

# SFI 2022 – Summary Audit Report

## DESCRIPTION OF THE CERTIFIED ORGANIZATION

Dryden Forest Management Co. Ltd. (DFMC) is a co-operative made up of 9 small harvesting companies who were former District Cutting Licensee/Order in Council Licensees on the Dryden Forest and the Dryden Mill (Dryden Fibre Canada). DFMC was awarded a Sustainable Forest Licence #542444 on June 24, 1998 and became responsible for the general administration of the Dryden Forest, including responsibilities for planning, reporting and implementing all forest operations. The company SFI representative is Steven Young, General Manager, DFMC.

## AUDIT PROCESS

During the period of October 14, 2025 to October 20, 2025, DFMC underwent a surveillance audit to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) 2022 Forest Management (FM) Standard.

The registration cycle is over five years with surveillance audits conducted annually. The audit assessed active and/or completed harvest operations through interviews with the company staff and contractors. The audit also assessed the SFI documentation and records at the company's office including stakeholder and Indigenous people communication.

The SFI program third-party audit was undertaken by Intertek. Intertek is an independent third-party registrar that is accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) Standard ensuring the integrity and credibility of the audit process.

Intertek forestry specialist group registers/certifies forest companies to ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, CSA Z809 and CSA Z804 SFM, SFI Forest Management, SFI CoC, SFI Fiber Sourcing, SFI Certified Sourcing Label, PEFC CoC, FSC® Forest Management, FSC® CoC.

The group, led by Ronald Wald, Technical Manager - Forestry, consists of a highly qualified team of professional foresters, technical and industry experts.

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### THE AUDIT TEAM

The Intertek audit team who performed the audit consisted of Laird Van Damme MscF R.P.F, audit team leader  
The auditor is a Professional Forester and certified auditor.

### REGISTRATION TYPE

Certificate Type	SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard	SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard
Single site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### MULTI-SITE / GROUP EVALUATION

Not applicable. The certification is not a multi-site or group.

### FOREST LAND AND MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDED IN THE AUDIT SCOPE

Management plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2021 – 2031 Forest Management Plan for the Dryden Forest <a href="https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online?language=en_US">https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online?language=en_US</a></li></ul> <p>DFMC does not own or operate a manufacturing facility. Harvesting is done by the 10 shareholders of DFMC and three Indigenous communities/businesses - the wood fibre is sold to local/regional mills.</p>
Area of ownership	212,000 ha of public (Crown) land of which 135,000 ha is managed by DFMC
Major timber types	The Dryden Forest lies within the Boreal Forest Region however a small portion in the south is a transition zone between the Boreal Forest and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest Regions. Coniferous trees, mostly spruce and jack pine are characteristic of the Dryden Forest, in association with trembling aspen and white birch. Pockets of red pine and white pine occur, and to a limited extent eastern white cedar, and tamarack.
Management approaches	The forest is managed using the clear cut silvicultural system relying on natural regeneration for hardwoods and assisted reforestation by planting and seeding conifer forests.
Long-term harvest level	The available annual harvest volume is approximately 217,000 m <sup>3</sup>

### SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

Forest management activities - planning, harvesting, transportation and silviculture on the Dryden Forest Sustainable Forest License#542444. Fiber sold under this certificate counts as 100% SFI and 100% PEFC certified forest content.



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There has been no modification to the scope since the last public summary audit report.

### AUDIT PROCESS

During this audit, the audit team evaluated the company against the objectives listed in Table 1. The evidence of compliance observed is listed in Table 2. Both tables are found in the section Evidence of Conformity to the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard.

A sample of sites (for the field audit) were chosen from a list of active sites and sites where forest management activities occurred since the last audit. The site choice also considered activity type, and risk factors, related to the audit objectives selected for review, as well as the opportunity to verify implementation of corrective actions for previous non-conformities.

### SUBSTITUTE INDICATORS

Not applicable. No substitute indicators were evaluated during this audit.

### COMPLAINTS

No complaints have been received.

### AUDIT TIME, SITES AND ACTIVITIES AUDITED

<b>Evaluation dates:</b>	
<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Person days (excluding travel)</b>
Off-site preparation/reporting	1.5
On-site audit	2
Field audit	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Sites</b>	<b>Activities audited</b>
Dryden FMU Joli Road Block 21.170	This block was viewed on previous audits and had areas of compaction/low stocking that have now been regenerated to pine and spruce by using mechanical site preparation and fill planting
Dryden FMU Block 21.146	Active harvest chipping and hauling by Fenwick Chipping, DFMC shareholder
Dryden FMU Block 21.160	Rehabilitation and erosion control on roads and landings by redistributing chipper debris.
Dryden FMU Angie road	Road construction in clay soils
Dryden FMU Block 21.080	Active harvest and log processing operations by Morris Randell, DFMC shareholder, and Scott Stafford slashing
Dryden FMU Pit GP_Wabigoon_1	Clearing and preparation of aggregate pit



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### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Definitions for findings can be found in Appendix 1.

#### Non-conformance(s) identified during this audit

Not applicable. No non-conformances were identified.

#### Opportunities for improvement

None issued

#### *Exceptional management practices*

Not applicable. No exceptional practices were identified.

#### Status of previous audit non-conformance(s)

Not applicable. No non-conformities were raised during the previous audit.

### CERTIFICATION DECISION SFI 2022 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

Choose an item.

Based on the results of this audit, it has been determined that the management system is effectively implemented and meets the requirements relative to the scope of registration and audit criteria.

No Major NC(s) issued	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No minor NC(s) issued	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No Minor issued to the new 2022 indicators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

For this surveillance audit, a recommendation to maintain the certification is made to SAI Global.



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### EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY TO THE SFI 2022 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

**Table 1 Objectives Audited**

1.4	Forest Management Standard Principles	X
Objective 1	Forest Management Planning	
Objective 2	Forest Health and Productivity	X
Objective 3	Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources	X
Objective 4	Conservation of Biological Diversity	
Objective 5	Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits	
Objective 6	Protection of Special Sites	
Objective 7	Efficient Use of Forest Resources	
Objective 8	Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights	X
Objective 9	Climate Smart Forestry	
Objective 10	Fire Resilience and Awareness	X
Objective 11	Legal and Regulatory Compliance	X
Objective 12	Forestry Research, Science and Technology	X
Objective 13	Training and Education	X
Objective 14	Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach. Limited to 14.3 on complaints.	X
Objective 15	Public Land Management Responsibilities	
Objective 16	Communications and Public Reporting	X
Objective 17	Management Review and Continual Improvement	X



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**Table 2 Evidence Observed**

<b>Objective 1 Forest Management Planning</b>	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Long term management plans and sustainable harvest level calculation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timber supply review	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timber development standards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting/harvesting permits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Landscape assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscape level plans	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 2 Forest Health and Productivity</b>	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wet/adverse weather plans or guidelines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reforestation plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Planting program records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Silviculture surveys and reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standards for seed use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chemical use/spray records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chemical applicator certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pre-harvest site assessments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tree improvement reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Harvest inspection records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Road and bridge inspection records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pest management plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 3 Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources</b>	
Operational plans (annual, cut block level)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BMP monitoring records / reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EMS and SFI field handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Logging agreements and/or contracts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pre-work discussions/meeting records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire preparedness plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spill prevention and response plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wet weather procedures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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<b>Objective 4 Conservation of Biological Diversity</b>	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Impact assessments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational plans (annual, cut block level)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wood producer training programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NatureServe queries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research support records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Observation / survey forms and records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 5 Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits</b>	
Visual assessments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cut block size calculations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green-up records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free growing records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation plans	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 6 Protection of Special Sites</b>	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation on special sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 7 Efficient Use of Forest Resources</b>	
Utilization records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 8 Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights</b>	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements and communications with Indigenous communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Written policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 9 Climate Smart Forestry</b>	
Climate change risk assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate adaptation plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reforestation plans	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planting program records	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silviculture surveys and reports	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI annual progress report	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 10 Fire Resilience and Awareness</b>	
Wildfire impact risk assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire preparedness plan / fire prevention program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire management awareness program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 11 Legal and Regulatory Compliance</b>	
Laws, legislation, regulations records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Regulatory action information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corrective action logs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring of legal requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health and safety manual and/or employee policy manual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 12 Forestry Research, Science and Technology</b>	
Support for research and science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Research and discussion papers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communication on research / implementation of research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Research knowledge transfer participation / communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 13 Training and Education</b>	
SFI policy / written policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roles and responsibilities documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Training agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Training records (staff and contractors)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Written agreements / contracts for the use of qualified logging professionals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wood producer information package	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
QLP continuing education criteria and delivery mechanisms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 14 Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach</b>	
SFI Annual Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI and company websites	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI brochure	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI Implementation Committee (participation/support)	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Voluntary market-based incentive program information / participation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education/community involvement records	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI Implementation Committee non-conformance process information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 15 Public Land Management Responsibilities</b>	
Multi-licensee and/or government meeting minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stakeholder communication	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 16 Communications and Public Reporting</b>	
Summary audit report posting in SFI database	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Current and past SFI Annual Progress Report and submission information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SFI Annual Progress Report data summary records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Objective 17 Management Review and Continual Improvement</b>	
Internal audit records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annual management review records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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## Appendix 1: Definitions and Sampling Approach

### DEFINITIONS

#### **Major Non-Conformances**

Pervasive or critical to the achievement of the SFI objectives

All major non-conformances require an action plan to be implemented by the auditee within 90 days of an initial/Recertification audit or certification cannot be achieved. During a surveillance audit, an unresolved major nonconformity will lead to the suspension of the certificate.

#### **Minor Non-Conformances**

Isolated incidents that are non-critical but must be addressed before the next surveillance audit to maintain compliance to the SFI standard. Non resolved minor non-conformance will be escalated to a major non-conformance.

#### **Opportunity for Improvement**

Are not non-conformances but are comments on specific areas where improvements can be made.

#### **Exceptional Practices**

Creative and unusual management practice worth mentioning.



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