

Private Lands Road Construction Initiative Proposal

Purpose:

The Province's new Natural Resources Strategy and its Action Plan has outlined the government's desire to increase the adoption of partial harvest and uneven aged harvest methods more appropriate to the province's natural forest ecosystems, to encourage woodlot owners to more actively manage their forest lands for both productive timber management and for other uses. In recent years the government has increased the difficulty and costs of complying with new requirements related to stream crossings and wetlands to protect these sensitive ecosystems. One barrier to active woodlot management, conducting silviculture or other stand tending treatments or to promptly respond to changes in the market conditions can be insufficient woodlot access. This proposed initiative would engage private woodlot owners and improve access on private woodlots across the province. This increased road infrastructure will allow for increased access to woodlands, providing enhanced opportunities for woodlands management (for silviculture and stand tending activities), for sustainable harvesting and extraction of forest products, and for forest fire protection, among other uses.

Eligibility for the Initiative:

This initiative would be open to application from all private woodlot owners with forest land holdings of between 20 to 20,000ha, except where the landowner is a current producer of softwood lumber or other wood products covered under the Canada United States Softwood Lumber Agreement of 2006.

Requirements:

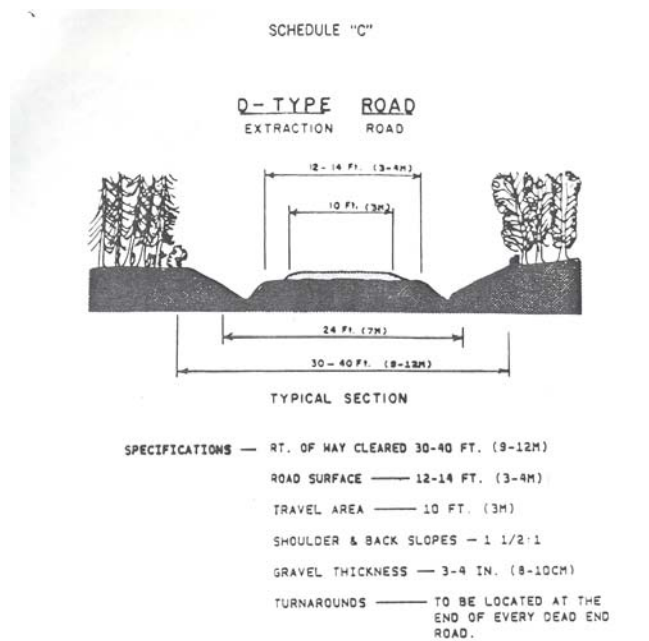
- Applicants must own, occupy, or have lease control of the woodlot, and must be planning to engage in forest management over the next 5 years. This would include producing wood engaging in silviculture activities for the purpose of sustainably managing fibre on their woodlot, or be actively developing the wood lot for the production of maple products and or Christmas Trees.
- Landowners must submit a signed application, and submit it to FPANS for funding assistance. (Applications for assistance when roads access more than one landowner should be applied for as one joint application).
- Landowners will be limited to one application per Calendar Year.
- For landowners of 20-2000 ha, funding will be limited to a maximum of one kilometer of road per calendar year for single landowner/woodlot access applications to a maximum of \$10,000 per calendar year.
- Funding for multiple woodlot road applications of 20-2000ha (i.e., single roads that will access 2 or more woodlots) will be limited to a maximum of 1.5

kilometers of road per landowner covered by the application to a maximum of 15,000 per landowner covered by the application per calendar year. Applicants for multi property roads will have to provide a signed forest road use agreement which will be valid for 10 years.

- Funding for landowners of between 2000-20,000 will be limited to a maximum of 2 km of road per calendar year to a maximum of \$20,000.
- A “Road Deposit” cheque for \$231.75 +HST = \$266.51 must accompany the application sent to FPANS. (The fee is used to off set road inspection costs.) If funding is not approved the road deposit cheque will be refunded.
- The applicant is responsible for completion of construction work and a request for inspection notification to be submitted to FPANS before October 15th for payment in that calendar year. (two years to complete work) No progress payments will be made until the road is completed, inspected and approved for payment.
- All roadwork must conform to the booklet entitled “Woodlot Roads Streams Crossings” by Gen Braithwaite, B.Eng., 1992 (Quoted in the Forest Products road standards) Where any portion of this reference conflicts with the current regulatory requirements of the Department of Environment, the regulations shall apply.
- Payment will only be made for work completed to standard. If roadwork is not completed to standard within 2 years of funding approval, the application fee is not refundable.

Road Classification

Class D: Specifications: Roads must be ditched. Gravel must be provided where necessary. Road top width will be 3.0 to 4.0 meters (10 feet to 14 feet). The road will be one lane with a minimum of two turnouts per kilometer. Culverts must be a minimum of seven meters (20 feet) in length with a minimum diameter of 38 cm (15 inches). The right-of-way shall be a minimum of nine meters (30 feet) in width. Turn-a-rounds shall be made near the end of the constructed road. (See Attached Standards)



New Construction Funding:

Class D only: (\$5,000 per km) for base road plus 75 percent of the cost of trucked gravel, culverts, stream crossings and environmental safeguards up to the stated annual maximum.

Invoices are required for all road constructions costs.

Maximum allowable assistance for bridge construction is \$400/ft. or 75 percent of the total cost of building the structure, whichever is the lesser. Bridges are considered to be structures using 10 foot stringers or longer. Invoices are required for all bridge constructions costs.

Maintenance and Upgrading Funding:

The following are allowable under the initiative: structural design; wetland delineation; repairing or enlarging a culvert, bridge; repairing or stabilizing storm damage or washout; cleaning ditches and drains; mechanically removing obstructing vegetation on right-of-ways; gravelling and upgrading road surfaces; widening and providing extra passing or turn out sites; improving road alignment and line of vision.

Allowable assistance for maintenance or upgrading is 75 percent of all costs up to the stated annual maximums. Invoices are required for all maintenance and upgrading cost.

Applicants may combine new construction, maintenance and upgrading on one application up to the maximum yearly funding limit.

Application for 2012 Private Lands Road Construction Initiative

Applicants to the program do not have to be a member of FPANS

Date: _____

1. Single Woodlot Owner Road:

Do you own: ☐ 20ha – 2,000ha ☐ 2,000ha – 20,000ha

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Are you a member of FPANS: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Send me info on becoming a member

If yes, have you applied for Gas Tax Access Road Funding for 2012? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Multiple Woodlot Owner Road: (must attach forest road use agreement with application)

Name of main contact person:

Land Owned:

_____ ☐ 20ha–2,000ha ☐ 2,000ha – 20,000ha

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Adicional woodlot owner names:

_____ ☐ 20ha–2,000ha ☐ 2,000ha – 20,000ha

_____ ☐ 20ha–2,000ha ☐ 2,000ha – 20,000ha

_____ ☐ 20ha–2,000ha ☐ 2,000ha – 20,000ha

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3. PART 1: NEW CONSTRUCTION:

Location: (county) _____ (attach map, clearly marking road location)

Reason for road: Silviculture _____ Sawlogs _____ Pulpwood _____ Other _____

Area to be served, (ha/acres) _____ Total ha/acres owned _____

Length of road in kms. /tenths of kms. _____ Cubic Yds. of gravel _____

Number of Stream Crossing: _____

Estimated costs of New Construction: \$ _____

Does the construction require Environment permits ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ Don't know

If YES, have the Environment permits already been obtained? ☐ YES ☐ NO

4. Production Volumes: (Entire Operation):

Actual for Previous Year: sawlogs _____ pulpwood _____ Other _____

Estimated for Current Year: sawlogs _____ pulpwood _____ Other _____

Name & address of landowner(s) this road will pass over [if other than applicant(s)]

5. PART 2: UPGRADING and MAINTENANCE;

Do you wish to upgrade existing roads? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Kms to be upgraded _____ Ditching & Grading _____ Gravel _____

Other _____

Estimated cost of upgrading \$ _____

6. Total Funding Requested: \$ _____ (new construction + upgrading/maintenance)

**This application must be accompanied by a cheque for \$266.51,
(\$231.75 plus \$34.76 HST).**

Waiver of Liability: *I hereby agree that Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia, its members, employees and/or associates will not be held responsible for any environmental, safety, or legal liabilities as a result of road construction or maintenance activities upon this property.*

Signature of Applicant: _____

Approved: _____

(Main contact if multiple landowner application) FPANS Inspector

Note: *If this application is not signed and accompanied by a map of the road location and the road deposit fee, it will be returned to the Applicant.*

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