

REVIEW

Review of Proposed Operations: Information Centre Nipissing Forest 2019 – 2029 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.** and the **Nipissing Forest Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to an information centre. This information centre is being held as part of the detailed planning of operations for the ten-year period of the 2019 – 2029 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Nipissing Forest**.

The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The second opportunity (Stage Two) for this FMP occurred on January 24, 2018 when the public was invited to review and comment on the long-term management direction. This **'Stage Three'** notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on
 - the details of access, harvest, renewal and tending operations for the ten-year period of the plan, and
 - the proposed primary and branch road corridors and the proposed operational road boundaries for the ten-year period of the plan, and
- To request contributions to the background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, information centres will be held at the following locations on the following dates:

- **North Bay – Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
North Bay Holiday Inn, 1325 Seymour Street, North Bay, ON
- **Sturgeon Falls – Tuesday, May 8, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Sturgeon Falls Arena, 219 O'Hara Street, Sturgeon Falls, ON
- **Restoule – Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Restoule Community Centre, 20B Lakeview Road, Restoule, ON
- **Mattawa – Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Mattawa Golden Age Club, 476 Poplar Street, Mattawa, ON

The following information may be obtained at the information centre:

- Summary of the MNRF Regional Director preliminary endorsed long-term management direction; and
- Summary map(s) of:
 - the planned areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations for the ten-year period of the plan;
 - and the proposed corridors for new primary and branch roads for the ten-year period of the plan.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stages One and Two of the public consultation, the following information will be available at the information centre(s):

- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- The proposed road use management strategies; and
- The list of required modifications resulting from the public review of the long-term management direction.

The detailed proposed operations will be available for review and comment at the Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. office and at the MNRF North Bay District Office at the locations shown below during normal office hours for a period of 60 days from May 6, 2018 to July 4, 2018. Comments on the proposed operations for the Nipissing Forest must be received by Guylaine Thauvette, R.P.F. of the planning team at the MNRF North Bay District Office, by **July 4, 2018**.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.

Stay Involved

The tentative scheduled date for submission of the draft FMP is December 2018. There will be two more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage Four -

Information Centre: Review of Draft FMP

December 2018

Stage Five -

Inspection of MNRF-Approved FMP

February 2019

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Guylaine Thauvette at 705-475-5539.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Guylaine Thauvette at 705-475-5539.

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