

With Respect to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) planning to post a draft Species at Risk (SAR) Guide to the Environmental Registry for 28 species;

AND the MNRF has failed to consult and work with affected stakeholders and forestry dependent communities on the development of the draft SAR guide;

AND THAT municipal leaders have consistently requested the MNRF complete and share with municipality's socio-economic impact analysis on all policy impacting forestry;

AND THAT MNRF has conducted analysis for one prescription, caribou, and the analysis clearly demonstrates that mills will close;

AND THAT there has been no analysis of the cumulative socio-economic impact of all SAR rules contained within the guide (prescriptions) of multiple species;

AND THAT Ontario has world-class legislation, the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA), which provides balanced and sustainable forest management;

AND THAT the Endangered Species Act's (ESA) mandate of the protection and recovery of individual species at risk conflicts with the multi-species and multi-value approach of the CFSA, threatening forest sustainability;

AND THAT the government in 2007 committed to realizing CFSA equivalency to the ESA, acknowledging that the under the CFSA, the forest sector must implement SAR rules (prescriptions);

AND THAT even under a Section 55 Rules in Regulation "exemption", the forest sector must implement SAR rules (prescription);

AND THAT if the government continues to implement flawed ESA policy, mills will close, jobs will be lost, and forestry dependent communities will be decimated;

AND THAT the (**YOUR MUNICIPALITY**) in support of its hardworking citizens and the renewable forest sector, is prepared to work with government to avoid the unintended consequences of this ESA policy;

We recommend that the (**YOUR MUNICIPALITY**) calls upon the Government of Ontario to permanently delay the posting of the made-in-Ontario Species at Risk (SAR) Guide which contains prescriptions (rules) for 28 species by 2 years;

AND THAT with respect to caribou, the Government of Ontario immediately modify Ontario's proposed caribou prescription by moving the caribou range north to reflect animal collaring data, moving away from the national 35% disturbance threshold, and acknowledging that other factors are threatening caribou recruitment and survival;

AND THAT the Government of Ontario support its forest sector and the 175,000 hardworking men and women, directly and indirectly, who live in communities in every region of the province by asking the Government of Canada to postpone the October 5, 2017 deadline for completing plans and acknowledging recovery could require timeframes in excess of 50 to 100 years,

AND THAT the Government of Ontario leave no worker, region or family behind by ensuring provincial policy supports at a minimum, current forestry operations and does not reduce the forest sector and its employment to a seasonal activity,

AND THAT the Government of Ontario extend the current Section 55 Regulation (exemption), which currently expires on June 30, 2018, for another 5 years recognizing that the CFSA ensure that all forest management in Ontario provides for all 3 pillars of sustainable development – economic, social and environment.

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification.