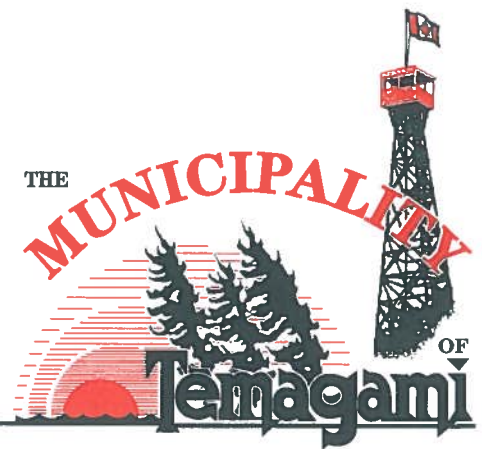


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Dear Sirs

Re: Proposed LFMC for the Temagami Management Unit

Temagami has been involved in investigating the option of establishing a LFMC, for the Temagami Forest Unit, since 2013. The Temagami Forest is one of our valuable resources available to us so we do support the framework document, including the enhancements made at the November 2019 session. I join the other committee mayors in their efforts to advance this initiative, as the best option for this unit.

Over the years, with the help of our consultants, and MNR support staff, we feel that we do a plan that has support from Municipal leaders, area First Nations and Industry. If a formal resolution from the Municipality is required please advise. We are concerned that any further delays in the approval process beyond April 2020, will have a very detrimental effort on the viability of this proposal. It is urgent that we do not lose another year of stumpage revenue.

I personally feel strongly it is time to move forward with government approvals and proceed with putting in place an interim board and a transition team as planned to provide the leadership needed for the Temagami Forest.

Respectfully

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February 3, 2020

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Dear Sirs:

Re: Proposed LFMC for the Temagami Management Unit

Temagami First Nation remains very supportive of the Temagami LFMC framework document and the November 2019 Financial Task Team enhancements.

As a local First Nation living on our homeland, we have lived with the imposition of Ontario's unilateral and often hostile jurisdiction on our homeland, including the imposition Temagami Forest Reserve in 1906. We have endured the hardships of having to ask permission to cut firewood on our lands or face charges by OMNRF.

A LFMC, while certainly not entirely co-management and reconciliation between Nations, is a step forward in the right direction. Our First Nation and other First Nations have passed Resolutions in the past supporting the LFMC. We will be conducting further outreach in the coming months in the First Nation and local communities.

We believe a LFMC remains the best option for this forest. We believe that local indigenous communities working with other local communities and the industry have strengthened the viability of the proposed corporation. We are very optimistic that as the new corporation evolves more benefits to the communities and industry will emerge. We believe local decisions will result in good forest management practices for present and future generations. We need a healthy living diverse forest that provides for everyone, including habitat for other living life forms and other users of the forest.

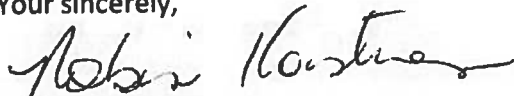
I am confident that the four remaining outstanding items from the January 30th Power Point prepared by Andy Lemetty for the Advisory Teams Review and Finalization can be undertaken, while OMNRF seeks Management Board approval.

We ask that MNRF proceeds to seek Management Board approval by April 2020. Further delays in obtaining approval, will probably require further government mitigation for the model to remain viable, if we lose yet another year of stumpage revenue required for the model to succeed.

On a final note, I would like to thank OMNRF for allowing Andy Lemetty and Rob Baker to assist the Financial Task team with the exercise of fine tuning the framework.

It is really now up to OMNRF to seek government approvals to proceed and work with an interim board, the advisory committee and the transition team. We need to have faith that a skilled Board of Directors will be chosen to provide effective leadership for the success of the LFMC moving forward. Again, an LFMC is a good step toward reconciliation and co-management with our Nation.

Your sincerely,



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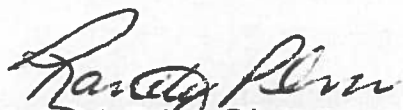
Re: Temagami LFMC

After many years of dedicated work on the Temagami LFMC, Timiskaming First Nation remains committed to the process of this important initiative. TFN is, however, frustrated at the amount of time it is taking for this proposal to work its way through the MNRF. There has been significant effort and time put into developing the Framework Document and TFN is hopeful the MNRF will see fit to dedicate their own resources and time into providing a timely review.

TFN maintains that this model is a step towards greater opportunities for meaningful engagement in the stewardship of the Temagami forest as well as opening the door for the long overdue sharing of some economic benefits deriving from the forest. TFN, along with other First Nations, four municipalities, and some industry stakeholders, have cooperated in the development of the Temagami LFMC. We are now looking forward to sharing our progress with our community and need some certainty from the MNRF to move to this stage.

Accordingly, we hope that the MNRF can provide support for the Temagami LFMC to ensure we do not prolong this project any further. TFN believes that it is critical to the survival of the Temagami LFMC that approval is secured from Management Board by April 2020. It is our hope that further delays do not occur and that the MNRF shows good faith and proactive support.

We look forward to positive news from MNRF and to move ahead in developing the Temagami LFMC to its next stage. Thank-you for your time.



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