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## Public notification

FSC® Forest Management Certification Main Evaluation

**Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation**

in

**Marathon, Ontario, Canada**

### Introduction

NEPCon is conducting an FSC® forest management and chain of custody annual audit of Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation located in Marathon, Ontario, Canada. The evaluation will be conducted during the week of **August 4, 2020**.

### Scope of Evaluation

The FSC® certification audit will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forest management unit(s) (FMU) managed by Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation, using the The FSC® National Forest Stewardship Standard of Canada (FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018 V 1-0 EN). To obtain a copy, please visit: <https://ca.fsc.org/preview.fsc-std-can-01-2018-en-v1.a-2343.pdf>

Information on this FSC certificate holder is available on FSC's website: <https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a02400000FmzBhAAJ&type=certificate>

NEPCon is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) and this evaluation will follow procedures which have been approved by the Forest Stewardship Council®.

### Team Composition

Mark Leschishin, RPF, will lead the audit team, which also consists of Jeremy Williams, RPF, and James Hallworth, RPF.

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## Steps and Schedule

Following is a short description of the evaluation process and a tentative agenda:

- Field visits – During the week of **August 4, 2020**, the audit team will conduct field visits of recent and active forest management operations on the certified area.
- Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding the forest management activities of Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation in communities surrounding the forest area. This can include private interviews and discussions as well as public meetings.
- Final evaluation briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with the Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation forest managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- Draft report production – The audit team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to the Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation. This should occur within one month after completion of the evaluation.
- Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from the Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation forest managers, and other general stakeholder comments, NEPCon will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by **end of fall 2020**.

## Your Comments Sought

As a part of the audit process we invite stakeholders to offer comments on the Nawiinginokiima Forest Management Corporation forest management activities in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above.

**We welcome input, either public or confidential.** Your input will be valuable at any stage of the process, but we would prefer to receive your comments before the end of the on-site audit so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision. Your options for communicating your comments are as follows:

1. Meet with a NEPCon audit team member before or during the audit.
2. Send comments to the NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this audit (see contact info below) or

**Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential,** available only to FSC and NEPCon staff.

NEPCon's complaints, appeals and dispute resolution policy is available to stakeholders at [www.nepcon.org](http://www.nepcon.org).

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