

**THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH  
CONSENT AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

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| 1-2 | a. Shared report from Tarbutt Township<br>Re: Draft Forestry Sector Strategy - A Blueprint for Success  | Receive |
| 3-5 | b. Village of Merrickville-Wolford<br>Re: Expansion of Wetlands   | Support |
| 6-7 | c. Township of Wellington North<br>Re: Bill 156 : Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act | Support |
| 8   | d. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities<br>Re: Annual FONOM Conference                         | Receive |
| 9   | e. Minister of Natural Resources<br>Re: Approved Forest Management Plan Inspection                      | Receive |

Recommendation: Be it resolved that items a through e listed on the Consent Agenda dated February 19, 2020 be received, and that the recommended action be taken as noted.

# **Draft Forestry Sector Strategy - A Blueprint for Success**

29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – Sault Ste Marie

Attended by Jared Brice

## **Report for Council**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) are exploring options in regards to increasing forestry yields, removing more red tape and increasing income from Ontario forests. The Draft Forest Sector Strategy is the document that is expected to provide insight as to how the Provincial Government plans to move forward in the short and long term. This document primarily focuses changes in policy, plans, funding, innovation and growth of forestry in Crown land. At the time of the meeting, the strategy vaguely outlined the plan for forestry on private lands. The final draft of the Forest Sector Strategy is expected to reach the Ministers desk in early spring, 2020.

As representative from Tarbutt Township I attended the meeting at Sault Ste. Marie in order to voice concerns, gather information from industry, municipal, and Indigenous leaders to add to the plan, before the February 5<sup>th</sup> comment period closing.

Here are some facts highlighted by the MNRF regarding the current and future projections of the Ontarian Forestry Sector:

- Currently, the volume of timber harvested is less than 60% of what it was in 2000.
- There is approximately 15 million m<sup>3</sup> of available wood supply that industry has not been able to harvest which could support further investment and allow Ontario to capitalize on future markets without impacting forest sustainability.
- At the same time there is increasing global consumer demand and preference for renewable, recyclable, and green products from sustainably managed forests.

The MNRF is actively reviewing policy in order to remove duplication in the environmental assessment act to speed up forestry processes, reviewing the Forest Roads Funding Program, investing in innovation, education in forestry for First Nations communities and other communities, and working with the NOHFC and educational institutions for employment funding and education in the forestry sector for prospective employees.

It must be noted that at the time of the meeting, the information provided by MNRF staff in response to specific questions was vague and broad.

## Tarbutt Township and the Draft Forestry Sector Strategy

Tarbutt Township has approximately 140 Hectares of crown land (2.5% of our Township), comprised of 3 parcels:

- Two 60 hectare parcels located north and west of Cave road in the northern tip of the Township, and
- One 16 Hectare parcel located in the centre of Pine Island.

Due to the comparatively small areas of crown land located within our boundary it seems unlikely that crown land within Tarbutt will be harvested. However, we did provide recommendations and questions were put to the MNRF including:

- Is it feasible for supporting a resource revenue sharing with municipalities based on the stumpage fee\* for yields derived from crown land within the Township. This would help maintain roads that logging trucks would be utilizing?
- The fees and conditions of an integrated forest fire management agreement between municipalities and the MNRF for crown land and private property protection during major fire events should be reviewed. Currently we have a \$5000 reserve, which will continue to be increased as funds allow. It is estimated that an agreement with the MNRF at the current rate would equate to a similar amount annually. Increased harvesting can greatly affect any fire agreements.
- Sharing forestry data with Municipalities through Ontario Lands Information portal would be very beneficial. The MNRF plans to approve \$75 million towards collecting LIDAR\*<sup>2</sup> data. This type of data can be used by our township to measure change over time at an extremely accurate level. (Forest growth rates, locating construction of buildings with or without permits).
- The draft Strategy needs to provide more detailed information as to how threatened and protected species will be affected by the strategy in both the short and long term.
- The draft Strategy should provide more detailed information regarding the strategy for private forests and how changes to policy will affect such areas.
- How, will this change to Crown and likely private forested areas impact municipalities with significant amounts of MPAC classified Managed Forests?

Tarbutt has serious concerns as to how the policy changes will affect endangered and threatened species. It is clear that this strategy requires more clarity in regards to addressing the above noted recommendations.

JB - Tarbutt Township

\*stumpage fee – is the price a private firm pays for the right to harvest timber from a given land base. In this case if Tarbutt may receive a small portion of this.

#<sup>2</sup> LIDAR - is a surveying method that measures distance to a target by illuminating the target with laser light and measuring the reflected light with a sensor. Differences in laser return times and wavelengths can then be used to make digital 3-D representations of the target.

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

February 5, 2020

**The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation**

Please find attached the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Resolution No. R-029-20, with respect to the Village's concerns surrounding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures while implementing designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands.

While the attached resolution is tailored to a Village-specific issue, it is Council's position that the concerns expressed therein are being experienced by municipalities Province-wide.

Thank you in advance for the consideration that you give this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Robertson".

Doug Robertson  
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

c. Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Andy Brown, CAO of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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### VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

For Clerk's use only, if required:  
**Recorded Vote Requested By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Resolution Number: R - 029 - 20

Date: January 27, 2020

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

WHEREAS the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is endeavouring to adopt a new Official Plan as required per Section 17 of the *Planning Act* and the Village is required to incorporate the Provincial Policy Statements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statements require the Village to provide in its Official Plan the updated provisions of new and expanded Provincially Significant Wetlands designations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that the expansion of these wetlands is detrimentally affecting certain landowners and the Village's assessment base;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands have occurred throughout the Province of Ontario without the provision of supporting evidence;

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AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned about the expansion of the Provincially Significant Wetlands in the Northeast quadrant of the Village;

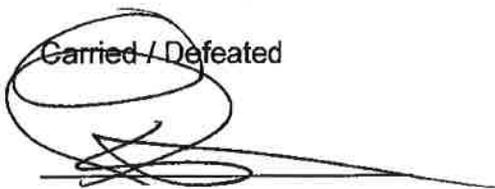
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that these wetlands designations have been expanded without the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry having provided to the Village supporting evidence to justify said expansion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby respectfully request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide the Village with supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of these wetlands designations;

AND THAT the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re-evaluate the subject properties without delay;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried / Defeated

  
J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



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February 10, 2020

Hon. Ernie Hardeman  
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs  
77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3

Via Email: [minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Ontario farms have come under increasing threat from trespassers and activists who illegally enter property, barns and buildings, causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector. These activists are trespassing under false pretenses to gain entry on to farm properties. They have seized private property and threatened the health and safety of Ontario farms, employees, livestock and crops. These individuals and organizations are causing health and safety concerns and undue stress to Ontario farmers, their families, and their businesses. Once peaceful protests have escalated to trespassing, invading, barn break-ins and harassment. These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols, ultimately putting the entire food system at risk.

We strongly support the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*. This new legislation is an important way to keep our farm and food supply safe for all Ontarians. Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen's right to protest. This new legislation will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system. *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* is good news for Ontario's agri-food industry.

Thank you for this important new legislation. Protection of our Ontario Agriculture should be the highest priority.

Sincerely,

Dan Yake  
Acting Mayor

cc: Wellington Federation of Agriculture (via email)

# Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019

Hardeman, Hon. Ernie *Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs*

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill is intended to protect farm animals, the food supply, farmers and others from risks that are created when trespassers enter places where farm animals are kept or when persons engage in unauthorized interactions with farm animals. The risks include the risk of exposing farm animals to disease and stress, as well as the risk of introducing contaminants into the food supply.

Animal protection zones are defined in section 2 of the Bill as areas on farms, animal processing facilities and other prescribed premises on which farm animals may be kept or located. Subsections 4 (1), (2) and (3) prohibit persons from entering in or on the animal protection zones without the prior consent of the owner or occupier of the farm, facility or premises. Subsection 4 (4) prohibits persons from interfering or interacting with farm animals in or on the animal protection zones or from carrying out prescribed activities in or on the animal protection zones without the prior consent of the owner or occupier of the farm, facility or premises. Section 5 prohibits persons from interfering with a motor vehicle that is transporting farm animals and from interfering or interacting with the farm animals in the motor vehicle without the prior consent of the driver of the motor vehicle.

The Bill provides that a consent is invalid if it is obtained using duress or under false pretences.

Section 7 allows the owner or occupier of a farm, animal processing facility or prescribed premises to take certain actions in situations where a person trespasses on an animal protection zone, or does any of the things prohibited by section 4. Section 8 sets out the actions that the driver of a motor vehicle transporting farm animals may take in situations where a person does anything prohibited by section 5.

Section 14 sets the maximum fine at \$15,000 for a first offence under the Act and \$25,000 for subsequent offences. That fine may be increased by a court in certain prescribed circumstances that increase the gravity of the offence.

Section 15 provides that, if a person is found guilty of an offence under the Act, the court may, in addition to imposing a fine under the Act, require the person found guilty to pay restitution to the owner or occupier of a farm, animal processing facility or prescribed premises or to the driver of a motor vehicle for any injury, loss or damages suffered as a result of the commission of the offence.

Section 20 sets out a two-year limitation period for the commencement of proceeding for an offence under the Act. The two-year period begins on the later of the day the offence was committed or the day on which evidence of the offence first came to the attention of a police officer.

The Bill sets out various provisions relating to the application and enforcement of the Act and the power to make regulations.

# FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

February 11, 2020

Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)  
Member Municipalities

Dear Mayors and Councils:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I would like to invite you to attend the 2020 FONOM Conference which is being hosted by the City of Timmins May 13-15, 2020.

This year's conference marks the 60th anniversary of the Federation and the theme is "connecting the north" with speakers and topics designed to appeal to municipal and indigenous councillors on issues important to Northerners.

In addition, the Conference tradeshow is an excellent opportunity for you to talk directly with exhibitors about the products and services they provide.

This year's event also includes a Minister's Forum where you will hear first-hand from Provincial Cabinet members on what their Ministries are doing for the betterment of Northeastern Ontario.

Registration is now open or more information please visit:  
<https://fonom.timmins.ca/>

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Danny Whalen  
FONOM President

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# INSPECTION

## Approved Forest Management Plan Inspection Algoma Forest 2020-2030 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Clergue Forest Management Inc. and the Sault Ste. Marie and Wawa Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) would like to advise you that the 2020 – 2030 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Algoma Forest has been approved by the MNRF Regional Director and is available for inspection.

### The Planning Process

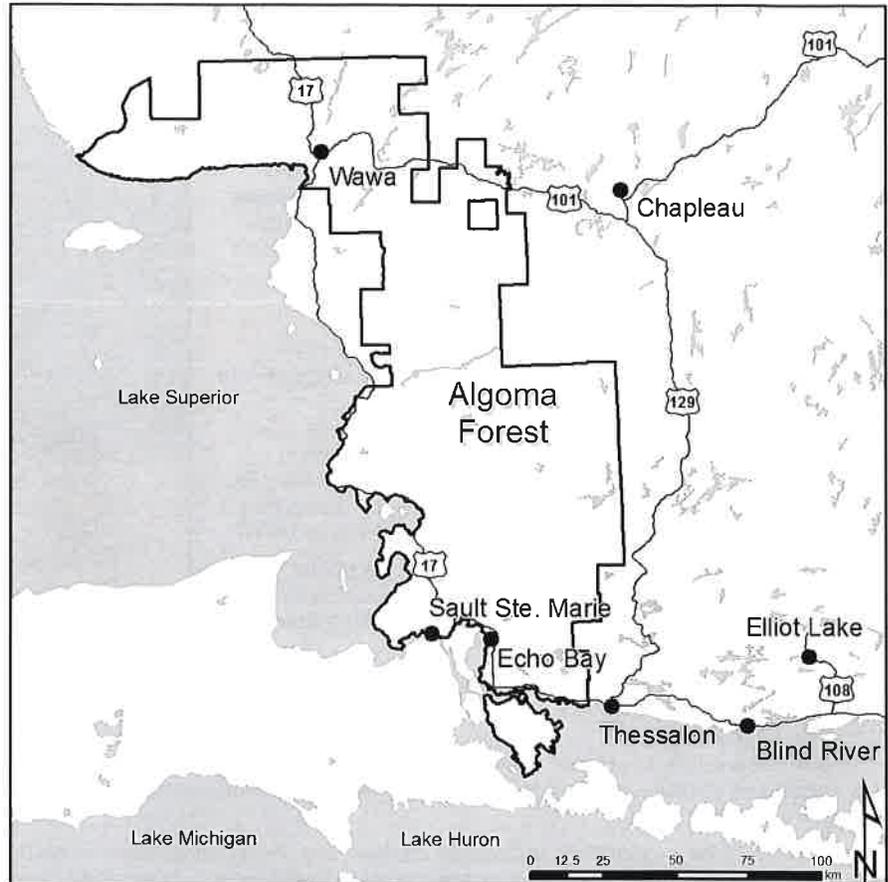
The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public and First Nation and Métis community involvement are provided. The fourth opportunity (Stage Four) for this FMP occurred on October 16, 2019 to December 14, 2019 when the public was invited to review and comment on the draft FMP. This 'Stage Five' notice is to advise you that the MNRF-approved FMP will be available for inspection for 30 days.

### FMP Inspection - Final Opportunity

During the 30-day inspection period, you may make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, 1st Floor, 135 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5, for an individual environmental assessment of specific planned operations in the MNRF-approved FMP.

The MNRF-approved FMP and FMP summary are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal office hours for 30 days **February 3, 2020 to March 3, 2020** at the following locations:

- Clergue Forest Management Inc. office, Jason McLellan, R.P.F., 688-B Second Line East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON tel: 705-942-7708.
- MNRF public website at [www.ontario.ca/forestplans](http://www.ontario.ca/forestplans). (The Ontario government Information Centre in Toronto and ServiceOntario locations in Sault Ste. Marie, Wawa and the MNRF District Offices may provide Internet access.)



Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange an appointment with MNRF staff at the appropriate MNRF district or area office to discuss the FMP.

For further information, please contact:

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The approved FMP will be available for the 10-year period of the FMP at the same locations listed above.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information 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*. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about use of your personal information, please contact Valarie Morin at 705-941-5119.

Renseignements en français : Ginette Wilkins au 705 356-3002. 9