

## FAR NORTH FOREST DEVELOP INITIATIVE

### ONGOING PROJECTS 2008/09

#### PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 003-R1

**Title:** Moose Cree Forest

**Applicant:** Moose Cree First Nation

**Funding:** \$219,165

**Duration:** 4 Years

**Description:** The Moose Cree are preparing to enter into the formal land use planning process with the Ministry of Natural Resources and need the resources to participate in the process. The applicants made it clear that the Moose Cree First Nation have not assumed that they will start commercial forestry in their traditional territory. The Chief and Council have agreed to enter into the land use planning process by direction from the Moose Cree membership. The Moose Cree First Nation is requested funding for two specific activities related to Community Land Use Planning. Specifically, a) Preparation and completion of the terms of reference for posting on the EBR by June 2006, and b) Ongoing work with the MNR, MOE and stakeholders during the public land use planning process from June 2006 to December 2007.

#### PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 010-R3

**Title:** Northern Boreal Initiative – Community based Land Use Planning

**Applicant:** Lars Ohman, on behalf of Cat Lake & Slate Falls First Nations

**Funding:** \$265,000

**Duration:** 3 Years

**Description:** Cat Lake First Nation and Slate Falls Nation want to maintain ancestral stewardship responsibilities for the land while pursuing new resource based economic opportunities in commercial forestry. Cat Lake First Nation and the Slate Falls First Nation are working in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and with the Northern Boreal Initiative Planning Team to prepare a community based land use strategy for that portion of our traditional territory that lies north of the area of the undertaking (AOU) and north of the area addressed by Ontario's Living Legacy existing planning direction. The endorsed Strategic Land Use Plan will act as a mechanism that sets out clear direction for land use and will enable Cat Lake and Slate Falls to assess the feasibility of commercial forestry within our traditional territory. A final endorsement of the strategies will be required from Cat Lake First Nation and Slate Falls Nation and the OMNR under the authority of the Minister of Natural Resources administering the Public Lands Act.

#### PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 011-R3

**Title:** Taa Shi Key Win – Eabametoong & Mishkeegogamang Community Based Land Use Planning Project.

**Applicant:** Ron Hammerstedt & Associates, on behalf of Eabametoong First Nation and Mishkeegogamang First Nation

**Funding:** \$259,000

**Duration:** 2 Years

**Description:** Taa Shi Key Win (pronounced “ta she kay’ win”) is Ojibway and translated literally means “where we live”. Figuratively, it means “our environment”. The Taa Shi Key Win Community Based Land Use Planning Initiative is the result of a process that was begun via the Northern Boreal Initiative nearly five years ago and now fits within the Far North Planning Initiative. The two First Nations, Eabametoong and Mishkeegogamang, have embarked on this initiative together and have remained together for the past five years while developing the large inventory required to carry out detailed land use planning. Project partners include the OMNR and MNDM. Approximately 75% of the inventory work (a greatly enhanced FRI with cultural inventory) has been completed. With the pending completion of the inventory these two communities are currently embarking on the Planning Phase. The results of this project include the development of a draft terms of reference for the planning process. The Terms of Reference will be the launching point of the planning process.

**PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 012-R3**

**Title:** Community-Based Land and Resource Management Planning: Integrating Community Knowledge, Land Use, and Values

**Applicant:** Constance Lake First Nation

**Funding:** \$169,000

**Duration:** 2 Year

**Description:** In Phase 3 Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) will develop, with full participation of the community, management strategies for community based land and resource planning centered on community values and knowledge of the NBI area. Furthermore, the community will utilize the data developed in previous phases to assess potential economic opportunities based on social, cultural and ecological values. CLFN’s land use plan strategy will also consist of adapting to new objectives and a mandate for land use planning, as the Ministry of Natural Resources evolves from a policy based (mostly on development of traditional forestry in the NBI) to a much wider approach. CLFN will adopt a more holistic approach, incorporating planning for habitat, conservation, carbon credits, Bio-mass, mines, tourism development etc. as well as forestry. CLFN wants to complete the production of a movie based on the film footage acquired in Phase 2. Phase 3 will be the part one of a three year project that will lead CLFN from its acquired TEK information and community understanding to a full land use plan and a forest management plan.

**PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 013-R3**

**Title:** Whitefeather Forest Initiative Feasibility Project – 2008/09: Fibre Quality Research Component

**Applicant:** Whitefeather Forest Management Corporation

**Funding:** \$100,000

**Duration:** 1 Year

**Description:** Pikangikum will undertake a research project to determine the quality of the fibre in the Whitefeather Forest. The overall objectives is to identify and evaluate highest value and best end use commercial value-added potential in the Whitefeather Forest based on the special attributes of the “slow growth” boreal fibre profile of the Whitefeather Forest

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### LIST OF COMPLETED PROJECTS 2008/09

#### **PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 007-R2**

**Title:** Building Knowledge – Research in Support of Community-Based Land Use Planning  
**Applicant:** Little Grand Rapids First Nation  
**Funding:** \$88,000  
**Duration:** 1 Year  
**Description:** Little Grand Rapids First Nation's long term vision is to complete a community-based land use plan for their traditional lands (located in Ontario and Manitoba). This project pertains to trapline areas in Ontario and early stages of research and knowledge-gathering to build an information base from which to develop a land use plan. The purpose of the project is to undertake a variety of activities that will increase their knowledge about the history, environmental characteristics and economic potential of trapline areas in Ontario. Land use planning is also a requirement for achieving inscription on the list of World Heritage Sites. Little Grand Rapids is working on this project in conjunction with Pauingassi First Nations FNFD Project #008-R2.

#### **PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 008-R2**

**Title:** Building Knowledge – Research in Support of Community-Based Land Use Planning  
**Applicant:** Pauingassi First Nation  
**Funding:** \$88,000  
**Duration:** 1 Year  
**Description:** Pauingassi First Nation's long term vision is to complete a community-based land use plan for their traditional lands (located in Ontario and Manitoba). This project pertains to trapline areas in Ontario and early stages of research and knowledge-gathering to build an information base from which to develop a land use plan. The purpose of the project is to undertake a variety of activities that will increase their knowledge about the history, environmental characteristics and economic potential of trapline areas in Ontario. Land use planning is also a requirement for achieving inscription on the list of World Heritage Sites. Little Grand Rapids is working on this project in conjunction with Little Grand Rapids First Nations FNFD Project #007-R2.

#### **PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 009-R2**

**Title:** Community-Based Land and Resource Management Planning: Integrating Community Knowledge, Land Use, and Values  
**Applicant:** Constance Lake First Nation  
**Funding:** \$110,000  
**Duration:** 1 Year  
**Description:** This project will document and integrate Constance Lake First Nation's (CLFN) Traditional Knowledge base, land use values and occupancy, both historical and current. A self-made map of Traditional Knowledge in an interactive, as well as audio/video GIS program form will consist of values maps, traditional knowledge information, and culturally-significant sites. Each value, plant, animal or significant site on the interactive map will have attached to it a story (both audio and video) told by Constance Lake Elders, trappers and other membership that will contribute to building a Traditional knowledge information base. The project will provide the opportunity for increase training and capacity building for Youth and Elders through participation in Field Inventories, Permanent Sample Plots and values collection and mapping. The community will utilize the data to ensure that values are understood, acknowledged and managed for during resource management planning. CLFN

will develop management strategies for community-based land and resource planning centered on community values and knowledge for the area. Furthermore, the community will utilize the data to assess potential economic opportunities based on social, cultural and ecological values.

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### **LIST OF COMPLETED PROJECTS**

#### **PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 001-R1**

**Title:** Whitefeather Forest Initiative: Development Planning Activities Project – 2005/06  
**Applicant:** Whitefeather Forest Management Corporation  
**Funding:** \$250,000  
**Duration:** 1 Year  
**Description:** This project supports activities in the final year of a five year process to complete a Land Use Strategy for the Whitefeather Forest Planning Area including completion of the Land Use Strategy document, completion of related dialogue with interested parties and presentation to the public for comment at the third and final Open House. Additional activities included dialogue and development of an Options paper related to cooperative management and stewardship arrangements between Pikangikum and OMNR for the Whitefeather Forest Planning Area; and development of business arrangements in relation to a proposed value-added enterprise development in partnership with Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation and an industry partner. A number of partnership arrangements regarding financial support for this project were established. The Forestry Futures Trust provided support in areas where funding was not available.

#### **PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 002-R1**

**Title:** Community-Based Land Use Planning  
**Applicant:** Windigo First Nations Council, on behalf of Slate Falls First Nation and Cat Lake First Nation  
**Funding:** \$208,560  
**Duration:** 2 Years  
**Description:** The Windigo First Nations Council communities of Slate Falls First Nation and Cat Lake First Nation wish to continue the community based land use planning and resource documentation that was started in 2000. The primary interest of Slate Falls and Cat Lake is to pursue new resource-based economic development through forestry by acquiring commercial forest tenure and associated forestry opportunities as well as protected areas opportunities within their traditional territories. These community-based land use plans will prepare Slate Falls and Cat Lake to lead economic development initiatives that will result in new jobs and a leadership role in sustainable forest management. One of the products of the community-based land use planning exercise will be the preparation of a Strategic Action Plan which will outline the steps required to reach the goals of a Sustainable Forest License.

#### **PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 004-R1**

**Title:** Northeastern NBI Forestry Opportunity Study  
**Applicant:** Constance Lake First Nation  
**Funding:** \$66,000  
**Duration:** 2 Years  
**Description:** Constance Lake First Nation was provided funding to hire a Coordinator to assist Constance

Lake First Nation with its Community Based Land Use Plan for the area of interest contained in the Northern Boreal Initiative area. Some specific deliverables the Committee would like to see from the allocation of these funds include: 1.) Coordinator/consultant hired within three months; 2.) Development of a background document outlining previous work related to the Northern Boreal Initiative; 3.) Development of a work plan that will build on previous work and outline a community based land use planning process; 4.) Exploration of partnerships with the other First Nations and coming to some resolution; and 5) Submission of a full proposal in the next round of applications outlining Constance Lake's proposed approach to community based land use planning and requesting the necessary funds to complete the work.

**PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 005-R1**

**Title:** Community-Based Land Use Planning Project (CBLUPP)  
**Applicant:** Eabametoong First Nation/Mishkeegogamang First Nation  
**Funding:** \$90,000  
**Duration:** 3 Years  
**Description:** Eabametoong First Nation and Mishkeegogamang First Nation wish to start the learning process for community based planning and plan to develop a terms of reference for the actual planning process. To support this learning process the communities believe that communications must begin in earnest between and among the partners in this project including: Community of Eabametoong FN, Community of Mishkeegogamang FN, MNR, MNM, and Community of Pickle Lake. Forestry Futures funds are provided to support travel and meeting expenses associated with communication between the various partners.

**PROJECT NUMBER: FNFD 006-R2**

**Title:** Northern Boreal Initiative - Community-Based Land Use Planning  
**Applicant:** Windigo First Nations Council, on behalf of Slate Falls First Nation and Cat Lake First Nation  
**Funding:** \$118,000  
**Duration:** 1 Year  
**Description:** The land is an integral part of the cultural, economic and spiritual existence of the Cat Lake and Slate Falls First Nations. Cat Lake First Nation and Slate Falls Nation are working in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and with the Northern Boreal Initiative Planning Team to prepare a community-based land use strategy for that portion of their traditional territory that lies north of the area of the undertaking (AOU) and north of the area addressed by Ontario's Living Legacy existing planning direction. The endorsed Strategic Land Use Plan will act as a mechanism that sets out clear direction for land use and will enable Cat Lake and Slate Falls to assess the feasibility of commercial forestry within their traditional territory. A final endorsement of strategies will be required from Cat Lake and Slate Falls and from the OMNR under the authority of the Minister of Natural Resources administering the Public lands Act. Once the strategic land use planning document is complete it will provide direction to government, resource based industry and other land use regulatory agencies in their assessment of development projects.