Opportunity to Review Draft Forestry Plans

Sakaw Askiy is preparing the Forest Operating Plan for the Prince Albert Forest Management Agreement area for the next 5-year period. The plan focuses on the first year of harvesting (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) in detail, and plans for Years 2-5 are outlined more generally. The plan is currently in a draft form, and there is an opportunity for feedback on it now.

For everyone’s safety, instead of holding public meetings this year we are offering other ways to meet with planners to discuss draft maps of harvest areas, or the 20-year Forest Management Plan for the entire landscape with Sakaw. The options possible are:

- a one-on-one phone call or online meeting (for viewing a map together)
- an online meeting with a small group
- a small field tour with the following restrictions:
  - maximum of 10 people, including the Sakaw shareholder representative
  - everyone takes their own vehicle
  - keep at least 2 meters space between people
  - mandatory masks and hand sanitizing
  - no food/beverages supplied, or shared
    (participants can bring what they would like for their personal consumption only)

First, please view the draft Operating Plan maps for April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 to see if harvesting is planned in an area of interest for you. The maps can be found by clicking on the link in the “What’s New” section of the Sakaw website (www.sakaw.ca).

Then, if harvesting is planned in an area of interest for you, or if you would like to discuss the long-term Forest Management Plan with Sakaw, email admin@sakaw.ca as soon as possible, since the Operating Plan will be finalized in November for submission on December 1, 2020. Include in the email:

- the name of the map or the area you would like to discuss
- weekdays and times you’d be available
- email and phone number where you can be reached.

**You will then be contacted by the appropriate person.**

As further background, the Forest Operating Plan will be submitted to the Forest Service on December 1st for review and approval. Indigenous consultation is initiated by the Forest Service upon receipt of the plan.

Once approved, the Year 1 areas (2021-2022) do not require subsequent stakeholder engagement unless there is a significant change to the harvest design. The Forest Service is notified before operations begin.

We look forward to your comments on these forestry plans and thank you for your time, interest and patience as we navigate this new way of working with you.

If you would prefer to be contacted by email in future, instead of getting a letter, please let us know by emailing admin@sakaw.ca

Sincerely,

Diane Roddy,
General Manager

*Sakaw Askiy Management Inc. holds the forest management license for the Prince Albert Forest Management Agreement (FMA) area. Shareholders who harvest wood from the area are Agency Chiefs (AC) Forestry, Carrier Forest Products, Edgewood Forest Products (Dunkley Lumber), Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp, Montreal Lake Business Ventures, NorSask Forest Products, and Tolko Meadow Lake OSB Division. Wood from the PA FMA area goes to forest products mills located in Meadow Lake, Big River, Glaslyn, Carrot River and various smaller mills run by independent operators.*