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HPCC GUIDING PRINCIPLES
HPCC’s guiding principles include the following:
- Healthy rural economies and communities require the maintenance of healthy and resilient ecosystems;
- Environmental, social, and economic values should be integrated through careful, sustainable, community-based forest management;
- Resource management in domestic and community watersheds should be controlled by local communities;
- Forest management decision making should strive to maintain a range of opportunities for future generations.
ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND OUTREACH GOALS

HPCC’s broad environmental, social, economic and outreach goals are as follows:

**Environmental goals**
- maintain fully functioning ecosystems at the landscape, watershed, and stand levels;
- support ecosystem resilience in the face of climate change;
- maintain, enhance, and protect biodiversity and wildlife habitat;
- provide community environmental benefits, such as clean water;
- ensure sustainability of timber and non-timber resources;

**Social and economic goals**
- sustainably manage forests for a variety of timber and non-timber products;
- provide recreation and wildcrafting opportunities;
- continue to pursue local lumber and value-added wood products manufacturing opportunities and markets;
- provide and support local employment opportunities in the forestry, ecosystem management, and value-added sectors;
- provide more jobs per cubic meter of timber harvested than the current provincial average;
- pursue opportunities for economic diversification in the forestry, non-timber forest products, ecosystem management, and value-added sectors;
- maintain good working relationships with First Nations;
- implement effective strategies and demonstrate meaningful community participation.

**Outreach, education and research goals**
- demonstrate sustainable and innovative forestry planning and practices;
- support research related to community resource stewardship, alternative silviculture systems, and climate change adaptation;
- support education opportunities for students and community members.
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

HPCC’s specific resource management objectives are as follows:

**Water objectives**
- maintain water quality, quantity, and timing of flow;
- minimize the impacts of roads and timber harvesting on hydrological regimes;
- minimize soil disturbance that could result in stream sedimentation.

**Riparian areas objectives**
- identify and protect riparian areas during forest planning and operations;
- maintain soil stability and stream channel integrity in riparian areas;
- maintain forest connectivity along major riparian corridors, including all mainstem stream channels.

**Biological diversity objectives**
- maintain biodiversity when planning and implementing forestry activities;
- maintain and enhance forest structural diversity and biological legacies;
- maintain and recruit old growth forests at a level compatible with the range of natural variability, while considering climate change impacts;
- identify and protect rare, threatened and endangered ecosystem types.

**Wildlife habitat objectives**
- manage for forest composition and structures compatible with the habitat needs of a wide range of wildlife;
- maintain habitat for keystone, vulnerable, threatened and endangered wildlife species.

**Soil objectives**
- maintain the productivity and hydrological functioning of forest soils.

**Wildfire protection objectives**
- improve community wildfire protection;
- attempt to lower the risk of catastrophic wildfires.
Forest health objectives
- maintain resilient and healthy forests that address HPCC’s broad environmental and social goals.

Visual objectives
- minimize the visual impact of harvesting and road building activities.

Recreation objectives
- maintain and, where possible, improve recreation opportunities in the community forest.

Timber objectives
- maintain sustainable timber harvest rates, while considering ecosystem resilience and climate change projections;
- manage forests for a diverse range of wood products, including sawlogs, peelers, building logs, poles, firewood, pulp and specialty wood products;
- provide logs suitable for milling and value-added processing in the Harrop-Procter community.

Non-timber forest products objectives
- continue to explore opportunities for sustainable management of non-timber forest products, including medicinal herbs, wild foods, wildcrafting materials, and florals.

Do you agree?

What changes would you like to see?

What do you think is missing?