

Environmental Policy

In support of the Ontario Forest Strategy, the Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC) is to direct forest management activities on the Temagami Forest (TF) to maintain or enhance natural landscape structures, composition texture and patch size that provides for the long-term health of forest ecosystems and associated wildlife species. All for the benefit of the region and its people, employees and stakeholders while respecting the provisions of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

TFMC acknowledges that the Temagami Forest is within the traditional lands of Teme-Augama Anishnabai / Temagami First Nation whose relationship with n'Daki Menan (our land) is recorded in the oral history Aadizookan, (the sacred stories of truth taken from the animal world, the plant world, the waters, and the skies), and passed down from the ancestors. Aadizookan records that the Anishnabai were placed here in n'Daki Menan by Gichi manidoo, (Creator), and provided with instructions, Bimaadizi, (the way to live), for Anishnabai to coexist with all of our relatives in creation. Aadizookan and bimaadizi translates into indigenous law and sacred responsibilities, which must always be respected by the Anishnabai.

TFMC recognizes their important responsibilities towards the environment in the communities where we live and work. TFMC embraces stewardship of resources including forest, fish and aquatic habitat, wildlife, air, land and water. This stewardship combined with a program of continuous improvement makes possible sustained economic development and an improved quality of life.

TFMC will govern its actions in environmental matters by committing to the following:

- To providing quality forest products and related services in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace while minimizing our potential impact on the environment.
- Conducting forest management activities in a responsible manner by recognizing the values of Indigenous people and stakeholders.
- Assess, plan and conduct forestry operations in compliance with all applicable legislation, regulations and identified best management practices.
- Set environmental objectives and targets in the spirit of continuous improvement on environmental performance.
- Foster innovation, markets and talent.
- Reinvesting in the forest to improve the Crown Forest asset through a program of intensive and extensive silviculture
- Implement programs and procedures to prevent emergency events and minimize the consequences by ensuring emergency preparedness and response.
- Promote programs and use of technology to optimize, conserve, recycle and renew the resources utilized.
- Work and consult with governments and the public in the development of regulations and policies based on sound, acceptable and economically achievable technologies and the analysis of environmental and health impacts.

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