



Algonquins of Ontario

PHASE II FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE ALGONQUIN PARK FOREST

YOU ARE INVITED!

Information Centres for the Phase II Forest Management Planning Process for the Algonquin Park Forest will be held in May 2014. Representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Algonquin Forestry Authority and the Phase II FMP Planning Team will be on hand to share information and answer any questions you may have about the proposed Phase II forestry management operations for the Algonquin Park Forest. To learn more, attend one of the upcoming sessions:

Algonquins of Ontario Information Centre

Monday, May 5, 2014

Makwa Community Centre
83A Kagagimin Inamo
Pikwàkanagàn, ON

2 p.m. – 7 p.m. with an overview presentation
beginning at 6 p.m.

Public Information Centres

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Royal Canadian Legion
250 John Street
Barry's Bay, ON

2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Hidden Valley Resort
1755 Valley Road
Huntsville, ON

2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Background

With our negotiations moving forward towards a historic modern-day treaty, the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) have already begun carving out opportunities for more meaningful participation in forestry management and planning throughout our Traditional Territory. A prime example is the AOO's substantive participation in the Phase II Forest Management Planning Process for the Algonquin Park Forest.

Under Ontario's *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*, a Forest Management Plan (FMP) is required for each ten-year period for the various Forest Management Units located throughout the province. These FMPs contain a number of key components including, a description of the Management Unit, long-term management direction, planned operations, determination of sustainability, description of the monitoring program and any supplementary documentation.

Each FMP is prepared in two phases. Phase I includes the long-term management direction that provides for the sustainability of the forest with regard for plant and animal life, water, soil, air and social and economic values, including recreational values. It remains in effect for the entire 10 year period. As well, there is detailed planning of operations for the first five-year term of the plan. Phase II consists of detailed planning of operations for the second five year term (i.e. years 6 to 10).

Phase II of the Forest Management Planning Process also includes three stages of public consultation:

- Stage One** Information Centres to review proposed operations
- Stage Two** Review of draft planned operations
- Stage Three** Inspect Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resource approved planned operations

The 2010-2020 FMP for Algonquin Park Forest is currently in Phase II of the Planning Process. As part of this phase, a Phase II FMP Planning Team has been established including representatives from the AOO communities as well as technical support from the AOO Consultation Office. The mandate of this Planning Team is to review the operations from the first five year term in order to inform the planning of operations and areas of operations for the second five year term.

Through representation on the Phase II FMP Planning Team, the AOO are able to:

1. Effectively inform and provide input within the Phase II Planning Process
2. Bring forward any potential areas of concern and work collaboratively to identify mutually beneficial solutions
3. Identify areas of concern that would be more appropriately addressed during the Phase I Planning Process for the 2020-2030 FMP for the Algonquin Park Forest

ABORIGINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION REPORT – SEEKING ALGONQUIN INPUT

A fundamental aspect of the AOO's engagement in the Phase II Forest Management Planning Process is its comprehensive review of the Aboriginal Background Information Report (ABIR) and the Report on Protection of Identified Aboriginal Values contained within the 2010-2020 FMP for the Algonquin Park Forest. These documents aim to ensure that Algonquin values and interests are protected from any negative impacts of FMP operations.

The ABIR summarizes past and current resource uses and recent forest management related concerns for each Aboriginal community. The ABIR contains the following information:

1. Summary of the use of natural resources within the management unit by Aboriginal communities, in particular with respect to hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering
2. Summary of forest management related problems and issues for those Aboriginal communities
3. Aboriginal values map which identifies the areas of natural resource features, land uses and values which are used by, or of importance to, those Aboriginal communities (for example, areas used for traditional and recreational activities, boundaries of trap lines, fuel wood areas, historical or cultural sites)
4. Summary of the negotiations between MNR and Aboriginal communities

The current ABIR for the Algonquin Park Forest was developed in 2009 during Phase I Planning for the 2010-2020 FMP. Under the Phase II Planning Process, the AOO will be reviewing its contents and proposing any revisions and updates as deemed necessary. These revisions may reflect new values information, a more inclusive compilation of values and a more comprehensive representation of values mapping for the Algonquin Park Forest. The collection and management of this information will further protect Algonquin values and will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Updates may also reflect current economic benefits received by the AOO from forest management as well as the AOO's perspective on current forest management-related issues.

In the coming months, the AOO will be seeking input from Algonquin community members with respect to community information, Traditional Knowledge and any forestry-related concerns. **Watch for more details about how to participate!**

For more information on the Forest Management Planning Process, visit:

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Forests/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_163549.html

To learn more, contact your local community Algonquin Negotiation Representative or:

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