

# ENVIRONMENTAL AND PROCUREMENT POLICY.

**Groupe Savoie Inc.** has a long-term vision of maximum utilization of timber supply through harmonious operations and harvesting methods that allow for economic growth, while adhering to environmental standards and sustainable forest management principles.

We are committed to maintaining and promoting a Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) system in order to ensure sustainable harvesting by respecting the requirements of the PEFC Chain of Custody and the requirements of the Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP).

# **RESPECT**

- Ensure that we adhere to environmental and social regulations, including anti-corruption laws and pollution prevention, effective fiber utilization and avoidance of controversial / illegal or conflicted wood sources, respect civil rights, equal employment, workers compensation, indigenous people rights, the right to know for workers and collectivity, anti-discrimination and anti-harassment.
- Maintain a Sustainable Forestry Initiative system in order to meet SFI standards.

## **TRAINING**

 Sensitize our employees, contractors, suppliers and woodland owners of the potential impacts of their forestry activities on the environment by providing training on best management practices (BMPs) in order to protect streams, wetlands and forest productivity. Trained our contractor and private producer to be Qualified Logging Professional.

# COMMUNICATION

- Ensure continuous communication regarding the application and the comprehension of the Environmental Management System (EMS), of the PEFC and SFI certifications. We are committed to respond to all public concerns regarding our activities.
- Report all sightings of illegal woodcutting, harmful agents, or situations with environmental impacts to DNR and Land Manager.

## RESEARCH

· Support research regarding topics related to our sector.

## MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

- Promote and respect, in cooperation with land managers, the diversity of wildlife habitat, species
  diversity, the different types of canopies, quality visual development ecological communities,
  preservation of biodiversity and the identification, mapping and management of sites of interest.
- Contribute to the protection of forests from harmful agents (forest fires, diseases, insect infestations) and ensure responsible activity management in extreme weather conditions.
- Favor suppliers utilizing sound private woodlot management practices and aim for procurement of Qualified Logging Professional and apply the BMPs while upholding their rights. We also promote private woodland owners to participate in certification programs.
- Conduct of periodic revisions of commitments for continuous improvement.





