

REVIEW

Review of Long-Term Management Direction Algonquin Park Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), Algonquin Forest Authority (AFA) the Algonquin Park Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) invite you to review and comment on the proposed long-term management direction for the 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Algonquin Park 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 first opportunity (Stage One) for this FMP occurred on December 6, 2017 when the public was invited to "Participate" in the development of the plan. This 'Stage Two' notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on:
 - the proposed long-term management direction for the forest;
 - the areas which could reasonably be harvested, and the preferred areas for harvest operations, during the 10-year period of the plan;
- To request your contribution to background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, a summary of the proposed long-term management direction for the forest can be obtained electronically on the Ontario government website (www.ontario.ca/forestplans). A summary map of the preferred and optional harvest areas for the 10-year period of the plan is also available.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stage One of public consultation, the following information and maps will be available electronically:

- Draft First Nation and Métis Background Information Report (Only if the First Nation and Métis community(s) agree);
- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- A summary report of the results of the desired forest and benefits meeting;
- Maps that portray past and approved areas of harvest operations for the current forest management plan and the previous 10 years;
- Criteria used for the identification of areas that could reasonably be harvested during the 10-year period of the plan;
- The rationale for the preferred areas for harvest;
- Summary report of the activities of the local citizen's committee to date.

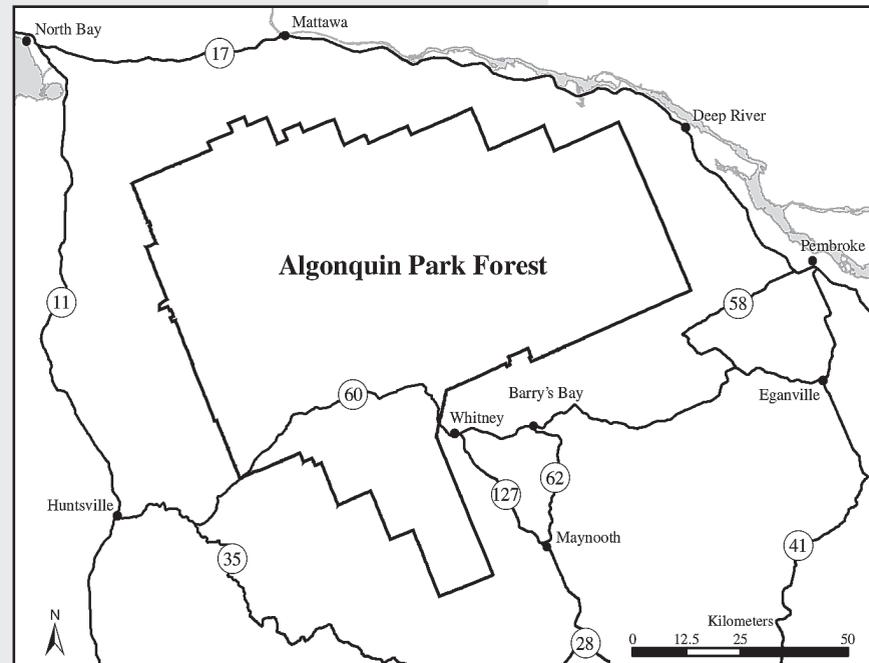
The above information can be made available electronically by contacting the Algonquin Forest Authority and/or the MNR contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 30 days **July 29, 2020 - August 28, 2020**.

Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Algonquin Park Forest must be received by Joe Yaraskavitch of the planning team by **August 28, 2020**.

Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to remotely 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 MNR 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

There will be three more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage Three - Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations **December 2020**

Stage Four - Information Centre:

Review of Draft Forest Management Plan

April 2021

Stage Five - Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan **August 2021**

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Joe Yaraskavitch, District Management Forester, at e-mail: joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca

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 Shari MacDonald by e-mail at shari.macdonald@ontario.ca.

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