

Public Consultation: Proposed Timber Harvesting

The Town of Kirkland Lake invites public input on proposed wood harvesting on municipally owned land as per the Municipality's [Landowner Management Agreement](#). The two areas under consideration are:

- [Site One: KL Landfill](#)
- [Site Two: Swastika North](#)

These are described in the following pages.

We invite you to share your opinions and concerns about the proposed harvesting through completing the following survey. Your feedback will help Council decide if harvesting shall proceed and if so, what additional conditions should be included in the Request for Proposal process.

The survey will be open for a two week period. All completed surveys must include name, address and telephone/email details. Results will be compiled and provided to Council. A virtual open house will held upon completion of the survey period.

Questions on the process may be directed to:

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Proposed Timber Harvesting Site One: KL Landfill

Legal Description: PCL 9969 SEC CST; Mining Claim L28300 Gauthier Township

Location: Immediately to the East of the entrance to the Kirkland Lake Dump.

Composition: Comprises over 95% mature jack pine (80 years old).

Special Notes:

- All trees reserved to the Crown (and therefore Crown Dues are payable).
- Stand is beginning to decline due to age of trees.
- Parcel is NOT part of municipal Landowner Management Agreement.

Recommendations:

- That the guidance established in the Landowner Management Agreement be applied to the parcel.
- That the Municipality consider entering into an agreement with a Timber Harvester or mill via a competitive process through which the bidders provide a provide a “lump sum” bid for the right to obtain a Forest Resource Licence (FRL) for the area from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and conduct harvesting operations.
- That the successful bidder be required to make full payment to the Municipality in advance of harvesting, provide a performance bond to ensure that the area is successfully replanted to jack pine. Once the area was replanted, the bond would be refunded.

Proposed Timber Harvesting Site One: KL Landfill - Available Block Volumes

Stand #	AGE	HARVEST AREA (Hectares)	Available Block Volume (cubic metres)					TOTAL	
			Jack pine	Other Conifers	Total Conifer	Poplar	Birch		Total Hardwood
28107	77	5.88	888.4	0.0	888.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	888.4
30907	77	4.31	711.9	0.0	711.9	50.9	0.0	50.9	762.8
32308	77	2.61	469.3	0.0	469.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	469.3
									0.0
TOTAL		12.6	2047.6	0.0	2047.6	50.9	0.0	50.9	2098.5

Proposed Timber Harvesting Site One: KL Landfill - Topographical Map



Proposed Timber Harvesting Site One: KL Landfill - Satellite Image



Proposed Timber Harvesting Site Two: Swastika North

Legal Description: Harvesting in all or part of the following:

- Block TK4: Mining Claims: L7058, L7057, L16680, L4869, L16614, L4230, L14192, L40218
- Block TK5: Mining Claims: L6863, L6843, L9814, L9809, L9811, L24029, L6083
- Block TK6: Mining Claims: L9810, L7411, L6842, L9812, L9813, L390, L4266
- Block TK10: Mining Claims RSC210, RSC209, RSC210

Location: North of Blanche River, South of Perron Lake, West of Elsie Lake

Composition: Jack Pine, Spruce, Poplar, Birch

Special Notes: “All Trees Reserved” and “Pine Reserved” to the Crown on the titles.

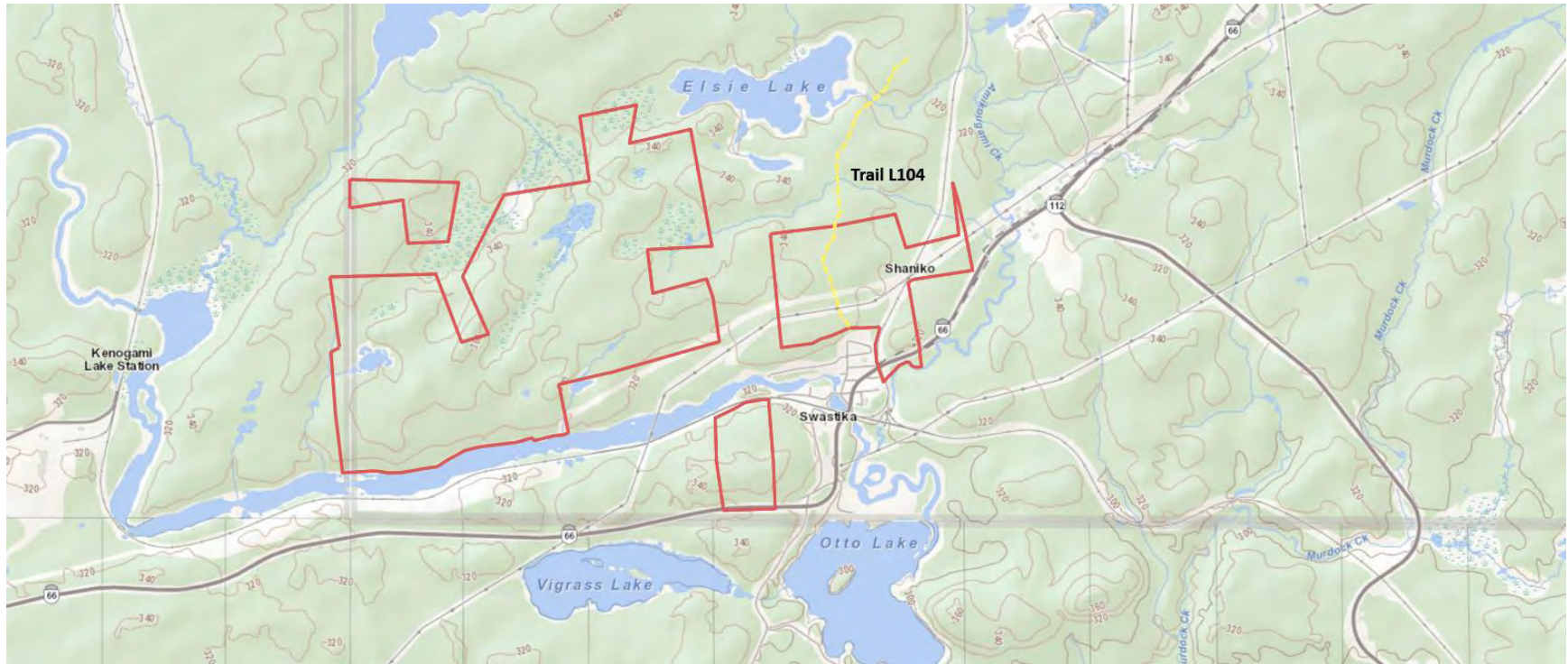
Recommendations:

- That the Municipality release a formal, competitive and public Request for Proposals through which it will solicit bids for the harvesting of the some or all of these blocks (as proposed by the successful contractor and as approved by Council).
- That the successful bidder provides a “lump sum” bid for the right to obtain a Forest Resource Licence (FRL) for the area from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and conduct harvesting operations.
- That the successful bidder should be required to make full payment to the Municipality in advance of harvesting, provide a performance bond and ensure that the area is successfully regenerated as per the Preferred Silvicultural Ground Rules (Table 8) in the Agreement. Once the site is replanted, the bond will be refunded.
- Staff recommends a minimum 200 meter setback from the Blanche River for aesthetic reasons. Bidders may propose a different setback and provide reasons therefore.

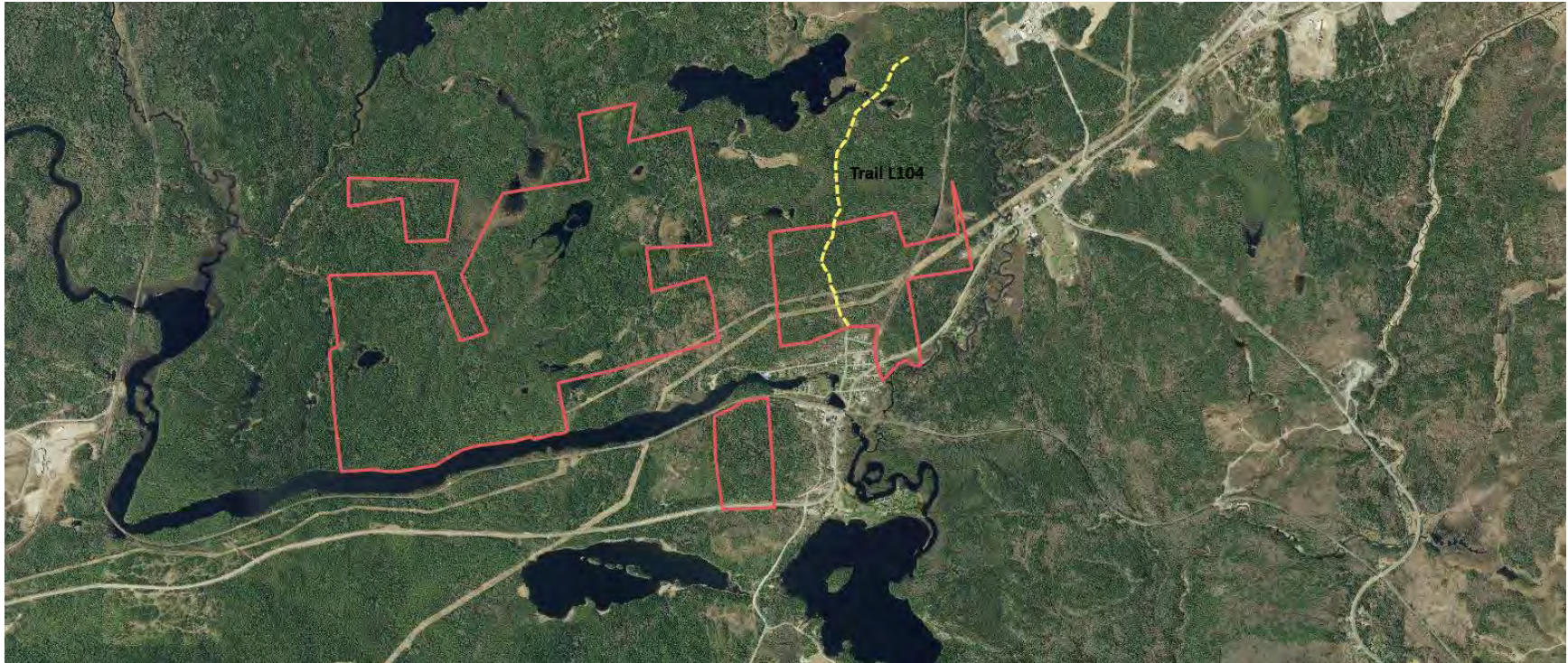
Proposed Timber Harvesting Site Two: Swastika North - Estimated Block Volumes

		Estimated Block Volumes (cubic metres)						
Block	Timber Ownership	Jack Pine	Black spruce	White Spruce	Balsam fir	Poplar	Birch	Total
TK4	ATR	428	149	92		145	157	971
TK4	PR	5334	1860	1131		1778	1924	12027
TK5	ATR	2157	753	465		730	791	4896
TK5	PR	2868	1425	586		921	1052	6852
TK6	ATR	1555	751	259	3	503	546	3617
TK6	PR	3614	1272	642		1189	1265	7982
TK10	NTR	420	0	145	217	918	271	1971
TK10	PR	4694	3846	2198	30	4324	2863	17955
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TOTAL		21070	10056	5518	250	10508	8869	56271

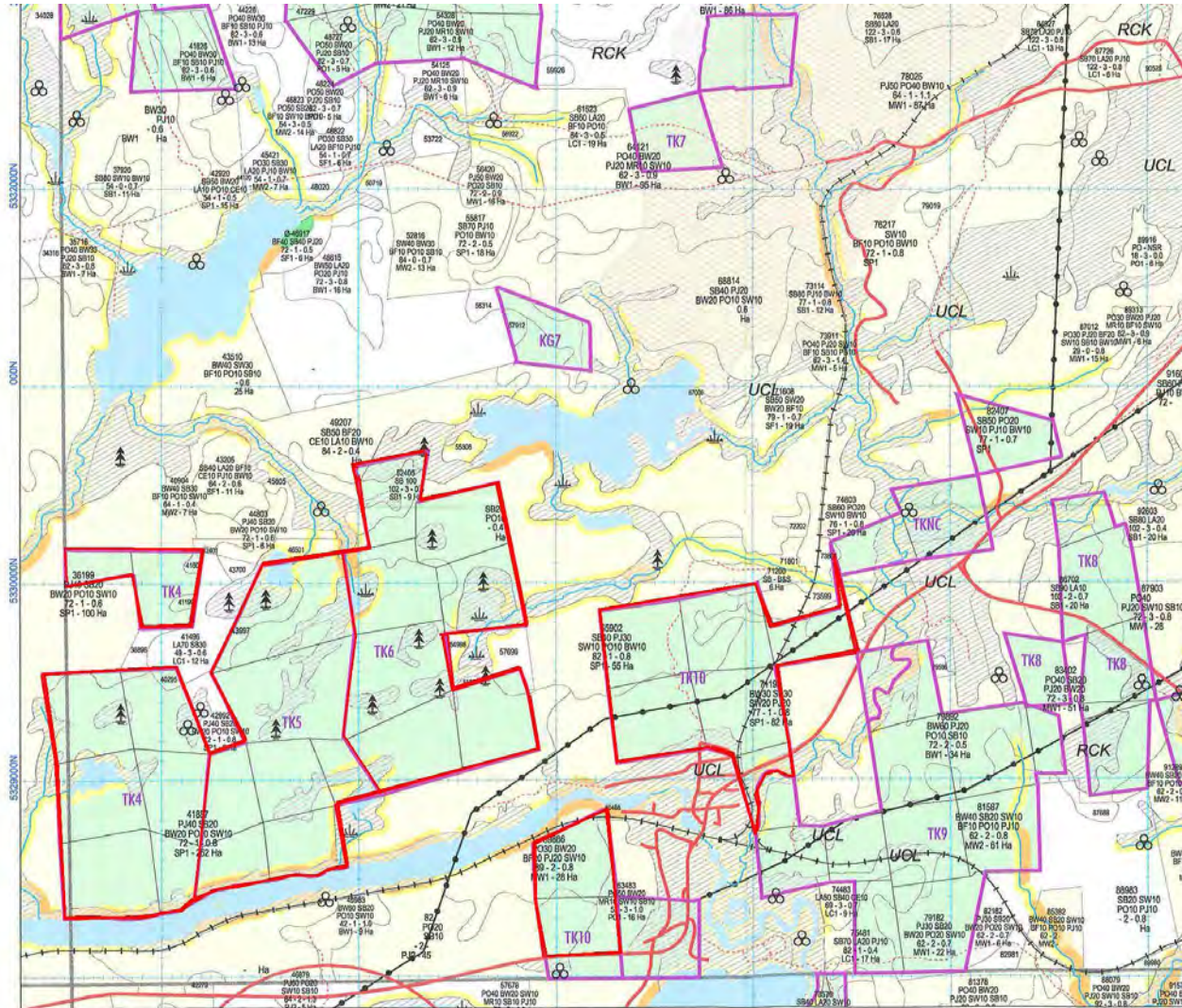
Proposed Timber Harvesting Site Two: Swastika North - Topographical Map



Proposed Timber Harvesting Site Two: Swastika North - Satellite Image



Proposed Timber Harvesting Site Two: Swastika North - LMA Map Showing Harvesting Blocks



Harvesting Timber under the Landowners Management Agreement

The Landowners Management Agreement provides long term guidance to the Town for the management of its forest resources that is consistent with the municipality's Official Plan and parallels the policies and practices employed in the management of Crown Forests. The Agreement, endorsed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, divided the municipal land into potential harvesting blocks, assigned values to each block and developed a strategic framework to guide any future harvesting. That framework incorporates best harvesting practices, provincial directions, community input developed during planning consultations, and regeneration strategies. The Plan was finalized in 2012 and has tenure of 10 years, spanning 2012 - 2022.

The successful bidder on a municipal harvesting contract must abide by all provincial and federal regulations. In addition, the harvesting contract ensures that the objectives of the Municipality as established in the Plan and its interests as a landowner are protected. To this end, the Request for Proposal stipulates that the successful bidder must:

- Provide all services, labour, supervision, tools, equipment, expertise and material at its sole expense;
- Assume responsibility to acquire the timber rights on behalf of the Municipality for parcels containing ATR (All Trees Reserved) and/or PR (Pines Reserved) designations. The Municipality retains ownership of the land and ownership of the timber rights;
- Be responsible for the completion of all applicable permits, licences, etc. from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and all other ministries and/or agencies;
- Be responsible for the payment of any and all applicable Crown dues and fees.
- Be solely responsible for the remediation of issue(s) and/or payment of penalties related to any infractions contrary to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act or other regulations or legislation;
- Ensure that harvesting standards are carried out to Provincial standards (at minimum);
- Ensure that all round wood is delivered to approved mills in Ontario consistent with the Land Management Agreement and MNRF District Wood Movement Policy;
- Provide records of all timber delivered from the parcels to mills;
- Ensure that any municipal roads and/or existing forest access roads/trails remain open to the public during and following the harvesting operation (within safe parameters) and are left in as good condition or better than they were prior to the harvesting operation;
- Provide a harvest and renewal plan prior to the commencement of any work under the contract, and this plan must be consistent with "Silvicultural Ground Rules" contained in the Land Management Agreement. A performance bond must be deposited with the Municipality to ensure conditions are met.