

## **2009-2010 Annual Operating Plan**

### Forest Management Licence 3

LP submitted the 2009-2010 Annual Operating Plan (AOP) on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as usual. The AOP had successfully gone through mitigation with various branches of the government, been reviewed by our Stakeholders Advisory Committee, and also reviewed by the public at four open houses. Several First Nations bands had asked for one-on-one review of the plan in person, which LP accommodated.

The province of Manitoba began a new government-to-government consultation with First Nations, Metis, and northern communities. Normally, the provincial government approves the AOP by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. However, the province of Manitoba chose not to approve the AOP while the AOP was being reviewed by First Nations, Metis, and northern communities. In order to consult in good faith, the province avoided people reviewing an AOP that was already approved, or a 'done deal'.

Therefore, in the 2009-2010 planning year, the province granted an extension to the previous year's AOP, and LP submitted amendments for any additional areas.