



Nedaak Inc. Quarterly Newsletter

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Ne-Daa-Kii-Me-Naan Inc.
Forest Management

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A NOTE FROM THE GM

Ne-Daa-Kii-Me-Naan Inc. (Nedaak) continues to lead many exciting initiatives while managing the Kenogami Forest. The summer silviculture season is upon us and activities have kicked off in earnest. Planned silviculture this summer includes planting of approximately 3.5 million trees, scarification of 1400 hectares as well as tending and survey work to be completed throughout the summer. In addition, Nedaak has taken on a contract with the province to complete the field sampling portion of the inventory process. With more than 100 plots to visit and measure, this will keep a 3-person crew busy all summer. In total Nedaak has hired 6 summer staff to help manage this busy summer season.

The 2021-2031 Forest Management Planning process is drawing to a close and will be approved in August. Our First Nation member representatives were active at the planning table and were a major contributor to the success of the process. Several of our community technical and resource staff played a key role in building objectives into the plan including objectives for the creation of more moose habitat which will help to increase moose numbers in the area over time. Thank-you to Calvin Taylor, Sarah O'Donnell, Darcy Waboose, Mason Sawayahamish, Ernie Gagnon, and Doug Moses!

Nedaak recently completed its Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification audit and received FSC certification on June 30, 2021. FSC is a 3rd party verification of Nedaak's forest management practices to the rigorous FSC standard. Nedaak's practices are amongst the best in the business and work to incorporate our First Nations' interests and values into forest management.

On behalf of our member First Nations, Nedaak has successfully negotiated a long-term 20-year license. This license, or enhanced Sustainable Forest License (eSFL), is a very positive step and secures the future for Nedaak and community involvement in the Kenogami going forward. The SFL will promote First Nations business as a key objective and will open up new opportunities in the coming decades.

- Scott Boone MBA, RPF

Nedaak Inc. General Manager





COMPANY UPDATES

OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19

We at Nedaak understand that it is important to do our part to minimize the spread of Covid-19. That is why our **Thunder Bay and Longlac offices will remain closed to the public until further notice.** If you wish to contact us, give us a call or e-mail us using the company contact information listed on the last page.

SUMMER STAFF PROGRAM

This year will be our 9th year running a Summer Staff Program on the Kenogami Forest Management Unit. Every summer we recruit seasonal employees to work on sustainable forest management projects like:

- Conducting surveys to determine the success of regeneration on the land
- Working on LiDAR plots
- Ensuring quality control in manual tending and other related forestry activities

The 2021 Summer Staff Program will run from May 3 to August 31. Every year we offer 4-month seasonal contracts and 2-month seasonal contracts which are great for high school and post-secondary students.

Application information and additional employment opportunities will be updated on our website on a regular basis and can be accessed by using the following link:

<http://www.nedaak.ca/employment-opportunities>



This spring Nedaak added a drone to our toolbox in order to help us better manage and plan operations the forest. A drone is an excellent and cost-effective way to monitor, survey, and capture photos in order to make more informed decisions and aid in planning.

SUMMER OPERATIONS - DRONE



So far, we have used the drone to capture some operations photos, as well as to illustrate some of the good work done during the harvest operations.



KENOGAMI FOREST UPDATES

TRAPPER'S CORNER

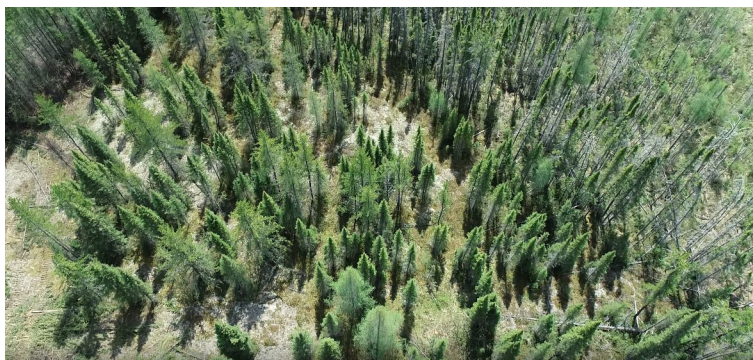
The summer season is upon us and in early August the aerial tending program will take place. Notices were sent out earlier however overview maps are provided to each Nedaak community. If you have questions if we are close to your secret blueberry picking spot, please contact Deanna. She will keep your spot secret and let you know if tending is going to happen in the area. Initial spots she knows about look like there are flowers - and where there are flowers, hopefully there will be berries this year!

It is also the season for beavers and culverts. Anyone wishing to become a Term Agent to be called out for nuisance beaver removal please contact Scott Koski at our Longlac office at (807) 876-9696. He will be able to assist you with the MNRF process. If you wish to be notified when a nuisance beaver is on your trapline and needs removal or if a term agent has removed one from your trapline, provide your name to Scott and he will keep you informed.



2021-31 FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The 2021-2031 Kenogami Forest Management Plan (FMP) is scheduled for final submission by August 10, 2021, at the latest. We will be making minor tweaks until submission with final plan approval for September 1, 2021.



SILVICULTURE PROGRAM UPDATE

- This tree plant season was completed on July 7th and we have planted 3.5 million seedlings.
- The slash alignment program is continuing along and has completed the Phillips area and has moved to Abamasagi and will continue to work in the Nakina north area.
- The manual cleaning program should start mid-late July. Anyone wishing to participate, please contact Chief Forester Deanna Hoffman, who will put you in touch with the contractor.
- By popular demand, cone collection is in the plans for the fall. Once the cones are ripe and ready for picking (September - November) we will put out notices detailing what we need and from where, so stay tuned!

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

A prototype FMP news bulletin board is to be installed at Ginoogaming First Nation. This board will house an overview FMP map, current Annual maps and other current forestry related information that community members should be aware of that is pertinent to the Kenogami Forest. If this board is found to be useful, other Nedaak communities may request to have one established in their community. We are hoping that by providing information in this format, more members will be able to view the information at their leisure instead of waiting for formal information sessions.



FUN FORESTRY FACTS

During one 10-hour shift, a feller buncher can cut between 5-10 truckloads of wood!

3.5 million trees are being planted on the Kenogami Forest this season. If one person were to plant all of them themselves, it would take 3.8 years!

The Kenogami Forest, at 2 million hectares (20,000km²), is slightly larger than Lake Ontario!



COOKING CORNER

"Nothing Fancy" Fish Fry

Submitted by Aroland First Nation director Joe Baxter

1. Mix together salt, pepper, and flour
2. Dip fish fillet into mixture
3. Heat butter in a frying pan
4. Fry battered fillet until golden and flakes easily



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Silviculture

Pinecone

Buncher

Skidder

Haul

Pulpwood

Seedling

FTG

Trees

Tenure

Renewal

Tend

Block

ESFL

Harvest

Cutting

Burn

Thinning

Cut

Survey

Aerial

GIS

RPF

Sawlog

Slashpile

Biomass



NE-DAA-KII-ME-NAAN INC.

ABOUT US

Ne-Daa-Kii-Me-Naan Inc. (Nedaak) was established in 2012 by the Chief and Councils of Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, Aroland First Nation, and Constance Lake First Nation and later joined by Pays Plat First Nation, Red Rock Indian Band, and Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation to manage the Kenogami Forest and to provide economic development opportunities for surrounding First Nations.

Since that time, Nedaak has successfully lead Forest Management planning, regeneration, and local workforce training and capacity building in the forest sector. Nedaak works in partnership with the Province of Ontario, industry, and First Nations on the forest. Nedaak has successfully deployed a modern approach to Sustainable Forest Management which works to optimize value from the Kenogami Forest.



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