

# The Forestry Programs Prioritization Committee (FPPC)

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The Forestry Programs Prioritization Committee (FPPC) was created in order to supervise the administration of the services flowing from the implementation of;

- a) The Agreement regarding Cree Traditional Activities Enhancement between Le Gouvernement du Quebec and the Crees of Quebec(Nov 2005-Present)  
(2018-2021 Agreement to Resolve the Baril Moses Dispute)
- b) The Agreement delegating management of the Forest Resource Development Program-Component II between the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks and the Regional conference of Elected Officials-North of Quebec-Regional Cree Authority (Dec 2004-March 31, 2015)
- c) Any other forestry related programs that may be developed in the future.



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The role of the FPFC is to oversee the overall implementation and monitor the proposal approval process of projects under the enhancement and Volet II Agreements or under any other forestry related programs that may be developed in the future.

The FPCC is composed of members appointed by the Executive Committee of the GCC(EI)/CNG.

In carrying out its' role the FPFC shall;

- Ensure that the Agreements are implemented in accordance with terms and conditions.
- Develop additional criteria in accordance with those set out in the program criteria and instructions of the Consolidated Forestry Programs Law.
- Ensure the MRNW representatives are consulted during the initial phases of the project
- Publicize the Enhancement and the Volet II Agreement.



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- Review annually the list of projects that are approved.
- Ensure that all necessary permits and authorizations are obtained by the proponent before the commencement of work.
- Ensure the submission of annual reports (Sept 30)
- Ensure that the projects are carried out in accordance with the project submissions.

## Ensure adequate consultation with the Cree Communities.

- Provide CNG with semi-annual reports.
- Make the necessary adjustments to the Annexes to the present law.

Program criteria and instructions, Template Funding Agreement, Community Forestry Programs Officers, Template Application Form



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- For a project to be eligible for funding the Proposal must be reviewed and initialed by the Community Forestry Program Officer, the CRA Forestry Program Officer, the Director of Environment and finally the CRA Treasurer in writing, and shall indicate the information required on the application form contemplated by Annex D hereof, including the purpose, nature and location of the project, its proposed costs, the nature of such costs and the identity of the entity, entities, individual or individuals responsible for its implementation, as well as the nature of Cree employment or contracts or Cree in kind service or both.

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The Forestry Programs Prioritization Committee shall:

- Recommend the approval of only those projects which are contemplated by sections 3 and 4.2 of the Enhancement Agreement;
- Ensure that priority is given to traplines being subject or having been subject to forestry activities in the last five (5) years (section 4.3 of the Enhancement Agreement), and, thereafter, that priority be given to traplines having been subject to forestry activities more than five (5) years ago; and
- Ensure that priority is given to favour the productivity of the traplines in order for Cree Traditional Activities to be carried out therein, and, thereafter, that means be given to reinforce the hunting, fishing and trapping activities of Cree beneficiaries under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA).



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The communities affected by forestry operations are Mistissini, Nemaska, Ouje-Bougoumou, Waskaganish , and Waswanipi.

A total of 115 traplines are eligible for funding under the Enhancement Program.

These projects create short term employment for the supervisor and workers of the projects who are designated by the Tallyman of the trapline.

The Forestry Programs Prioritization Committee encourage the sharing of these projects amongst family and extended family.

One of the communities directs some of these monies (an amount of \$1,500 from each trapline) towards spring snow removal as snow removal is eligible for funding.



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## Article 3: Nature of Eligible Projects

3.1 Insofar as the main goal of this agreement is to conciliate changes due to forestry with the practical concerns of trappers, eligible projects are as follows:

- a) Replacing or relocating facilities (camps, docks, etc);
- b) Facilitating travel by trappers in the course of their activities.
- c) Upgrading of specific sites of interest (gathering places, etc);**
- d) Other measures aimed at reinforcing the exercise of hunting, fishing and trapping activities.

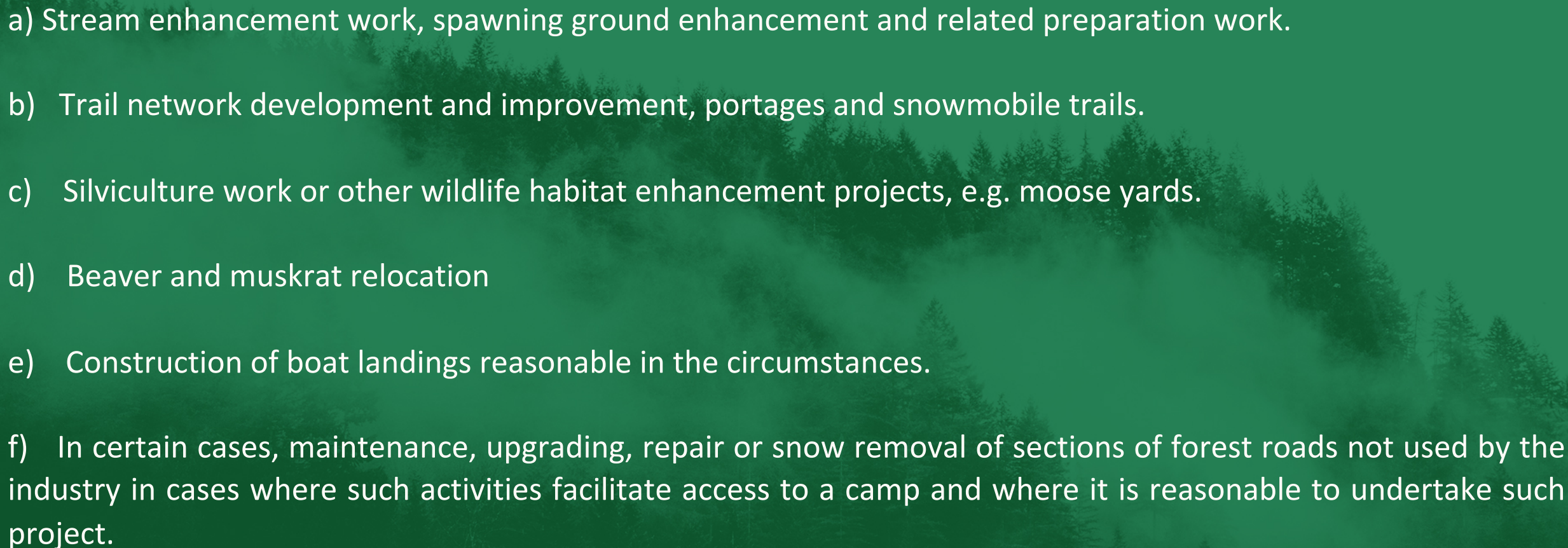


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### 3.2 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing the following examples constitute eligible projects:

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- a) Stream enhancement work, spawning ground enhancement and related preparation work.
  - b) Trail network development and improvement, portages and snowmobile trails.
  - c) Silviculture work or other wildlife habitat enhancement projects, e.g. moose yards.
  - d) Beaver and muskrat relocation
  - e) Construction of boat landings reasonable in the circumstances.
  - f) In certain cases, maintenance, upgrading, repair or snow removal of sections of forest roads not used by the industry in cases where such activities facilitate access to a camp and where it is reasonable to undertake such project.



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## Proposal approval process:

1. The local Program Officer is responsible to ensure proponent applications are complete.
2. Upon completion of application, the local Program Officer forwards all applications to the Regional Program Officer, the application is then reviewed to ensure conformity with the program policies;
3. If the project meet the program requirements, the project is then tabled at the Forestry Programs Prioritization Committee at which time the project is either recommended for approval or rejected.  
(a) At this meeting, any committee members, employees, and/or partners must declare any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in project applications. Such person may not participate in the discussions or decisions making process of the project.
4. The recommendation is done by the Forestry Programs Prioritization Committee and is based on availability of funds.
5. Once projects are recommended for approval by the Forestry Programs Prioritization Committee, the treasurer of the Cree Nation Government issues the release of the Funding Agreements.



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## NEW MEASURE TO THE CREE TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES Article 5.3

# New Measure IMPOSED March 28, 2013

The CRA shall conduct random annual monitoring spot checks as further verification of project completion.

Representatives of regional ministeres des Ressources naturelles shall be invited by the CRA to participate in these random annual monitoring spot checks. The process and results of these monitoring spot checks shall be included in the annual reports contemplate in section 6.3

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***POLICIES OF THE FORESTRY PROGRAMS PRIORITIZATION COMMITTEE  
REVISED OCTOBER 1, 2007-REVISION 2018 WAITING FOR OUTCOME OF RESTRUCTURING AT  
CREE NATION GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE UP-DATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL***

## Policy no. 1 re Requests for subsidies for hunting equipment

Equipment has to be reasonable in the circumstances.

Subsidy of 100 % of the purchase price if reasonable. \$8500 maximum for transportation means such as ski-doo's.

Purchase price has to be lowest bid available.

Subsidy given once every 3 years maximum for a maximum total of \$10 000. Repairs and maintenance not covered: responsibility of owner of the equipment. Maximum 10 % of the budget envelop of each community on a three-year horizon.

New equipment bought from commercial mainstream vendor must be in conformity with off-highway vehicle legislation and regulation safety requirements.

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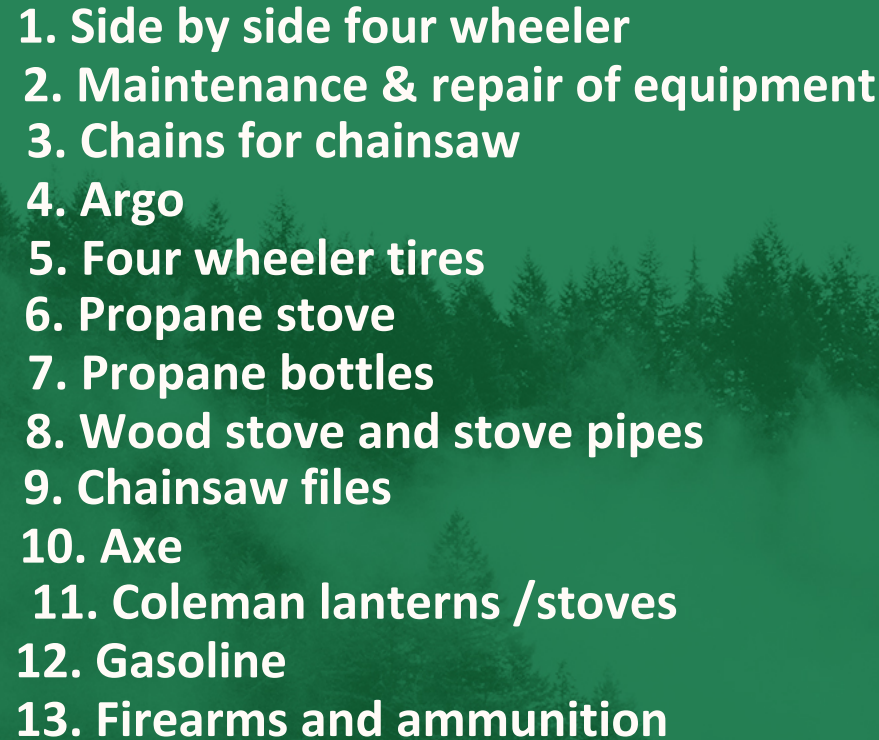


**This program also provides equipment to the Trappers every three years.**

### a) Acceptable Equipment:

1. Snowmobiles-(No racing machines)
2. Four wheelers-(No racing machines)
3. Outboard motors (30 hp maximum)
4. Boats (18' Maximum)
5. Snowplow for vehicle
6. Wood splitter
7. Chainsaw
8. Snow-blower
9. Canoes
10. Generators
11. Trailers
12. Solar panels
13. Floating docks
14. Portable sawmills docks

## (b) Non Acceptable Equipment

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1. Side by side four wheeler
  2. Maintenance & repair of equipment
  3. Chains for chainsaw
  4. Argo
  5. Four wheeler tires
  6. Propane stove
  7. Propane bottles
  8. Wood stove and stove pipes
  9. Chainsaw files
  10. Axe
  11. Coleman lanterns /stoves
  12. Gasoline
  13. Firearms and ammunition

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## Policy no. 5 re Natural Disasters

In case of cabin or equipment loss due to natural disasters, special considerations will be granted in place of the FPFC policies – within the financial limits of the program – to ensure replacement losses.

## Policy no. 6 re Trapline splits

The traplines eligible for Enhancement Projects are those traplines contemplated by the adapted forestry regime and more particularly by section 3.7.2 thereof. Such traplines cannot be split for the purposes of the implementation of the Enhancement Agreement. Projects on split 3.7.2 traplines shall be treated as different projects on a single 3.7.2 trapline.

## Policy no. 7 re Firewood

The total amount of claim for firewood is limited at \$1275.00 annually which is based on 15 cords @ \$85.00. Any claim exceeding this amount will have to be justified.



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In the case of firewood when we approve \$85 per cord this should cover the chainsaw rental. The proposed changes to policies was not presented to the Management or the Executive. Everyone is asking for 15 cords but we never get reports for firewood. So now we have decided we only allow 8 cords and not 15 cords.

In kind contribution elaborated by Abel. Isaac elaborate on the presentation of firewood. Less pay, no one wants to cut wood, people don't want to go to the bush without wood. Joshua recommend we create a mechanism with the CNG and other Entities. Firewood has it's limitations, perhaps for widows and Elders only, and people with disabilities and health issues

# Proposed

## Mechanism with Cree Nation Government (Environment and Remedial Works Department) and other Entities- Firewood

Firewood shall only be provided for Elders, widows, people with disabilities and health issues.

So as to promote the health and well-being of the Cree Nation and in particular those whom practice the traditional activities firewood will not be subsidized for tallyman who are capable of cutting their own wood.

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- However, tallyman may submit woodcutting projects when wood is required for Elders, widows, people with disabilities and health issues.

If firewood is subsidized, it should not be paid directly to the tallyman/proponent. The person that collected the firewood, upon proof, should be the one to get paid.

Families are encouraged to provide firewood for Elders, widows and people with disabilities and health issues within their families.

However the Environment and Remedial Works Department of the Cree Nation Government do not discourage the woodcutting projects initiated by the Communities' for the benefit of the Elders, widows, people with disabilities and health issues under other programs such as Niskamoon.

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## Conditions to Schedule II of funding agreement

Proponent shall ensure that all necessary permits and authorizations are obtained;

Proponent shall ensure that the work is carried out in a manner that will respect environmental requirements;

Proponent shall ensure that the individuals who benefit from the subsidy have the insurance coverage of the Cree Trappers Cabin Insurance Program;

Proponent shall take cognizance of all Enhancement Program Policies and inform the individuals who benefit from the subsidy accordingly;

Proponent shall ensure that the individuals who benefit from the subsidies have proper insurance coverage for the subsidized equipment.



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# Monitoring:

1. Each project is required to have photos of the activities; including before, during, and after photos. These photos may be taken by the proponent, the local Monitor, or the Program Officer.
2. Random spot checks will be conducted by the regional Field Monitor. The spot check will be done in collaboration with the local Program Officer, and accompanied by a representative of the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles; (a) Projects for the random spot check are randomly selected by the regional Field Monitor.  
(b) Notification of spot checks will be issues by the Field Monitor, and delivered to the proponent by the local Program Officers.  
(c) A proponent of a project subject to a spot check is required to cooperate and participate in the visit. They are to communicate to the Regional Field Monitor the progress of their projects.  
(d) The spot checks take place at any time during or after completion of approved projects.
3. All monitored projects are done in the following year of project implementation. Evaluation is based on the project description as stipulated in the application of the project submission (this is enough to ensure CNG can do the monitor visit. When the time come when there will be a review of the Funding Agreement then this can another of the additions, but for now it will do)

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Project Enhancement: *Porch construction*  
 Year: *2016-2017* Date visited: *June 27, 2017*  
 Land user: *David Bosum Sr.*  
 Tally person: *David Bosum Sr.*  
 GPS point: *49 56'01.399"N, 74 10'29.330"W*



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# Reporting

2. For each project the proponent shall keep and maintain or cause to be kept and maintained records of its activities and expenditures with respect to the funding related to the use of approved funds.

- (a) Photos of the completed work;
- (b) Copy of the signed casual hiring form(s);
- (c) Signed time sheet(s) of any casual labourer(s);
- (d) In the case for a newly constructed camp, proponents are to purchase and provide a copy of insurance coverage for the subject camp (i.e.: from the Cree Trappers Cabin Insurance Program).



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