

## Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee September 20, 2019 – 9:00 AM

The Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Councillor Brian Milne and Warden Selwyn Hicks; Jesse Henrich, Rebecca Ferguson, Donna Lacey, John Ford, Kevin Predon, Mark Mariash, Brian Goodings and Tim Lanthier

Regrets: Karen Buratynski, Stephanie Lacey-Avon, Jason Traynor, Brian Gamble and Rob Beirnes

### Staff

Present: Heather Morrison, Clerk; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Scott Taylor, Senior Planner; Sarah Johnson, Intermediate Planner; Lee Thurston, By-law Enforcement Officer and Forest Manager and Monica Scribner, Recording Secretary

## Call to Order

Heather Morrison called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

## Introduction of Committee Members

The Committee members and staff present introduced themselves.

## Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

The Clerk called for nominations for the Chair of the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee for 2019.

*FMPAC01-19* Moved by: Warden Hicks Seconded by: Brian Goodings

**That Councillor Milne be nominated as the Chair of the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee for 2019.**

*FMPAC02-19* Moved by: Warden Hicks Seconded by: Brian Goodings

**That the nominations be closed.**

Carried

Councillor Milne accepted the nomination, and was acclaimed as Chair of the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee for 2019.

The Clerk then called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee for 2019.

*FMPAC03-19* Moved by: Warden Hicks Seconded by: John Ford

**That Brian Goodings be nominated as the Vice Chair of the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee for 2019.**

*FMPAC04-19* Moved by: Warden Hicks Seconded by: John Ford

**That the nominations be closed.**

Carried

Brian Goodings accepted the nomination of Vice Chair, and was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee for 2019.

The Clerk left the meeting.

Councillor Milne assumed the Chair.

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Presentation of the Draft Forest Management Plan

Lee Thurston presented the Draft Forest Management Plan.

## Meeting Highlights

The Chair invited discussion on the Committees' key priorities for 2019. The following areas and ideas were identified:

- Decide on a schedule for reassessment (range)
- Make sure there is flexibility in the plan
- Able to use carbon credits for carbon tax?

- How can we maximize revenue from forest harvests to at least be revenue neutral to cover expenses to manage the properties while still managing the forests in a sustainable manner?
- Explore collaboration opportunities with Bruce County
- Target ash trees given the future impacts from Emerald Ash Borer
- Conservation Authority is doing a pilot program for trying to get rid of buckthorn. Can the County use that information to help with the buckthorn issue in Lily Oak?
- Importance of revenue neutral management & quantifying non-tangible benefits
- Check with our Economic Development staff if wood pellets would be a viable option for our area. (Have a look at White Feather First Nations who created jobs to run the sawmill)

## Next Steps

- Sarah will send electronic copies of the Draft Forest Management Plan to all members
- Members will review the plan and presentation then provide comments back to Sarah by November 15, 2019
- Sarah will summarize all comments received
- Sarah will arrange the next meeting for the end of November
- Monica will add “Managing Forest Use Conflicts” for the next meeting agenda

## Other Business

There was none

## Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on November 29, 2019 at the Grey County Administration Building.

On motion by Chair Brian Milne, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Brian Milne, Chair