

## Checklist for Community Forest FSC Certification in Ontario

### Key Examples of Forest Management Requirements

- Public consultations for management planning – make use of forest advisory committees made up of groups representing diverse forest values
- Forest Management Plan
- Harvest Prescriptions (signed by Registered Professional Forester or associate)
- Planning & Prescriptions shall include landscape level considerations
- Movement towards natural forest condition in plantations
- Areas of concern as per Policies & Procedures Manual – examples include:
  - Hawk Nests
  - Deer Wintering
  - Cavity Trees
  - Supercanopy Trees
- Use of Certified Tree Markers
- Use local workers where possible
- Ensure all forest workers have WSIB coverage and public & employers liability insurance
- Contracts in place with all forest workers
- Boundary lines are well established and are not in contention
- Notice to adjacent landowners of operations
- Monitoring of harvest – fill in forms, keep on file, as per Policies & Procedures Manual:
  - Logging damage assessments
  - Wood utilization
  - Verifications of Areas of Concern (AOC)
  - Skid Trails
  - Landings
  - Rutting
  - Wood tracking
  - Access Roads
  - Water crossings
- Use a bill of lading process for wood tracking
- Efforts made to send wood to a chain of custody mill
- Pesticides & Herbicides – limit use



This is not an exhaustive list, it is a list of key items; all items required for certification are listed within the *EOMF Forest Certification Program Policies & Procedures Manual*.

