

REVIEW

Review of Draft Forest Management Plan Bancroft-Minden Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC)** and the **Bancroft-Minden Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the 2021-2031 Draft Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Bancroft-Minden 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 from January 4, 2021 to February 2, 2021, when the public was invited to review and comment on proposed operations for the ten-year period of the FMP. This **'Stage Four'** notice is to invite you to:

- review and comment on the draft FMP; and
- contribute to the background information.

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 electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> and can be made available by contacting the Bancroft Minden Forest Company, contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 60 days from **March 19, 2021 to May 17, 2021**. Comments on the draft FMP for the Bancroft-Minden Forest must be received by Ernie Demuth of the planning team, by **May 17, 2021**.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were previously available, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> to assist you in your review:

- Draft FMP, including supplementary documentation;
- Draft FMP summary;
- Final Draft Report on Protection of Identified First Nation and Métis Values (only if the First Nation and Métis communities agree).

The Information Forum related to the review of Draft Forest Management Plan will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individuals listed below during the review period. Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be also 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 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 2020 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.

The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **June 1, 2021**.

Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit the following link:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>

The MNRF-approved FMP will be available for inspection for the 10-year duration of the FMP **Stage Five** - Inspection of the MNRF-approved FMP.

The approval date of the FMP is tentatively scheduled for **August 2021**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNRF and/or the sustainable forest licensee to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also 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 Shari MacDonald, Regional Information Management Specialist by e-mail: shari.macdonald@ontario.ca.

