

**Meadow Lake OSB TSL
2018-2038
Forest Management Plan**

Public Engagement Plan

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Introduction

Meadow Lake OSB Limited Partnership (MLOSB) is wholly owned by Tolko Industries Ltd. and operates an oriented strand board (OSB) plant near Meadow Lake, SK. MLOSB is initiating work on a new Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Meadow Lake OSB Term Supply Licence (TSL) with the objective of acquiring provincial government approval for the new plan on or before January 5, 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 and accommodated to the best extent possible.

Key Contacts

Michelle Young, Woodlands Manager – Forestry for MLOSB (Tolko), will be the licensee's primary contact person for public engagement inquiries.

Mark Doyle, Forest Management Planning Coordinator, Ministry of Environment, will be the Forest Service's contact person for public inquiries related to the FMP process.

Public Advisory Group

MLOSB is committed to maintaining a Public Advisory Group (PAG) throughout the development and implementation of the Forest Management Plan. A Terms of Reference for the PAG will be developed in conjunction with the PAG.

While input will also be received during the two 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.

MLOSB will reinitiate the PAG that was in place for CSA Certification purposes. The PAG consisted of the following interests:

- Aboriginal groups
- Individuals appointed by organizations or associations that represent:
 - Rural and urban municipalities,
 - Outfitters,
 - Saskatchewan Trappers Association,
 - Forest Recreation Groups (e.g. Snowmobile Association),
 - Meadow Lake Wildlife Federation,

- Ducks Unlimited,
- Public Interest member,
- Third-Party Operator.
- Local Harvesting Contractor
- Green Lake Co-Management Board
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
- Interested citizens.

The membership covers a broad range of interests and is focused on people and interests having a direct attachment to the land covered by the TSL. Other groups may approach the PAG for designation of member status and it will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Letters of invitation will be sent to leaders in the above communities and organizations, as well as local First Nations requesting their representation on the Public Advisory Group (PAG) (see Table 1).

A representative of the PAG will be invited to all regular core FMP Planning Team meetings. The representatives who attend the planning team meetings are to report back to the PAG group as a whole via email or discussion at PAG meetings.

Engagement with Aboriginal Groups

The PAG, as proposed, incorporates the broad geographic interests of First Nations and organized Metis Groups within the TSL area. MLOSB will encourage broad aboriginal participation through engagement of community leaders. Representatives will be encouraged 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. Letters of invitation will be sent to representatives of the following First Nations and Metis Communities:

- Onion Lake First Nations
- Thunder Child First Nations
- Green Lake Metis
- Loon Lake Metis
- Ministikwan Lake First Nation
- Makaw Sahgaiehcan First Nation
- Canoe Lake Cree First Nation
- Dore/Sled Lake Metis
- Brightsand Metis
- Pierceland Metis

In addition to invitations to participate in the PAG, representatives will be offered a meeting in their communities to review/discuss the documents presented at the planned public meetings (Volume 1 and Volume 3 documents).

Table 1 Public Advisory Group Invitees

First Name	Last Name	Company Name
Dennis	Aubichon	Green Lake Comanagement Board
Doug	Bacon	Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake
Michael	Bendzsak	SRC
Yvonne	Benz	Sask Environment
Anne	Bernesky	Auto and Tractor Supply Company
Butch	Cowan	CLC Logging
Ken	Craig	Third Party Timber
Cordell	Cross	Sask. Trappers Association
Fred	Fitch	Frenchman Butte Businessman
Howard	Fonos	Sled Lake
Leonard	Greenhough	Saskatchewan Trappers Association
Don	Grigo	Trapper
Brian	Hoffart	Outfitter
Richard	Kempton	Husky Energy
Mark	Kornder	Ducks Umlimited
Joe	Kurjata	Local Interest
Art	Laliberte	Green Lake Comanagement Board
Tony	Leeson	Town of St. Walburg
Fred	McAllum	Northern Village of Green Lake
Gordon	Moffat	Sled Lake
Blair	Neilly	Onion Lake
Darrell	Parker	C6009
Tina	Rasmussen	Northern Village of Green Lake
Kirby	Renton	Renton Land Services
Rick	Richardson	Green Lake Comanagement Board
Herb	Rowland	Saskatchewan Trappers Association
Gary	Schindel	Meadow Lake Wildlife Federation
Richard	Stanley	Onion Lake
Larry	Steinacher	Town of St. Walburg
Trevor	Vause	Green Lake Outfitters
Tim & Vicki	Wahl	Hadron Technologies Inc.
Ron & Diane	Waugh	Local Interest
Lisa	Whitford	Administrator - Onion Lake First Nation
Floyd	Wilson	Local Interest
Gord	Vaadeland	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Claus	Young	Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte

Public Information Sessions

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

1. Draft FMP Volume 1 (Background and context information on the TSL)
2. Draft FMP Volume 3 (Presentation of results and 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 two stages, public information sessions will be held in the communities of Meadow Lake, Green Lake, St. Walburg, and Loon Lake (in addition to the planned meetings with First Nations and Metis groups discussed earlier). Meeting notices will be circulated through PAG members and advertisements will be placed in local newspapers (Meadow Lake's Northern Pride) for the two weeks preceding the meeting, posted on community bulletin boards, and emailed to Municipal offices. A schedule of meetings will be posted on a website currently under development for MLOSB.
- Meetings /open houses will consist of maps, charts and Powerpoint presentations describing the currently completed work and the implications of this work on the FMA landbase, as well as dependent communities and interests. All materials will be posted on the MLOSB 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 MLOSB representatives will also be documented.
- For those unable to attend the meetings, presentations 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 two 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.

The Engagement report will 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. MLOSB's response including how the issues are 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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Woods Manager
Meadow lake OSB LP

Aaron Kuchirka
Acting Exec Director, Forest Service Branch
Ministry of Environment

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX A – MLOSSB Communications Form

Date: _____ **Time:** _____ **Event:** _____

Location: _____ **Location Details:** _____

Communication Type:

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Cabin Owner <input type="checkbox"/> | Co-Management Board <input type="checkbox"/> | Trapper <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aboriginal Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> | General Public <input type="checkbox"/> | Outfitter <input type="checkbox"/> | Government Agency <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ENGO <input type="checkbox"/> | Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/> | Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> | Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Third Party <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

Other: _____

Stakeholder Name (s): _____

Phone: _____ **Address:** _____

Communication Issue: (check only "one")

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|--|--|---|--|
| General <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> | Forest Protection <input type="checkbox"/> | Work Opportunity <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hunting Impacts <input type="checkbox"/> | Impacts to Trapper <input type="checkbox"/> | Impacts to Tree Stands <input type="checkbox"/> | Pipeline Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Outfitting Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> | Legislation <input type="checkbox"/> | Cabin Near Operations <input type="checkbox"/> | Water Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Operation overlap Trapline <input type="checkbox"/> | Overhead Powerlines <input type="checkbox"/> | Pile Burning <input type="checkbox"/> | Reforestation <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Operational Concern <input type="checkbox"/> | Roaduse <input type="checkbox"/> | Log Haul Safety <input type="checkbox"/> | Annual Operating Plan <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trapper Requests Compensation <input type="checkbox"/> | Trapping Beavers <input type="checkbox"/> | Safety <input type="checkbox"/> | Timber Harvesting <input type="checkbox"/> |

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