



# Wahkohtowin Development GP Inc.

## Summary of Climate Action – Engagement

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Engagement	Activity	Method – Description	Comments
<b>Community</b>			
Newsletter - Wahkohtowin updates	Fall 2019/Winter 2020	Wahkohtowin provides short write ups for its shareholder First Nations to identify key project areas and where to get additional information.	Increased awareness across membership of the project and the development of action or strategy.
CCFN Powwow	August 2019	Kiosk and Sharing of Project progress – Community Learning Kit.	Direct engagement with over 50 individuals exploring emerging priorities and actions that are being considered.
MCFN Gathering	August 2019	Kiosk and Sharing of Project progress – Community Learning Kit.	Direct engagement with over 50 individuals exploring emerging priorities and actions that are being considered.
BHFN Youth Workshop – Guardians	April 2019	Workshop in a discussion format tied to NTFP and Tree identification to garner a sense of awareness and knowledge of Youth about Climate Change.	In addition to a survey on Guardian Program activities to be prioritized for in community projects.  Support for increased knowledge of Climate Science awareness and interest in action and monitoring by the Youth expressed.
<b>First Nation Leadership</b>			
Progress/Project Briefings (eBrief)	April 2019 to March 2020	Board and Shareholder (First Nation) – project updates provided every 1 to 2 months.	Tracking of community engagement and building direction into the Forest

			Management Planning process – to be extrapolated across the SFL’s affecting each First Nation’s Territory.
Desired Future Forest Benefits – Long Term Management Direction	Aug to Dec 2019	Focused on the Martel-Magpie amalgamation forest – input provided on the desire to set objectives for Forest Carbon Management for Climate Action	Submissions from each First Nation to establish space for emerging objectives for forest carbon objectives and acknowledge the priority as set by Indigenous People.
Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA)– submission to MECF	March 2020	An IEA was submitted on the Gorden Cosen Forest Management Plan – to reiterate a gap in meaningful consultation and full consideration of Climate Change Impact and further erosion of Aboriginal Rights and Treaty Rights.	There are up to 9 Forest Management Plans that affect the collective Territories of the Wahkohtowin First Nations. The IEA request is ongoing but seeks to address the gap and lack of inclusion of Climate Action considerations in the FMP’s Objective and Indicators derived from the DFFB/LTMD input process.
<b>Regional</b>			
Algoma University	May 2019	Taking Care of Our Land - Symposium	Provided a presentation on the Forest Carbon – Climate Action project on behalf of the First Nations of the NE Superior in a learning circle format at the symposium; there were approximately 20 participants ranging from community environmental technicians, Chiefs or Councillors (portfolio holders), community members, provincial

			government, Algoma academics.
NAN Chiefs in Assembly	August 2019	Collaboration with NAN Environment Staff to deliver a resolution and Pan-Nan Strategy to assist in elevating the community driven strategies.	Resolution and Strategy were deferred to the next Assembly.
NAN Environment/Housing Conference	Nov 2019	Presentation of the developing tools and resources for growing a forest carbon management strategy was shared with conference goers.	Approximately 40 participants attended a panel style breakout session. A forest carbon and climate action project summary and strategy was provided.
NAN Chiefs in Assembly	Nov 2019	Re-introduction of the Resolution and the call for engaging the draft NAN Climate Action Strategy.	Resolution passed unanimously.  The Ontario Provincial election and change in Climate Action direction and funding – combined with the Federal election causing a reorganization of Minister and Senior staff and program funds has limited NAN’s Environment staff success in advancing a G2G approach.
Wahkohtowin – Forestry 101 Workshop	Feb 2020	Presentation of the progress and information provided for the value proposition of exploring Forest Carbon Management and Climate Action.	There were approximately 20 participants from 7 First Nations.  Strong uptake and interest to grow a localized/regional Forest Carbon strategy and action into the Forest Management Planning process and

			<p>conduct monitoring on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>This marks a first of its kind workshop hosted and led by First Nation practitioners.</p>
<b>Conferences and other learning opportunities (attended)</b>			
Nature Based Climate Solutions	Feb 2020	<p>450 participants from across Canada - from British Columbia to the Northwest Territories to Newfoundland - and in a diversity of sectors (federal, provincial, and municipal leaders, Indigenous leaders &amp; nations, conservation and climate non-profits, large foundations &amp; funders, farmers, labour unions representatives, industry associations, and more) participated in this summit to demonstrate widespread support for bold government investment and action on nature-based solutions to climate change.</p>	<p>There are a number of major opportunities on the horizon, such as the emergence of the UN Nature-based Solutions to Climate Coalition and the Post-2020 Convention on Biological Diversity negotiations. Here at home, the new federal government has made a commitment to plant billions of trees, create a natural climate solutions fund, and protect 30% of Canada's lands and oceans by 2030.</p>