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Mr. David Stewart
Chair
Algonquin Forest Authority
222 Main Street West
Huntsville ON P1H 1Y1

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA). Pursuant to the requirements of the Agencies and Appointments Directive, this letter sets out my expectations for the Algonquin Forestry Authority for the 2018/19 fiscal year.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you, the AFA Board of Directors and staff for a successful Agency Mandate Review. The results of the mandate review confirm that AFA's mandate continues to be relevant to the goals and priorities of the Government of Ontario and the agency is successful in delivering on this mandate.

As you know, the Authority's primary constituting instrument, the *Algonquin Forestry Authority Act*, entrusts AFA with harvesting Crown timber from the Algonquin Provincial Park Forest, subject to the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Specifically, your agency is mandated to:

- ensure the sustainable management of the Algonquin Provincial Park forest;
- plan all forestry operations;
- harvest and distribute wood products to mills consistent with Ministerial Commitments;
- monitor forestry operations; and
- carry out forest management activities as the Minister may authorize in Algonquin Provincial Park.

A part of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's mandate is to support Ontario's forest industry by ensuring Crown forest resources are put to their best use in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fashion. The AFA plays an important role in helping to ensure these key government commitments to Ontarians are met. To that end, I am requesting that over the coming year the AFA focus on:

- collaborating with the ministry to develop a modernized strategic plan, action plan and performance measures which reflect emerging government priorities;
- demonstrating accountability and progress toward implementing the modernized strategic plan that is developed, as well as the associated performance measures;
- exploring opportunities to further engage Indigenous communities in the governance of the AFA as well as in any economic development initiatives available; and
- supporting the ministry's efforts to achieve greater inclusivity and diversity across the board of directors when recruiting and undertaking succession planning.

Ontario's board-governed provincial agencies are vital partners in ensuring the delivery of high quality services to Ontarians. The people of Ontario depend on you to provide leadership to your agency's board, management and staff.

I thank you for your service and look forward to continuing to work with you on the good stewardship of Ontario's forests, now and into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nathalie Des Rosiers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nathalie Des Rosiers
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry