

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017
9:00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor David Dagley, Chair
Councillor Kevin Muise
Councillor Heather Kelly
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Gilbert Johnson
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Susan MacLeod

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dagley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the Agenda be approved as amended:

Add Item 16.6 Legal Advice MGA 22(2)g

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 Aqualitas Inc. – Myrna Gillis

Myrna Gillis, CEO and co-founder of Aqualitas Inc. was welcomed to Council.

Ms. Gillis announced that the company is building a 70,000 square foot production facility for medical cannabis in Port Mersey. The company is in the final stages of applying for a medical marijuana license from the federal government.

Aquaponics combines aquaculture and horticulture in the growing process, and uses no pesticides. With this system, they can achieve:

- Less water consumption
- Environmental sustainability,
- Reduced energy consumption,
- All natural process,
- Superior quality and taste,
- Lower production costs,
- Shorter grow times, and
- Larger, healthier yields.

There will be one full time position for every 4,000 feet of space; at full capacity 60 jobs. The company intends to hire as many locals as possible.

www.aqualitas.ca

3.2 Medway Community Forest Co-op Ltd. – Mary Jane Rodger

Mayor Dagley welcomed Mary Jane Rodger, General Manager, Medway Community Forest Co-op, to Council (copy of presentation attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

- Harvest Operations to Date – Northern Pulp Tender of 180 hectares and WestFor Management Inc.
- Silviculture to Date – Pre-commercial thinning and fill-planting
- Explained Substitute Blocks for Northern Pulp – Completed in January 2017
- Explained Future Blocks for Hardwood Management – Active harvest Spring 2017
- Explained Goals in Patch-Cutting – Short term 10 – 15 years
- Strategic Plan:
 - Business Planning – Goal: Determine long-term financial feasibility.
 - Community Awareness – Goal: Encourage the presence and awareness of the MCFC in the local community.
 - Private Land Services – Goal: Develop service partner agreements and stimulate joint market development.
 - Recreation and Multi-use Planning – Goal: Partner with existing user groups and consult on best-use practices for revenue-generating businesses.
 - Forest Operations – Goal: Develop an agreement for wood supply and continue to grow our own firewood business.
 - Management Plan and DNR License Agreement – Goal: Approve final management plan in unison with a long-term license agreement with NSDNR.
 - Research – Goal: Continue to facilitate research with partner organizations and find opportunities that align with MCFC objectives.

www.medwaycommunityforest.com

4.0 **TABLING OF PETITIONS:**

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 **PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:**

Leon Robertson, 45 College Street, Liverpool – Mr. Robertson offered his opinion under Item 9.2 – 1 Renewal or Replacement of Hillview Acres, that consideration be given for assisting living apartments with a residential nursing home attached. He further offered his opinion for access to Carter’s Beach through Cranberry Hall.

Karen Cowie, 24 Old Falls Road, Liverpool – Ms. Cowie voiced her concern for excessive speed on Old Falls Road and enquired if additional signage could be posted, as well as the timing of the walk sign at the Milton Road intersection.

Kim Williams, 56 Barss Street, Liverpool – Ms. Williams enquired if information on the Barss Street development could be provided so the public is aware of the activities occurring on the property.

Bill Cox – 121 Bog Road, White Point – Mr. Cox enquired if Queens would be considering offering free parking for veterans.

6.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – May 23, 2017

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 23, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6.2 Public Hearing – May 23, 2017

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Muise:

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing held May 23, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 **DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

8.0 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

8.1 Queens Association for Supported Living - VIC Lease Agreement

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fralic:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the renewal of the property lease agreement with Queens Association for Supported Living in relation to shared occupation of the Liverpool Visitor Information Centre for a one-year period from June 1, 2017.

Richard Lane, Economic Development Officer, provided background stating the agreement for shared use of the Liverpool Visitor Information Center with Penny Lane Enterprises expired on May 1, 2017 and a new one-year agreement is being sought. The lease agreement is basically the same as last years with an enhancement to the agreement which includes providing 50% of the cost of one client's position.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 Farmers' Market Update

Mr. Lane provided an update on the Privateer Farmers' Market presentation and motion made to Council on February 28, 2017 seeking a permanent indoor location. The market is held adjacent to the Liverpool Visitor Information Centre until mid October. There are various spaces in the downtown area available to them. It is recommended that the Market seek solutions with existing Liverpool property owners as there is no funding for a structure at present time, or if they can secure funding, the RQM would give positive consideration to less than market value lease of municipal property to provide land.

The Region will continue to provide support through signage, absorbing the costs for extra power (power boxes were installed along the VIC deck) by the vendors, and have adjusted working hours of the Region staff at the VIC to utilize the washrooms during the market hours.

9.0 **CORPORATE SERVICES:**

9.1 Social Media Policy

It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve and adopt Operational Policy Number 83, Social Media Policy.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 Advocacy Priorities, Provincial Government

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to prepare a briefing note for the new Queens – Shelburne Member of Legislative Assembly regarding the municipal advocacy priorities for government:

- 1. Renewal or Replacement of Hillsview Acres Residential Care Facility;**
- 2. Recapitalization of provincial roadways in Queens;**
- 3. Infrastructure Funding / Asset Management support;**
- 4. Ongoing leadership and financial support for rural internet solutions;**
- 5. Implementation of a Carters Beach Management Plan; and**
- 6. Doctor attraction and support for Queens General Hospital.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

11.0 FINANCE:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

COUNCILLOR KEVIN MUISE DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LEFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10:40 A.M. DURING DISCUSSION OF THE FACILITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT.

12.1 Facility Development Assistance Grant – Major and Regular Categories

It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the following Facility Development Assistance Grants for 2017/2018 to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Healthy Communities Department:

MAJOR CATEGORY:

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| 1) Milton Community Association | \$ 5,000.00 |
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REGULAR CATEGORY:

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| 1) Greenfield Receptions Association | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 2) Westfield Community Centre | \$ 1,150.00 |
| 3) North Brookfield Community Hall | \$ 800.00 |
| 4) West Queens Coastal Community Development Association | \$ 550.00 |
| 5) Pleasant River Community Hall Society | \$ 400.00 |
| 6) Liverpool Baseball Club | \$ 250.00 |
| 7) Hunts Point & Area District#3 Athletic Assoc. | \$ 200.00 |
| 8) Mersey Point Community Association | \$ 150.00 |

TOTAL	\$10,000.00
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MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCILLOR KEVIN MUISE RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10:50 A.M.

- 12.2 Community Recreation Assistance Program – Milton Dambusters Swim Team

It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Fralic:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Community Recreation Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$500.00 to Milton Dambusters Swim Team to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Healthy Communities Department.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- 12.3 Sport Travel Request – Ron Williams, 2017 Canadian National Darts Championship

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Sport Travel Assistance Grant of \$150.00 to Ron Williams to participate in the 2017 Canadian National Darts Championship in Saint John, New Brunswick to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Healthy Communities Department.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- 12.4 Tournament/Special Event Assistance Grant – Memorial Auto Show

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Fralic:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Tournament/Special Event Assistance Grant in the amount of \$250.00 to the Memorial Auto Show to be funded from the Community Grants and Program budget line of the Recreation and Healthy Communities Department.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- 12.5 Community Recreation Assistance Program – Plant to Plate, Community Garden

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Kelly:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Community Recreation Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$250.00 to Plant to Plate, Community Garden to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Healthy Communities Department.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- 12.6 Community Recreation Assistance Program – West Queens Recreation Association

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Community Recreation Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$400.00 to West Queens Recreation Association to be funded from the Community Grant and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Healthy Communities Department.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12.7 Community Recreation Assistance Program – Queens Recreational Boating Association

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Muise:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Community Recreation Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$250.00 to Queens Recreational Boating Association to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Healthy Communities Department.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING

13.1 Road Naming

It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Muise:

THAT the Council of the Region of the Queens Municipality approve the naming of new private road off Devonshire Road in the community of West Caledonia as Willis Forrest Road.

Mike MacLeod, Planner, provided background stating a request for the naming of an unnamed laneway located off Devonshire Road in the community of West Caledonia. There are currently four dwellings located on this laneway, and for civic numbering purposes, should have its own name. Road names were submitted by the petitioners and the first choice was Willis Forest Road; this is acceptable to the Planning Department as no similar name exists in RQM.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.2 Street Light Request – Highway 3 in Summerville Centre

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fralic:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the installation of one new street light on Highway 3 in Summerville Centre, on pole in front of civic number 7532.

Mr. MacLeod provided background stating a request was submitted by the Quarterdeck Beachside Villas and Lofts for additional lights on Highway 3 in Summerville Centre. Staff discussed the request with the District Councillor, Kevin Muise, who agreed a light installed in front of Civic #7532 would improve the situation. Additional lighting could be installed by the property owners.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 REPORTS

There were no reports to come before this meeting.

15.0 OTHER:

15.1 211 Nova Scotia Annual Report

Richard MacLellan, CAO, provided background stating that 211 is an intake call service that provides a broad scope of referrals; financial, housing, etc. Our county is one of the lower users in Nova Scotia and was added to our agenda to help raise awareness. Our communication staff posts the information regularly on social media. Councillor Heather Kelly is the representative of UNSM on the 211 Board.

Councillor Kelly stated in contacting 211, if the information is not readily available, this will trigger the need. They will be able provide information to the RQM and possibly assist in setting strategic priorities; by knowing what our residents want and need.

15.2 Landfill Community Monitoring Committee Member

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the appointment of Barry Fisher to the Landfill Community Monitoring Committee. This is effective immediately with a term ending April 1, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

16.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Muise and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the proceedings go In-Camera at 11:35 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 16.1 Property Matter, MGA 22(2)a
- 16.2 Property Matter, MGA 22(2)a
- 16.3 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e
- 16.4 Personnel Matter, MGA 22(2)c
- 16.5 Personnel Matter, MGA 22(2)c
- 16.6 Legal Advice, MGA 22(2)g

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.


COUNCIL RECESSED UNTIL 12:30 P.M.

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the proceedings exit the In-Camera session at 2:10p.m.

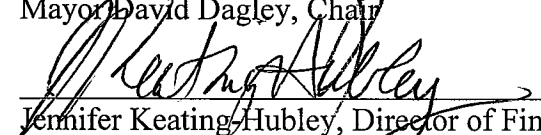
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

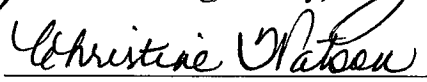
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Mayor David Dagley, Chair



Jennifer Keating Hubley, Director of Finance



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved:

June 27, 2017

Medway Community Forest Co-operative Ltd.



Region of Queens Municipality
June 2017

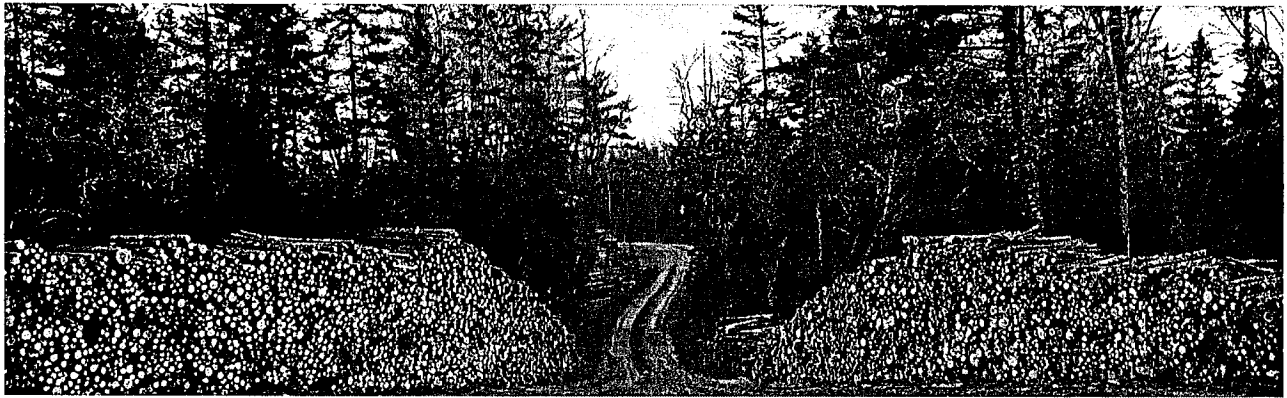
Presentation Agenda

- Summary of Forest Operations to Date
 - Forestry in 2017
 - Silviculture Practices
- Highlights from 2016
 - Outreach Events
- MCFC 2017 Strategic Plan
 - Business Planning
 - Community Awareness
 - Private Land Services
 - Recreation and Multi-Use Planning
 - Crown Forest Operations
 - Management Plan and DNR License Agreement
 - Research



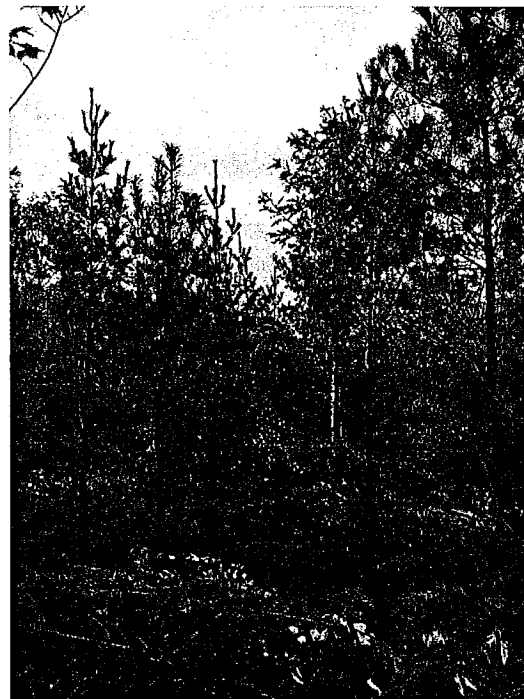
Harvest Operations to Date

- Northern Pulp completed Tender 2015-02 in late 2016
 - 12 blocks - close to 180 hectares
 - Amendments were made to the original tender area due to blocks impacted by the Seven Mile Lake fire.
- Additional volume was awarded to WestFor Management Inc. for the salvage of wood cleared for the fire break



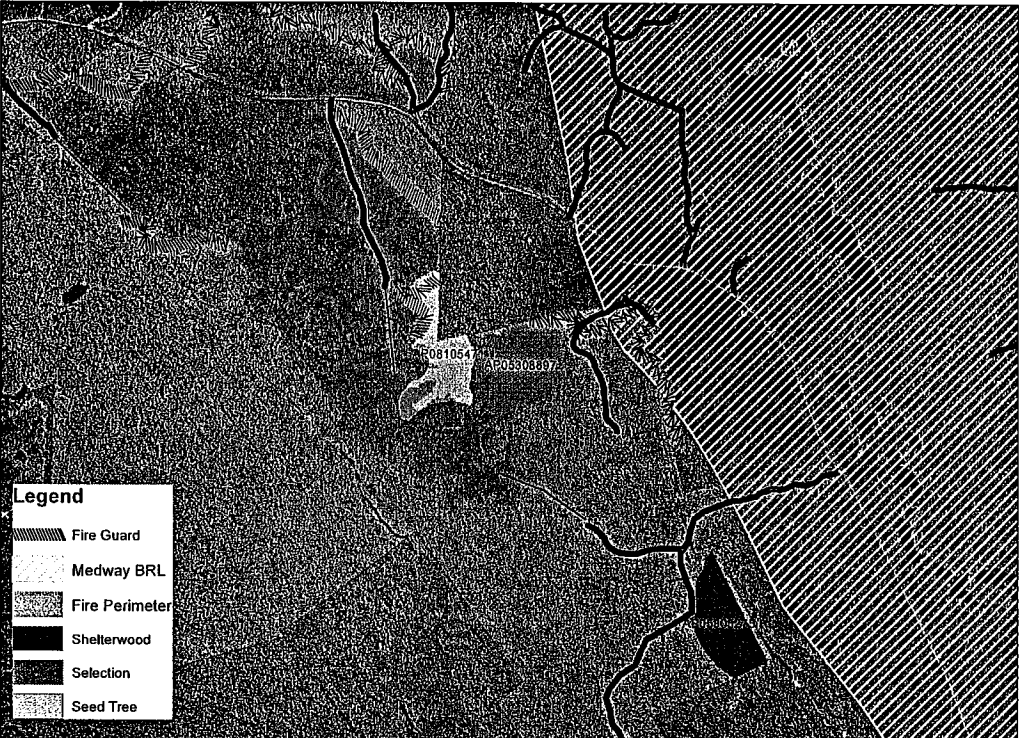
Silviculture to Date

- Pre-commercial thinning
 - Working with existing species mix and encourage diversity
 - Mainly red spruce/white pine/red oak mix
 - 150 ha (2015)
 - 190 ha (2016)
- Fill-planting
 - Typically on poor sites originally harvested by Bowater
 - Planting black and red spruce
 - 50 hectares (2015)
 - 35 hectares (2016)

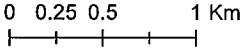


Substitute Blocks for Northern Pulp

Completed January 2017

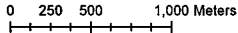
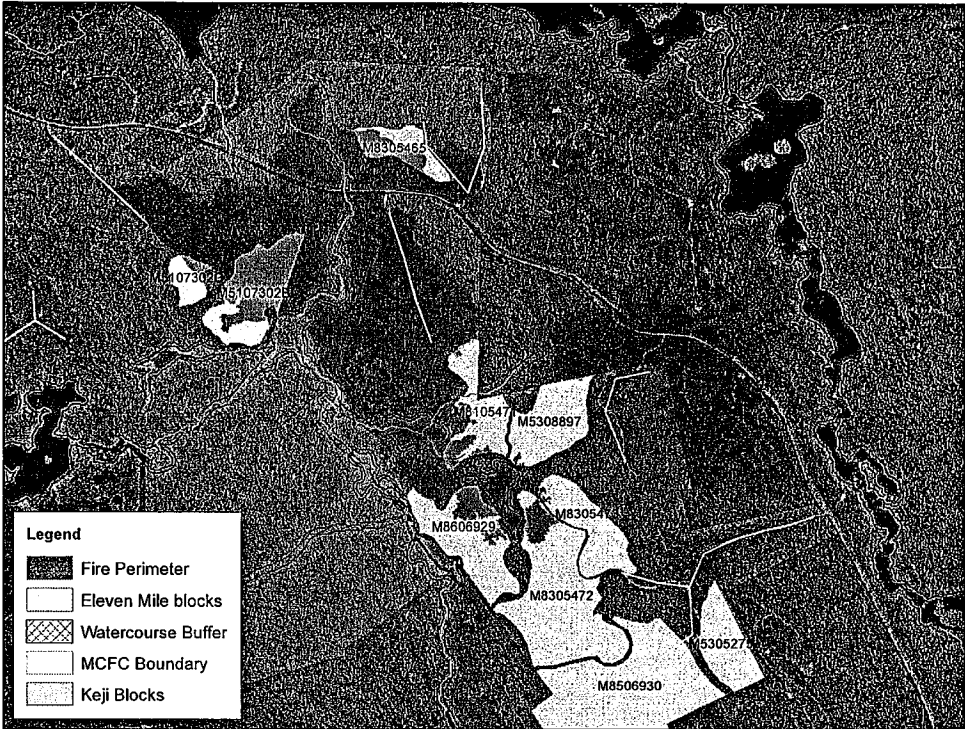


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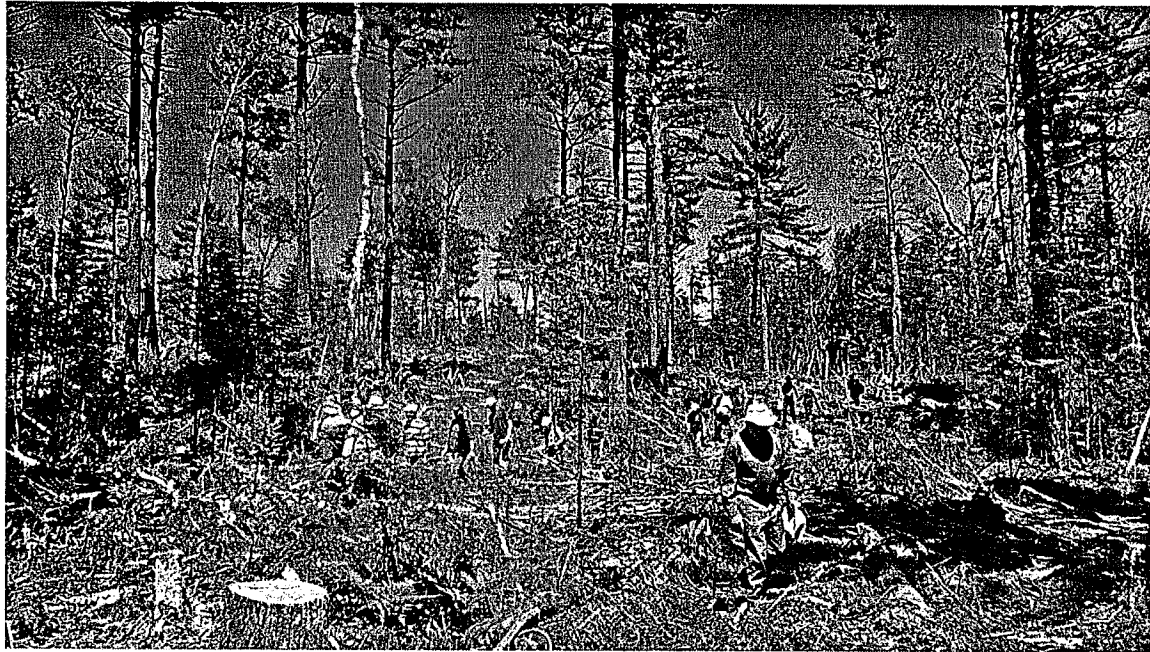


Future Blocks for Hardwood Management

Active harvest Spring 2017



This is what a clearcut looks like in the MCFC...



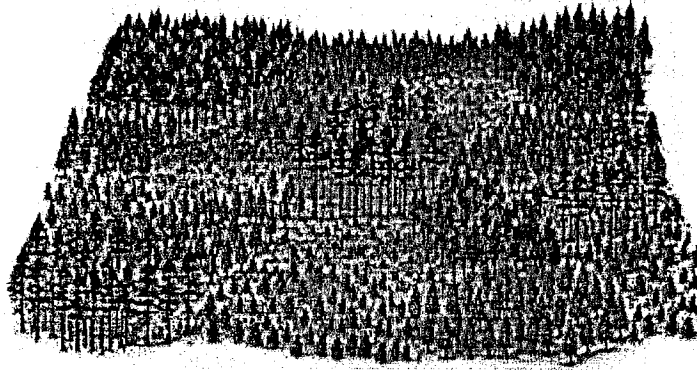
Partial Harvests

Shelterwood - Patch Removals

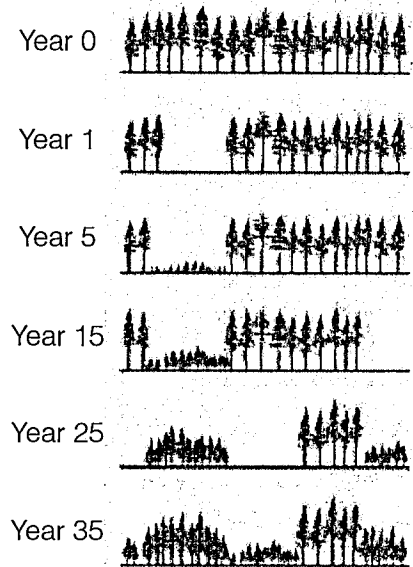


What is our goal in patch-cutting?

“Uneven-aged management”



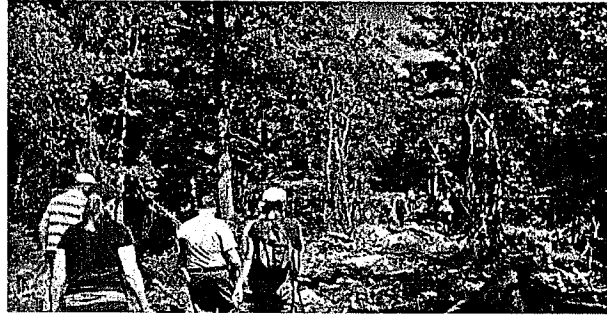
Small openings created on short-term (10-15 year) intervals to promote uneven-aged management and maintain ecosystem function.



Some Highlights from 2016



Outreach Events





BUSINESS PLANNING

GOAL: Determine long-term financial feasibility

- Building comprehensive business strategy with Common Goods Solutions (June 2017)
- Determine appropriate business structure (for profit vs. not-for profit)
- Generate revenue for the local community
- New market development for wood and non-wood forest products



COMMUNITY AWARENESS

GOAL: Encourage the presence and awareness of the MCFC in the local community

- Workshops with different user groups
- Building signage around MCFC land base
- Develop list of community development priorities
- Determine model for long-term allocation of dividends



MCFC STRATEGIC PLAN

PRIVATE LAND SERVICES

GOAL: Develop service partner agreements and stimulate joint market development

- Develop Terms of Reference as service provider - WWSC
- Develop markets for forest carbon sequestration
- Continue to pursue shared contractor capacity with private woodlands - Forest Lab 2.0



MCFC STRATEGIC PLAN

RECREATION AND MULTI-USE PLANNING

GOAL: Partner with existing user groups and consult on best-use practices for revenue-generating businesses.

- Develop partnership with Medway Lakes Wilderness Area
- Develop and build new footpath off Highway 8
- Develop asset map for recreational group for the MCFC and MLWA



FOREST OPERATIONS

GOAL: Develop an agreement for wood supply and continue to grow our firewood business

- Harvest a minimum of 60% of our AAC
- Continue to develop contractor prototype for private lands and MCFC land base
- Work with NSDNR to execute Spruce/Pine management research trial
- Increase firewood production



MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DNR LICENSE AGREEMENT

GOAL: Approve final management plan in unison with a long-term license agreement with NSDNR.

- Finalize management plan and negotiations with DNR
- Reassess evaluation criteria
- Sign long-term (10 year) agreement with DNR
- Build structure for community-managed administrative allowance on stumpage rates

MCFC STRATEGIC PLAN

RESEARCH

GOAL: Continue to facilitate research with partner organizations and find opportunities that align with MCFC objectives

- Develop list of research priorities
- Actively pursue partnerships
- Develop structure to apply for research grants and loans
- Work with DNR on the development of forest management research

Questions?



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