



# **Nedaak Inc. Quarterly Newsletter**

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

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# FROM THE NEDAAK OFFICE

I am excited to bring you updates from the office of Nedaak in this newsletter. We have been working in exciting times with the approval of the 2021-31 Forest Management Plan (FMP) on Friday, August 13, 2021 and the passing of the FSC Audit on Friday, May 13, 2022 (who says Friday the 13th's are bad luck?!).

The 2021-31 FMP acknowledged that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, opportunities to host in-person information forums and meetings during the critical stages of FMP development were not able to occur. These meetings ensure issues or concerns are addressed. Nedaak has committed to remedy this by holding information sessions in all of the Nedaak communities. Maps of planned operations for 2021-2031 will be available as well as the 2022-23 Annual Operational Plans.

The Kenogami Forest is certified to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standard. This was a huge project to complete and every year we have an audit to ensure we are upholding the standards. FSC not only looks at forest management, but also employment standards, relationships with Communities, and environmental values and impacts. We just completed our first annual audit and have a few things to work on - we will be seeking input to assist with some conservation value work.

As always, our doors are open for all to come and ask questions, look at maps, or just to share stories of the forest with us!

- Deanna Hoffman, General Manager



# COMPANY UPDATES

## WELCOME ABOARD!

New to the Nedaak team is our Office Administrator, Angie Megan. Angie resides in Nakina with her husband and two children. Angie has worked in an Office capacity for her entire career. Angie will be able to assist with all of the day-to-day activities and tasks in order for Nedaak to be successful and efficient. She is very excited for this new opportunity and looks forward to working closely with local communities and team members!

Another new member to the team is Silviculture/Planning Forester, Taylor Hall. She graduated from Lakehead University with her BSc in Forestry in spring 2021 and was a Forester Intern with the NDMNRF prior to taking on her new role. Taylor grew up in Eastern Ontario, spending her free time fishing on the lake and exploring the woods. She is looking forward to familiarizing herself with the area and working with local communities and stakeholders.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Richard joined Nedaak just over a year ago. In that time, he has tackled every task willingly and with professionalism. Starting with detailed LiDAR plot work, he moved into operations, ensuring that area was ready for harvest, kept track of operations, and did compliance checks. Richard is a graduate from the Confederation College's Forest Technician: Ecosystem Management Diploma program and holds also a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from York University. He is a welcome addition to the team and is looking forward to a variety of assignments.





With Ne-Daa-Kii-Me-Naan Inc being a company that has been in the region for over 10 years, we want to be able to give our communities the opportunity to gain real life experiences in the forest. This year we were able to hire three (3) Silviculture Assistants.

Every summer we recruit seasonal employees to work on sustainable forest management projects such as conducting surveys to determine the success of regeneration on the land, working on LiDAR plots, and ensuring quality control in manual tending.

This year, to kick off the season, our staff got to learn more about Veneer Harvesting and the major differences between Veneer Harvesting and Saw Log and Pulp Harvesting. A big thanks to Ed Hoffman of Columbia Forest Products for providing us with this great opportunity. Our staff appreciated your time, efforts, and insight!

Our seasonal staff have been working hard, learning new things, and being given opportunities to grow along the way. Corey, Alex and Lorraine set out on Blueberry Road to clean the roadway and ditches of garbage. After only a few hours, they returned back with a truck full of garbage. Thank you!



## SOME GARDENING TIPS

Choosing a location:

- Follow the sun. Pay attention when finding a location for your vegetables to have an area where your vegetables, herbs and fruits can get at least 6 hours of sun!
- Make sure you choose a location that you can easily get water to it. Your plants will need to be watered regularly, so having a spot chosen where you can run a garden hose to it will make things much easier.
- Find your HARDINESS ZONE: Knowing which zone we are located in can mean "life or death" for your plants. Some plants need milder climates, while others need warmer climates. Make sure you check your hardiness zone.
- FROST DATES: It's not something any gardener likes to think about... but planting too early or too late in the season can mean DISASTER for your garden! You need to keep a close eye on temperatures.

TIP: Push a finger an inch down into the soil and if it's dry, it's time to water!





# KENOGAMI FOREST UPDATES



## SILVICULTURE PROGRAM UPDATE

The summer season is upon us and that brings a variety of projects. The tree plant will be starting May 31st with 3.5 million trees to plant across the forest. If you would like to plant, please contact Taylor.

The manual tending program is planned for August. Anyone who would like to work with this program, please let Taylor know and she will put you in touch with the contractor. Last year we had several local community members employed and finished the season.

Taylor - [thall@nedaak.ca](mailto:thall@nedaak.ca) or  
(807) 876-9696

## TRAPPER'S CORNER

We hope that the trappers have received letters from the MNRF informing them if there may be forestry operations on their trapline. If you do not remember or have not received a letter, please contact us at the Nedaak office to find out. This is important to prevent loss or damage to trapping equipment.

The season of nuisance beavers is upon us. If you would like to be contacted if there are problem beavers on your trapline, please let Scott know. If you are an agent for the Crown, you can be contacted to dispatch the beaver. If you need assistance with applying to be a Crown agent, please contact Scott.

Scott - [skoski@nedaak.ca](mailto:skoski@nedaak.ca) or  
(807) 853-2407



# FIRE SEASON HAS BEGUN

Ontario Fire Season is officially April 1st- October 31st. If you discover a fire, please call the MNRF at:

**310-FIRE (3473)**

To find out if your area has any fire restrictions, please visit the Ontario Government website at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions>

# HAZARDS IN THE COMMUNITIES

**Avian Flu (Bird Flu)** is a disease that can be carried and transmitted between birds. There is currently an outbreak of a highly pathogenic avian influenza (subtype H5N1) in eastern North America. Ducks and Geese are known to be impacted by it, and with the ongoing spring migration, there are several precautions that hunters should take. They can be found here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/flu-influenza/fact-sheet-guidance-on-precautions-handling-wild-birds.html>

**Blastomycosis** is typically found in rotting wood and soil and spores can stir up in the air when disturbed. The spores can then infect the lungs, with symptoms including coughing, chest pain, fatigue and shortness of breath. Health experts note it is NOT contagious and is easily treatable with anti-fungal medication when caught early, but can lead to death if undiagnosed. More information can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/blastomycosis.html>

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Opwaaganisning Lake Helen 30th Pow Wow - July 15-17, 2022

Longlac Summerfest - July 16, 2022

Nakina Bass Derby - July 29-31, 2022

# NEDAAK OFFICE CLOSURES

National Aboriginal Day - June 21, 2022

Canada Day - July 1, 2022

Civic Holiday - August 1, 2022

Labour Day - September 5, 2022

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - September 30, 2022



# FUN FORESTRY FACTS



Feller bunchers can hold up to 8 trees of average diameter (15")! Once the arms are full, the buncher places the bunch on the ground in a direction that makes it easier for the skidder to pull it to the roadside!

A log truck can carry approximately 24 cords of 2.7 meter wood at ones (this is approximately 528 trees)!

If you were to plant 9.3 million trees yourself, it would take you 12.7 years, including weekends!

## COOKING CORNER

In a saucepan, bring berries, sugar and juice to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until tender (about 10 minutes). Whisk cornstarch with 2 tbsp (25 mL) water; whisk into pan and boil, stirring, until thickened (about 1 minute).

Place plastic wrap directly on surface, refrigerate until cool (about 1 hour).

In large bowl, whisk oats, flour, sugar, orange rind and salt. With a pastry blender, cut in butter until coarse crumbs. Press half into parchment paper-lined 8-inch (2L) square cake pan. Spread with filling. Lightly press remaining oat mixture on top.

Bake in a 350°F (180°C) oven until light golden (about 45 minutes). Let cool in pan on rack, then cut into squares.

### "Blueberry Oatmeal Squares"

Submitted by: Gail Hilliard

#### Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups (625 mL) - Rolled oats \*not instant\*

1 1/4 cups (300 mL) - all-purpose flour

1 cup (250 mL) - packed brown sugar

1 tbsp (15 mL) - grated orange rind

1/4 tsp (1 mL) - salt

1 cup (250 mL) cold butter, cubed

#### FILLING:

3 cups (750 mL) - fresh blueberries

1/2 cup (125 mL) - granulated sugar

1/3 cup (75 mL) - orange juice

4 tsp (20 mL) - cornstarch

← See left for directions





# AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS

## Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund

Nedaak is pleased to share with you all that we were selected to receive the **Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund (NADF) Business Award for the "6-10+ Years In Operation" category** at the 30th Annual NADF Awards! This event was held virtually on September 30, 2021. As a previous Partnership Award recipient in 2015, Nedaak was eligible for nomination. To watch the presentation, go to:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F\\_E4WXj8CSA&t=3638s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_E4WXj8CSA&t=3638s)

## Canadian Business Awards

Recipient of the 2022 Canadian Business Awards - Best Sustainable Forest Management Company - Ontario

## Business Elite Canada:

Nedaak was also featured in the **February 2022 edition** of Business Elite Canada! Check it out at:

<https://www.businesselitecanada.com/canadian-aboriginal/ne-daa-kii-me-naan-inc/>

# WORD SEARCH

AGREEMENT  
BLOCK  
BRUSHSAW  
BUNCHER  
DELIMBER  
FLOWERS  
FOREST  
GREENSTONE  
HAUL  
HECTARES  
KENOGAMI  
LAKE

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LOADER  
MOSQUITO  
NEDAAK  
PLANTING  
PROCESSOR  
SEEDLINGS  
SILVICULTURE  
SKIDDER  
SLASHER  
SPRING  
SUMMER  
SURVEY



# 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 led 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.

## CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

For opportunities to assist with Tree Plant, contact Taylor Hall by phone at **(807) 876-9696** or by email at [thall@nedaak.ca](mailto:thall@nedaak.ca).

If you would like to be contacted if there are problem/nuisance beavers on your trapline, contact Scott Koski **(807) 853-2407** or [skoski@nedaak.ca](mailto:skoski@nedaak.ca).

If you know of anyone with haul trucks that are interested in employment opportunities for hauling, contact Darcy Waboose at **(807) 853-0331** or [waboosedarcy@gmail.com](mailto:waboosedarcy@gmail.com).

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