



Wahkohtowin
Development GP Inc.

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*Your First Nation owned
Community Partner in
Developing Sustainability*

Wacheyay, Ahnii from Wahkohtowin!

Over this last year we have taken the time to continue to grow business partnership and professional services related to Forestry and business development. At the direction of the Shareholders and further supported by the Board of Directors there has been increased success in the following areas;



NEW Tree to Home – selected as 1 of 24 Indigenous Innovative Housing Initiatives; Wahkohtowin with partner Boreal Produits have the opportunity bring and build thermology technology homes and buildings by completing a process of community engagement to develop and confirm housing product design and needs combined with increased sales in Ontario leading to the establishment of manufacturing in the northeast superior region.

<https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/indigenous-homes/innovators>



Ongoing – Guardian Initiative (logo to left) – Steering Committee formation, partner with OUTLAND – Ontario Youth Employment Program to expand access to more camps 16 to 20yrs – if interested contact Chelsie Parayko at wdgpi.gm@wahkohtowin.com and she can put you in touch with the application intake process.

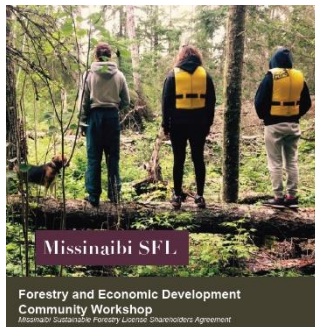


Ongoing – Wahkohtowin continues to assist First Nations in developing **Customized Consultation Approach agreements to support meaningful participation in Forest Management Planning** and ultimately as part of growing Lands and Resource Departments as passed under BCR by each respective First Nation leadership teams. The CCA's are designed to address ALL forest plans and annual works schedules affecting each FN territory.

Ongoing - Business start up – Harvesting Company 2680985 Ontario Corp. – launched March 2019 and set to harvest up to 130,000m³; currently employing people from the region and is looking to expand in the summer 2020 with more equipment as part of its business model.

Ongoing – the **Shareholder Agreement is signed** for the Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence and the **draft business plan is in circulation** to the OMNRF; the first Board of Directors meeting was held Feb 4th, 2020. The amalgamation of the Martel/Magpie Forest is set to become the Missinaibi Forest and finalized by April 1st, 2021. A single Forest Management Plan is currently under

development for the two forests – and the name Missanabie Forest is being proposed for the ESFL. Up to five First Nations and three Municipalities will have access to a board roll and assist in the direction of management.



NEW – To build readiness for the First Nation Sustainability and Diversification Fund a series of community engagement sessions will occur to set priority project areas for the First Nation Committee to consider as part of increasing Full Participation in the benefits derived from Forestry and Forest Management Planning. **Watch for Posters – or Notices.**

Confirmed – Completion August 2020 - Wahkohtowin has purchased a house in Chapleau that will undergo a renovation to become an office that seeks to act as an **Innovation Lab** where a range of services can be sought from individuals, our First Nation Shareholder communities, other businesses, organizations and municipalities.

Get Ready for the Birch Tap for 2020 - organizing and calls for volunteers is underway!! We look forward to hosting tours and making available Birch Water to communities and Elders. The sale of the Birch Syrup will be reinvested into the Guardianship Program to stabilized uncertainty in funding to allow increased engagement in community initiatives and grow the youth as future stewards into jobs and careers.



NEW – Wahkohtowin will organize a submission for its shareholder First Nations to the current draft of the **Ontario Provincial Forest Strategy – Dec 2019** - open for comments. While the vision and indicators are aspirational and includes increasing Indigenous Peoples participation into its further development – the success of sustainable forest management, climate action and species at risk considerations for healthy ecosystems rests with our Full Participation and a clear plan, including resources for that to occur.

NEW – We have hired another staff person – Dakota Souliere of Missanabie Cree FN, who will serve as a Compliance Assessor Intern (NOHFC) and after 1 year become provincially accredited -this is part of the broader Monitoring and Guardian Development Strategy.

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