

**Prince Albert FMA
2018-2038
Forest Management Plan**

Public Consultation Plan

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Introduction

On behalf of its shareholders, Sakâw Askiy Management Inc. (Sakâw) is working on a new Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Prince Albert Forest Management Area (PA FMA) with the objective of acquiring provincial government approval for the new plan on or before April 1, 2018.

The Forest Resources Management Act and Regulations provide the legal framework for the development of forest management plans in Saskatchewan. The FRMA specifies that an informed public has the right to participate in making decisions about Crown forests, with the goal of balancing the use of crown forest lands for economic, social, and cultural benefits, while protecting the long term health of forest ecosystems. This document describes the Public Engagement process that will be used to ensure that all stakeholder issues can be heard, addressed in a public forum, and accommodated to the best extent possible.

Key Contacts

Diane Roddy (Acting Sakâw General Manager) or **Cam Brown** (Forsite Consultants) will be the licensee's principle contact person for public consultation inquiries.

Mark Doyle will be the Forest Service's contact person for public inquiries related to the FMP process.

Public Advisory Group

Sakâw is committed to maintaining a Public Advisory Group (PAG) throughout the development and implementation of the Forest Management Plan.

While input will also be received during the three public information sessions discussed below, the PAG will be used as the primary means of incorporating public input into the development of the FMP, with particular emphasis on the development of VOITS (values, objectives, indicators, and targets). VOITS are key to guiding ongoing management of the FMA and directly influence the balance of economic, social, cultural, and environmental values derived from the FMA area.

Sakâw is working to create and maintain a PAG that representing the following interests:

- First Nation and Metis
- Individuals appointed by elected urban and rural representatives of Meadow Lake, Glaslyn, Big River, Prince Albert, Shellbrook, Lakeland RM, Candle Lake, the Northern Village of Green Lake and the hamlet of Dore Lake.
- Individuals appointed by organizations or associations that represent:
 - Outfitters (Saskatchewan Outfitters Association),
 - Trappers (Zone Chairman),
 - Commercial Fishing,
 - Forest Recreation Groups (e.g. Snowmobile Association).

- Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
- Cottage Owners Associations
- Mining or Oil/Gas Sector
- Individuals who have been formally authorized to represent Third Party Operators on the Prince Albert FMA.
- Saskatchewan Environmental Society
- Prince Albert Model Forest

The proposed membership covers off a broad range of interests and geographic scope and is focused on people and interests having a direct attachment to the land which the PA FMA circumscribes. Other groups may approach the PAG for designation of member status and it will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Membership may be granted if the group/individual meets the selection criteria set out in the PAG terms of reference.

The PAG will be represented at all regular core planning team meetings by one or more designated representatives from the PAG. The representatives who attend the planning team meetings can report back to the PAG group as a whole via email or discussion at PAG meetings.

Details of PAG meetings and process can be found in the PAG terms of reference.

Engagement with Aboriginal Groups

The PAG, as proposed incorporates the broad geographic interests of several First Nations and Metis Groups through Sakaw's aboriginal and First Nation shareholders, community engagement, and inclusion of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. While both the Agency Chiefs Tribal Council (ACTC) and Montreal Lake Cree Nation (MLCN) have direct representation in Sakâw as shareholders, and occupy through their traditional and ancestral land uses the majority of the FMA area, Sakâw will also encourage broad aboriginal participation through engagement of community leaders. Representatives will be asked to participate in the PAG and all local aboriginal groups will be encouraged to attend public information sessions and/or submit comments on forest management issues that concern them.

Public Information Sessions

Sakâw intends to hold information sessions to allow the public to review and comment on FMP products at the following three stages of development:

1. Draft FMP Volume 1 (Background and context information on the FMA)
2. Draft Forest Estate Modeling Report (Modeling assumptions and results)
3. Draft FMP Volume 2 (Proposed strategic direction for the next 20 year period)

The information sessions will be scheduled in a manner that will maximize attendance of the public and be held in a location which will facilitate a presentation format.

Process:

- For each of the three stages, public information sessions will be held in the communities of Big River, Prince Albert, Candle Lake, La Ronge, and Weyakwin. The need for separate meetings with aboriginal communities will be assessed through communication with Band Councils and Metis local leaders. Meeting notices will be circulated through PAG members and advertisements will be placed in local newspapers for the two weeks preceding the meeting. A schedule of meetings will be posted on the Sakâw website (www.sakaw.ca).
- Meetings /open houses will consist of maps, charts and Powerpoint presentations describing the currently completed work the implications of this work on the FMA landbase, as well as dependent communities and interests. All materials will be posted on the Sakâw website and limited hardcopies will be made available on request.
- Attendance and comment sheets will be provided to gather feedback from attendees. Verbal communications with Sakâw representatives will also be documented.
- For those unable to attend the meetings, presentation will be provided on the website and submission of comments will be encouraged.
- All input received will be documented in the Engagement Report described below.

Engagement Reporting

At each of the three stages of FMP development discussed above, a communication form will be used to document comments and a summary will be prepared and submitted to the Forest Service. A copy of this communication form is in Appendix A and contains the following information:

1. Persons/organization contacted (with dates)
2. Forums for Input (meetings, emails, website comments, etc);
3. Summary of key issues raised and how they were addressed (tabular format), including;
 - a. The party who raised the issue,
 - b. Forum and date in which the issue was brought forward; and
 - c. Sakâw's response including how the issues is addressed in the FMP (if applicable);
4. Documentation of efforts made to contact known aboriginal forest users and communities affected by or interested in forest management within the licence area;
5. Documentation of efforts made to encourage aboriginal forest users and communities to become involved in identifying and addressing traditional use activities within the licence area;
6. Summary of known aboriginal interests potentially affected by proposed forest management activities identified in the FMP; and
7. Summary of information obtained about known aboriginal interests and needs potentially affected by proposed forest management activities identified in the FMP.

Approved by:

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Privacy

Diane Roddy
On behalf of
Sakaw Askiy Management Inc.

Date: August 23, 2017

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Aaron Kuchirka
Executive Director, Forest Service Branch
Ministry of Environment

Date: August 23, 2017

APPENDIX A – Sakaw Communications Form

Date: Oct 9, 2012 Time: 1:00-3:00 Event: Meeting

Location: Hall Lake, SK Location Details: Hall Lake Community Hall

Shareholder(s) Involved in Communication (list names): Dave Knight, Travis Kiel, Michelle Young, Ed Kwiatkowski

ACTC
MLMP

Carrier
MLOSB

Edgewood
MLBV

L&M
Norsask

Communication Type:

Aboriginal
Aboriginal Leadership
ENGO
Third Party

Cabin Owner
General Public
Shareholder

Co-Management Board
Outfitter
Consultant

Trapper
Government Agency
Contractor

Other: _____

Stakeholder Name (s): N6 Trappers, Lac La Ronge First Nation (coordinated by Naomi Carriere)

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Communication Issue: (check only "one")

General
Hunting Impacts
Outfitting Concerns
Operation overlap Trapline
Operational Concern
Trapper Requests Compensation

Community Concerns
Impacts to Trapper
Legislation
Overhead Powerlines
Roaduse
Trapping Beavers

Forest Protection
Impacts to Tree Stands
Cabin Near Operations
Pile Burning
Log Haul Safety
Safety

Work Opportunity
Pipeline Crossing
Water Crossing
Reforestation
Annual Operating Plan
Timber Harvesting

Other: _____

Method of Communication: (check only "one")

Email Fax Reg. Letter Letter Phone In-Person Meeting Open House

Other: _____

Comments:

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Follow Up Required:	By Whom	By When	Date Completed
Contact Jemima Ross (cabin owner/trapper)	Kerry McIntyre	November 15 th	
Contact John Charles (cabin owner/trapper)	Kerry McIntyre	November 15 th	
Contact Mclvor Eninew (trapping chairmen)	Kerry McIntyre	November 15 th	
Send PDF Maps to band	Michelle Young	October 12 th	
Add all contacts to stakeholder database	Michelle Young	October 12 th	