



Notice of Public Consultation – FSC® Certification

Notice Issued on September 22, 2026

Audited Organization: SILV-ECON Ltd. - Resource Management Consultants
Area in the Audit Scope: Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
Audit Dates: November 2026

Introduction

Preferred by Nature, an accredited Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certification body, will conduct a re-assessment FSC audit of the forest management activities and chain of custody of SILV-ECON Ltd. - Resource Management Consultants located in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. This audit will take place in November 2026 (dates to be confirmed).

The audit will be conducted by Jeremy Williams, B.Sc.F., RPF.

We invite stakeholders and Indigenous communities to share with us their comments on forest management practices on the area audited. **We welcome any comments, whether public or confidential.** **The source of the information provided will be kept confidential.** Comments may be forwarded to the Audit Team Leader Jeremy Williams (647-883-1704, jeremy.w@sympatico.ca) or to the Certificate Manager at Preferred by Nature, James Hallworth (249-516-1655, jh@pbn.org).

Audit Scope

The FSC re-assessment audit of forest management activities will include verification of the environmental, silvicultural and socio-economic aspects of SILV-ECON Ltd. - Resource Management Consultants using the FSC Canadian Forest Management Standard for Small, Low-Intensity Management and Community Forests (FSC-STD-CAN-01-2024-SIR): <https://ca.fsc.org/ca-en/forest-management/small-community-forest-standard>

Information about this FSC certificate holder, including public summaries of audit reports, is available on the FSC Search website at the following address:
<https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000005sQtUAAU/>.

Audit Process

The audit team will begin its consultation with stakeholders and Indigenous communities immediately. During November 2026 (date(s) to be confirmed), the audit team will carry out a field visit to recent or ongoing forestry operations in the area in the audit scope. It will also conduct consultations with stakeholders and Indigenous communities, including private interviews, discussions and, if necessary, public meetings. At the end of the audit, the auditors will hold a closing meeting with the audited Organization to present the preliminary results. Approximately one month after the closing meeting, a confidential preliminary report will be sent to the certificate holder for comment. Preferred by Nature will then make a certification decision, considering the comments received and the review process, by end of January 2027. A public summary of the audit report will be published on the FSC Search website: <https://search.fsc.org/en/>

Other Information

- Preferred by Nature's dispute resolution procedure is available to stakeholders and Indigenous communities at <https://www.preferredbynature.org/library/document/preferred-nature-dispute-resolution-procedure>
- About Preferred by Nature: <https://www.preferredbynature.org/about-us>