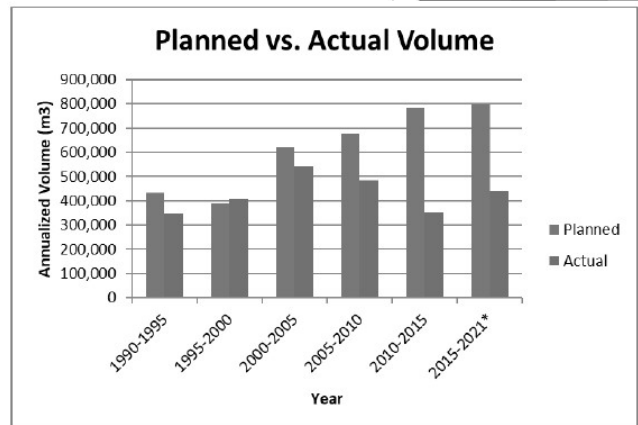
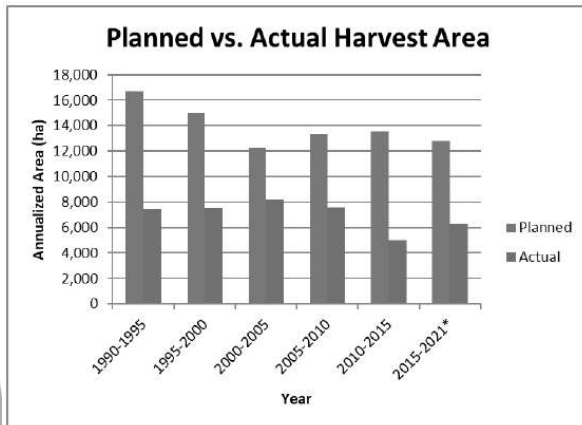


Harvest Area
(Reg + Bridging)

Harvest Volume (Reg + Bridging)

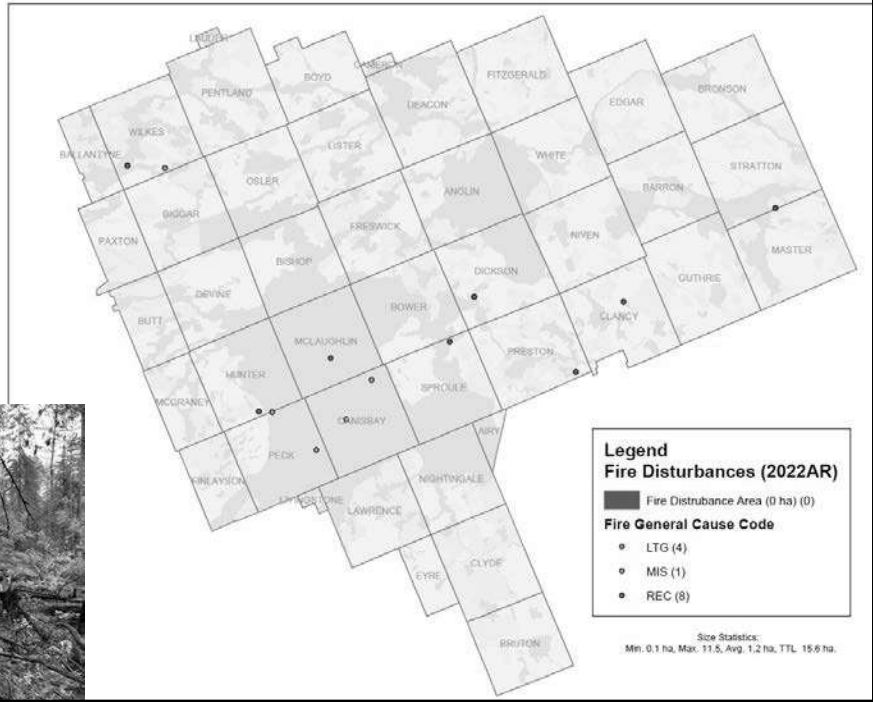


Bridging Area and Volume - Last FMP Update



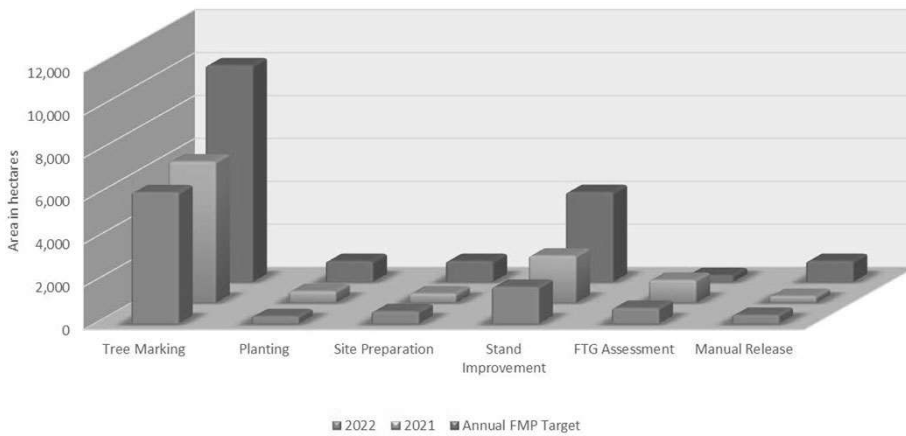
Natural Depletions

- ▶ 13 fires
 - ▶ Largest 11.5 ha
 - ▶ Total area 15.6 ha
- ▶ 8 recreational origin
- ▶ 4 lightening strike
- ▶ 1 uncategorized



Renewal

Forest Management Summary 2022/23



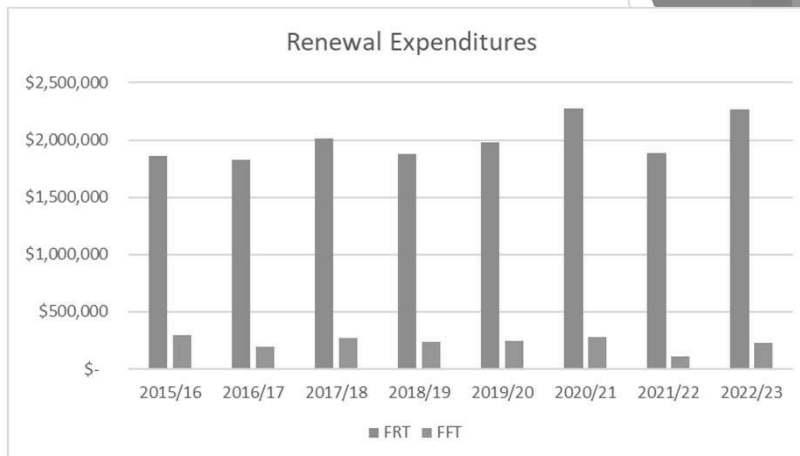
Renewal Expenditures

▶ Forest Renewal Trust (FRT)

- ▶ \$2.267 million spent in 2022/23

▶ Forestry Futures Trust (FFT)
\$226,700

- ▶ Stand improvement
- ▶ Tending



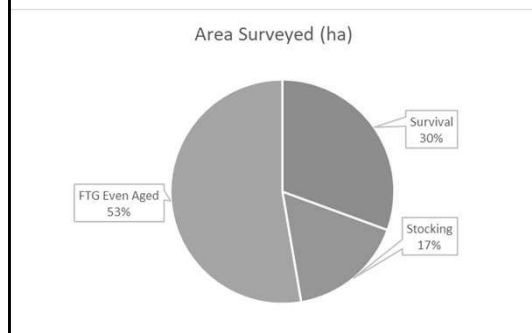
Assessment of Regeneration

Surveys

- ▶ 1,372 ha surveyed
 - ▶ 422 survival
 - ▶ 231 stocking
 - ▶ 728 FTG

FTG Surveys

- ▶ 728 ha surveyed
 - ▶ 76% silviculture success
 - ▶ 24% regeneration success

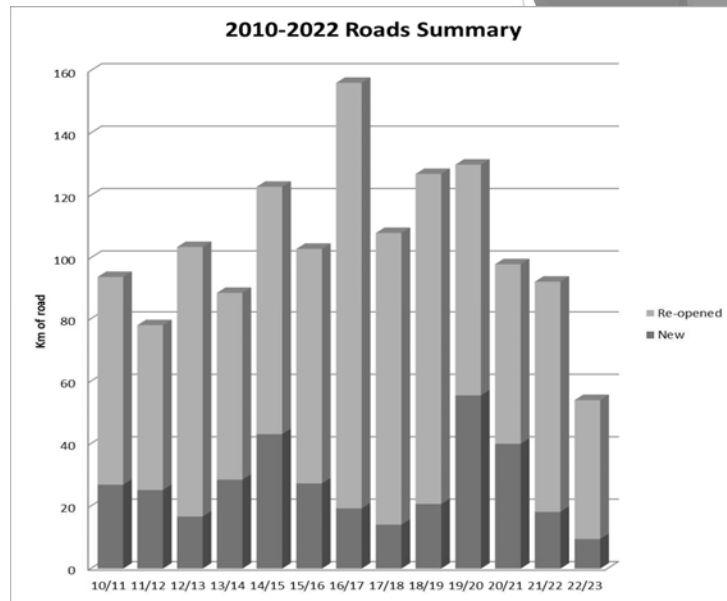


▶ 2,978 ha of FTG survey reported

- ▶ Includes 2,250 selection system (all FTG)
 - ▶ 94% silviculture success
 - ▶ 6% regeneration success

Road Construction and Maintenance

- ▶ 54 km built
 - ▶ 9.5 km new road (18%)
 - ▶ 44.5 km reconstruction (82%)
- ▶ Road maintenance
 - ▶ 462 km primary
 - ▶ 182 km branch
- ▶ 2.5 km of road reported as decommissioned



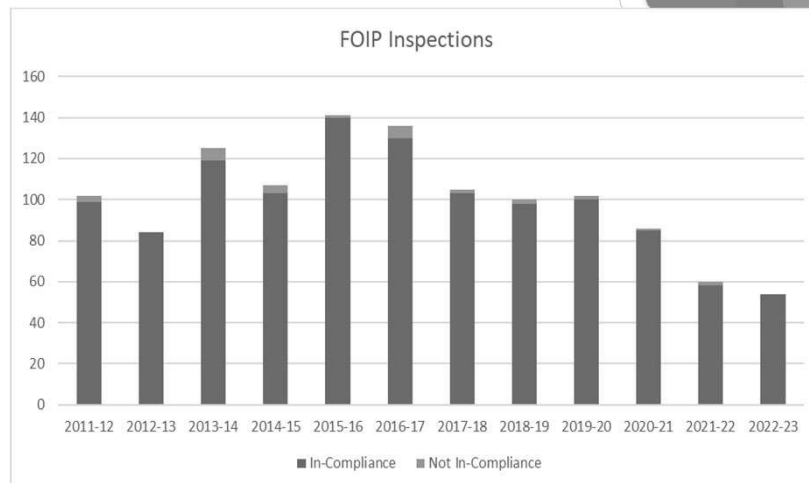
Forest Operations Inspections

AFA

- ▶ 44 inspections
- ▶ 0 Non-compliance reported

MNRF

- ▶ 10 inspections
- ▶ 0 non-compliance reported



Summary

- ▶ Harvest area and volume down from 2021/22 (5% decrease in area, 8% decrease in volume):
 - ▶ Continued to see lingering COVID-19 global pandemic effects, with contractor capacity impacted by labour shortages. Markets were also affected by rising interest rates. Climate change is also impacting operations and production.
 - ▶ Markets have been unreliable and highly variable with low end fiber continuing to present a distinct challenge, particularly softwood pulp.
 - ▶ Well below FMP available and planned levels. Efforts continue to be made to increase harvest capacity.
- ▶ Renewal and tending on track to treat all harvested area, but falling below FMP planned levels (based on full utilization of planned harvest area). High level of silviculture success overall.
- ▶ Compliance monitoring of forest operations by AFA and MNRF staff continues to be effective, through the identification of operational issues and corrective action as required.

EMAIL from Meena Gurung, R.P.F.
Management Forester, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

Hi Everyone,

As per the Forest Management Planning Manual Section A-Page 81, the membership of the Algonquin Park Forest Local Citizen's Committee (APF LCC) should include local citizens representing a range and balance of interests from the communities within or adjacent to the management unit. The majority of appointments will be drawn from nominations provided by local interest groups.

Following our recent meeting, we discussed the importance of a diverse and active APF LCC. Currently, we have nine members representing various sectors. However, meeting attendance suggests that only four to five sectors are consistently engaged. We'd like to see broader participation, particularly from the following sector (currently not represented):

- Indigenous Communities
- Naturalists/local environmental groups
- Forest Industry Trade Union
- Forest Industry Logging Sector
- Other potentially underrepresented sectors (see attached list)

By joining the APF LCC, individuals can contribute to shaping the future of the Algonquin Park Forest through collaborative decision-making and providing valuable insights from their respective communities.

To achieve a more complete representation of interests, we encourage you to reach out to your networks and identify individuals who might be interested in joining the APF LCC. By diversifying our membership, we can ensure a more comprehensive voice for the sustainable management of the Algonquin Park Forest.

Attached you will find:

- **Sample Application Letter:** This template provides a starting point for interested individuals to express their qualifications and desired sector representation.
- **Current and Required List of Representation:** This outlines the existing affiliations and those recommended by the Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM).

If you have any questions or require further information about the application process, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued participation!

Meena

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Current list of representations in the Algonquin Park LCC:

- Local Business/Tourism Outfitter
- Anglers and Hunters/Clyde Bruton Hunt Camps
- Cottage/Leaseholder
- AFA Board of Directors/ Registered Professional Forester/ Forestry Consultant

- Local Citizen/ Retired Resource Planner
- Forest Industry – Logger
- Forest Industry – Sawmill
- Mayor – The Town of Petawawa
- Ecologist / GIS Specialist, Avid Park Canoeer

Required list of representation as per Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Pg 81)

- a) local business;
- b) tourism industry;
- c) anglers and hunters;
- d) First Nation and Métis communities;
- e) forest industry;
- f) naturalists;
- g) municipalities;
- h) trappers and other resource users;
- i) other Crown land recreationalists;
- j) forest industry trade unions;
- k) woods workers;
- l) small independent loggers;
- m) mineral sector;
- n) waterpower sector;
- o) chamber of commerce member or economic development officer;
- p) local environmental groups;
- q) local heritage groups or organizations;
- r) other interest groups; and
- s) the general public.

Date:

To:

Randy McLaren
District Manager
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Pembroke Districts
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Re: Application to become a member of the Algonquin Park Forest Local Citizens Committee (APF LCC)

Dear Mr. McLaren,

Please accept this letter as my application to be a member of your Local Citizens Committee for the Algonquin Park Forest.

About Myself:

(Provide a short introduction or background about yourself)

Sector or interest group to represent to the Algonquin Park Forest LCC:

(See current and required list of representation, attached)

As I recognize the importance of the role of the LCC on the sustainable forest management, I will give my honest and sincere attention and input if appointed.

I await your consideration and reply.

Sincerely,

Name
Address
Contact details.
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Algonquin Park LCC Meeting

Wednesday May 8, 2024 1:30 to 3:30 (Microsoft Teams Meeting)

Attendees: **LCC Members**: Gary Serviss, Judi Brouse, Sarah Bros, Vincent Csunyoscka, Bill Vernon; **AFA**: Gord Cumming; **MNRF**: Kelly Danby, Meena Gurung, Randy McLaren, Kaitlyn Koopman (scribe), Shanagh Hore **MECP**: John Swick; **Guests**: Janet Lane – 2024 APF IFA Team Lead, Lenore Inniss - Vice Chair - Friends of the Muskoka Watershed

Regrets: John McRae, Richard Swift, John foster.

1. Welcome/Introductions

- Meena welcomed everyone, round table introductions.

2. Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Call for any comments from previous minutes
- LCC Terms of Reference has been updated and sent to committee for review.
- Presentation that was postponed from last meeting will likely not be able to be done this time as the focus of the meeting will be on the IFA Audit
- Open action items:
 - o Beaver study presentation: looking to have done next meeting.
 - o LCC Membership diversity: still working on

(Action Item: Meena to email the final minutes from March 7th meeting)

3. Independent Forest Audit (IFA) Information Presentation (Meena)

- IFA required by Ontario regulations under Crown Forest Sustainability Act, conducted as part of Independent Forest Audit Process and Protocol (IFAPP)
- Every forest unit audited 10-12 years, auditors must be independent
- Important to note that the audit report is confidential until it is accepted by Ministry
- IFA Objectives:
 - o assess compliance with all pertinent legislation, guidelines and policy
 - o assess effectiveness of FMP objectives and Forest Sustainability
 - o compare actual activities done with planned
 - o assess effectiveness of action plans
 - o assess if management unit has been managed consistent with principles of sustainability
- IFAPP guiding principles:
 - o commitment to legislation
 - o consultation and involvement of First Nations, Metis and Public
 - o forest management planning
 - o system supports
 - o monitoring

- achievements of objectives, contractual obligations
- plan assessment and implementation
- IFAPP Sections
 - Section 1: Provides overview of IFA legal requirements and Program
 - Section 2: Guidance for roles and responsibilities, pre-audit and onsite audit activities, reporting and action plan
 - Section 3: Definitions
 - Appendices: Additional guidance and templates
- Key Roles
 - Lead auditor – leads the audit and their team
 - Audit team members – support for lead, conducts audit, collecting and analysing information
 - LCC – represents interests of the public and indigenous communities during audit by responding to auditor requests, receiving and reviewing audit plan, will receive final audit report and provide input, attend pre-audit meeting, field audits and presentation of final audit report.
 - Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch– maintains and updates IFAPP, conducts periodic program reviews, selects forests to be audited, supports auditee and auditor training, provide technical advice
 - Divisional Support Branch – Overall responsibility for ensuring IFA conducted in accordance with IFAPP
 - MNR Region – facilitates implementation of IFA by responding to requests for information from auditors, participating in audit activities, coordinating MNR review, coordinating action plan
 - FFC (Forestry Future Committee) – Has primary responsibility for applying annual process following selection of the audit firms through to the acceptance of final audit reports. Responsibilities include providing funding, monitoring audit process, leading contract management, preparing the annual audit summary
 - Auditee – Refers to the entity responsible for preparing and implementing FMPs. Provides support for audit including information, guides for audit team, field binder preparation, provides facilities and access to forests, reviews audit and implements action plans
 - MNR District – provides support for auditors including evidence, personnel and facilities, assisting Region in reviewing reports and preparing field binders, ensures critical info products are reviewed
- Annual audit schedule – Outlined typical timeline for audits. Orientation and pre-audit meetings are held in winter and spring, field audits in the fall, with closing meeting, draft and presentation of draft for review in fall to winter. Final audit report expected in the winter with action plan to be completed within 3 months of Ministry acceptance of final audit report

Comments/Questions

- Park management plan – John Swick indicated that this should be included as resource in the presentation, with Gord agreeing, citing there is overlap with the Forest Management Plan (**Action Item: Meena to add resources relevant to the Park on the LCC presentation slides**)
- Update to audit protocol - Bill would like to know how John feels about the updates. John indicated that overall he feels good about the updates, especially the change to frequency of audits, and that it's a good year for it since Forest Management Plan is not being worked on this year as well.

4. Algonquin Park 2024 IFA LCC Input and Participation (Janet Lane)

- Acknowledgement that AFA is a unique forest due to being a Park and under the umbrella of MECP
- Caliber has been awarded as the company to audit Algonquin forest
- Brief overview of what an IFA is, reiterating what Meena's presentation stated
- Open to hearing about best management practices from Ministry or public and open to adding to recommendations
- Introduced team of auditors that would be working on audit.
 - Dave Legg - forest management planning and plan assessment
 - Peter Nitschke – Compliance and Silviculture
 - Laird Van Damme – Licence and Contractual Obligations
 - Aaron Swayze – Inventory, Tree Marking and Silviculture
 - Janet Lane – Team Lead: Commitment, System Support, Public Participation and First Nations and Meti Involvement and Consultation, Management Objectives and Plan Implementation
- Scope of audit is 7 years from 2017-2024. Specifically looking at current long term extension plan, short term extension plan, contingency plan, preparation of 2021-2031 FMP, implementation of the first 3 years of that FMP, Field activities, Implementation of Phase 2 years 8-10 of previous FMP
- LCC participation – key acting participants. The LCC represents the interests of the public and Indigenous peoples by providing advice during the development of the FMP and assisting in monitoring performance.
 - For the audit the LCC is requested to provide input on effectiveness of LCC, effectiveness of audit input mechanisms, be a representative on field audit, and review and discuss audit plan
- Question – why heavy concentration on looking on past and not looking more at future?
 - Audit is looking at making sure everything is being done as it should be (compliance, planning, etc.).
 - Will look at objectives to see if they are obtainable, but focus is on making sure things are and have been done properly
- Public input advice – what is the most effective method of getting information to the public and soliciting feedback from the public in this area.

- From a municipal standpoint, contact each municipality in Renfrew county and coordinate information through their social media platforms.
- Also Renfrew County itself has a big social media presence
- Most effective means about gathering concerns about Algonquin park?
 - John voiced concerns about potential influx of negativity, as per previous public consultation, so would like to consider how to do so. Judi indicates that despite the potential for negativity should not keep them from soliciting concerns because there can be a lot of positive as well.
 - Gord indicates that advertising could be done at museum, with his own concerns that inclusion of Parks legislation could be a vehicle for radical protest groups, so kind of tread carefully on what's shared in advertising. Janet indicates that report will not be publishing in detail all the concerns for the public only those that are validated
- Any particular operations or planning issues that should be specifically examined?
 - No suggestions forthcoming at the time, LCC members can think on it and speak to audit team in the future
- Any concerns about management of Algonquin park
 - No suggestions forthcoming at the time, LCC members can think on it and speak to audit team in the future
- Any particularly effective forest management that should be highlighted?
 - Note that there are other provinces that are copying what has been done in the park, not only in Canada but in other parts of the world as well
- **Review of Timeline for specific audit**
 - Risk assessment and Audit plan - **May**
 - Review of Documents and gathering public input - **June-August**
 - Field audit – using trucks and helicopter (**Sept 23-27**),
 - Draft Audit –(**October**),
 - Final Audit report, report back to LCC (**Nov**)
- Meena raised question about representatives, would the LCC like to choose reps themselves right now, or pick later?
 - Vincent would be interested in participating in field audit.
 - Indicated that someone from the AFA board would likely be interested in field audit as well.
- Meena coordinating with Janet will send out email requests for participation as well.

5. AFA MNRF MECP Update – Gord, John, Randy

- AFA
 - Spring contractors meeting tomorrow in Barry's Bay, will discuss IFA then.
 - Currently busy in field with tree plant, biggest tree plant in Algonquin park! 1 million trees.
 - Completing spring hiring and getting seasonal staff organized
- MECP

- Staff are working closely with AFA and MNRF on approvals (road building, etc.).
- Observations from freshet, significant road damage on some roads, washout on road on East Side.
- Heavy snowfall caused trees down on roads as well on West Side, which has been managed.
- MNRF
 - Generally speaking field season in full swing, values collections ongoing, planning for Silvicultural Effectiveness Monitoring (SEM).
 - Freshet – fairly quiet overall.
 - Important update from Kelly – will be last LCC meeting as she is moving into a new position

6. LCC Members Update

- Currently have 9 members representing 9 different interest groups.
- Lacking First Nation/Metis community, naturalists, trappers, forest industry trade unions, small independent loggers, mineral sector (may not be applicable to the APF), waterpower sector, chamber of commerce, local heritage groups according to Planning manual

7. Other Business

- None at this time

8. Next Meeting

- Will have at least one more meeting this year
- Hoping to have fall tour again this year, looking for input on specific activities/locations to tour (**Action Item: LCC members to suggest topics/location/activities**).
- Final draft for audit expected by end of November, would like to see if we can have a meeting to present in November, since December will be super busy

Meeting adjourned 3:15PM

Summary of Action Items

Action Item Origin Mtg Date	Action Items	Responsible	Status
February 1, 2022	Have a presentation at future LCC meeting with guest speaker regarding beaver study.	Meena	Ongoing.
March 7, 2024.	Meena to forward the list of affiliation currently present and representation that are missing along with a sample application letter to become an LCC member. Gord and John to help with this.	Meena, Gord and John	Completed/ ongoing.
May 8, 2024	Meena to email the final minutes from the March 7 th meeting.	Meena	
May 8, 2024	Meena to add resources relevant to the Park on the LCC presentation slides.	Meena	
May 8, 2024	LCC members to suggest topics/location/activities for the 2024 LCC Fall Tour.	All	

CNL
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
06 JUNE 2024

1. Today, 06 June 2024 updated their Community Bulletin advised that the effluent from the Sanitary Sewage Treatment Plant (SSTF) at Chalk River Laboratories has now passed three consecutive effluent tests, results which indicate that the facility is now back to full compliance with all environmental regulations.
2. Work to identify the root cause of the disruption remains underway, and CNL is actively implementing an action plan to ensure that there is not a repeat occurrence.
3. The non-compliance was not related to radiological contaminants, and CNL can confirm that the effluent from the Sanitary Sewage Treatment Facility did not pose a threat to the environment or the public.