

July 26, 2019

Subject: Stage 4 – Crossroute-Sapawe Forest 2020-2030 Forest Management Plan: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan: Information Centre

Dear Stakeholder,

As a follow-up to the letters sent to you February 28, 2018 during the preparation of the 2020-2030 Forest Management Plan for the Crossroute-Sapawe Forest, the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Resolute FP Canada Inc.** and **Rainy Lake Tribal Resource Management Inc.** invite you to participate in the development of the 2020-2030 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Crossroute-Sapawe 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 third opportunity (Stage Three) for this FMP occurred on February 28, 2019 to May 27, 2019 when the public was invited to review and comment on proposed operations for the 10-year period of the FMP.

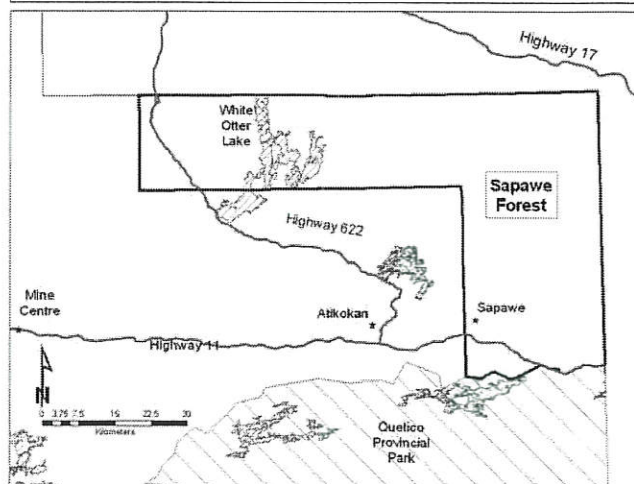
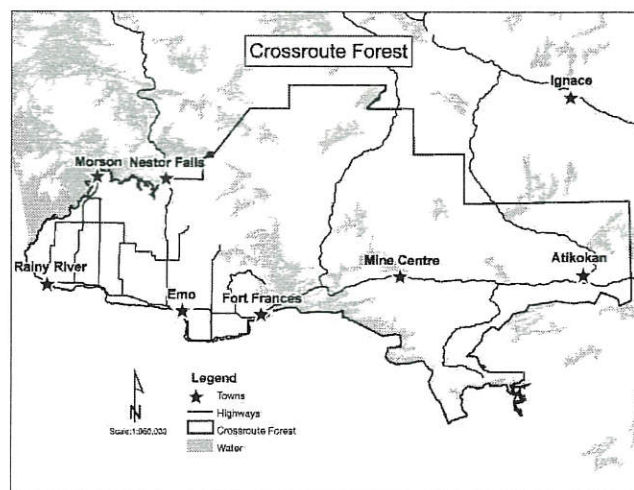
This 'Stage Four' notice is to:

- Invite you to review and comment on the draft FMP and MNRF's preliminary list of required alterations.

Comments from the public will be considered in revisions to the draft FMP.

How to Get Involved

The Draft FMP and the Draft FMP summary will be available on the Ontario Government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans and at the **Resolute FP Canada Inc.** and **Rainy Lake Tribal Resource Management Inc.** offices at the location noted below, by appointment during normal office hours for a period of 60 days: August 27, 2019 to October 28, 2019. Comments on the Draft FMP for the Crossroute-Sapawe Forest must be received by Philip Cooze of the planning team at the MNRF Fort Frances District Office, by October 28, 2019.



To assist you in the review and to provide the opportunity to ask questions, an information centre will be held at the following location from **3:00 pm to 7:00 pm (CST)** on the following days:

Nestor Falls

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at the Community Hall, 11 Mortimer Rd., Nestor Falls, ON.

Fort Frances

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29, 250 Church St. ON.

Atikokan

Thursday, August 29, 2019 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 145, 115 O'Brien St. ON.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were previously available, the following information will also be available:

- Draft FMP, including supplementary documentation;
- Draft FMP summary (copies may be obtained at the information centre);
- MNRF's preliminary list of required alterations.

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 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)*.

The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **November 27, 2019**.

Stay Involved

A final opportunity to inspect the MNRF-approved FMP before it is implemented will take place during **Stage Five** - Inspection of the MNRF-approved FMP, which is tentatively scheduled for February 17, 2020.

The approval date of the FMP is scheduled tentatively for **February 14, 2020**.

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Philip Cooze at (807) 274-8639.

The MNRF 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 MNRF 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 Tanis Williamson, MNRF Fort Frances District Office at 807-274-5337, extension 8638.

Information about Forest Management Planning in Ontario is available at:
ontario.ca/page/forest-management-planning
ontario.ca/forestplans

If you are interested in learning more about the forest management planning process and how your community can be involved, myself and representatives from the planning team would be pleased to meet with you and interested members of your community at any time during the planning process. Please contact Philip Cooze at (807) 274-8639 to arrange a suitable time and location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Chapman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Chapman
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