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Technical Report on Vegetation at Sylvia Lake

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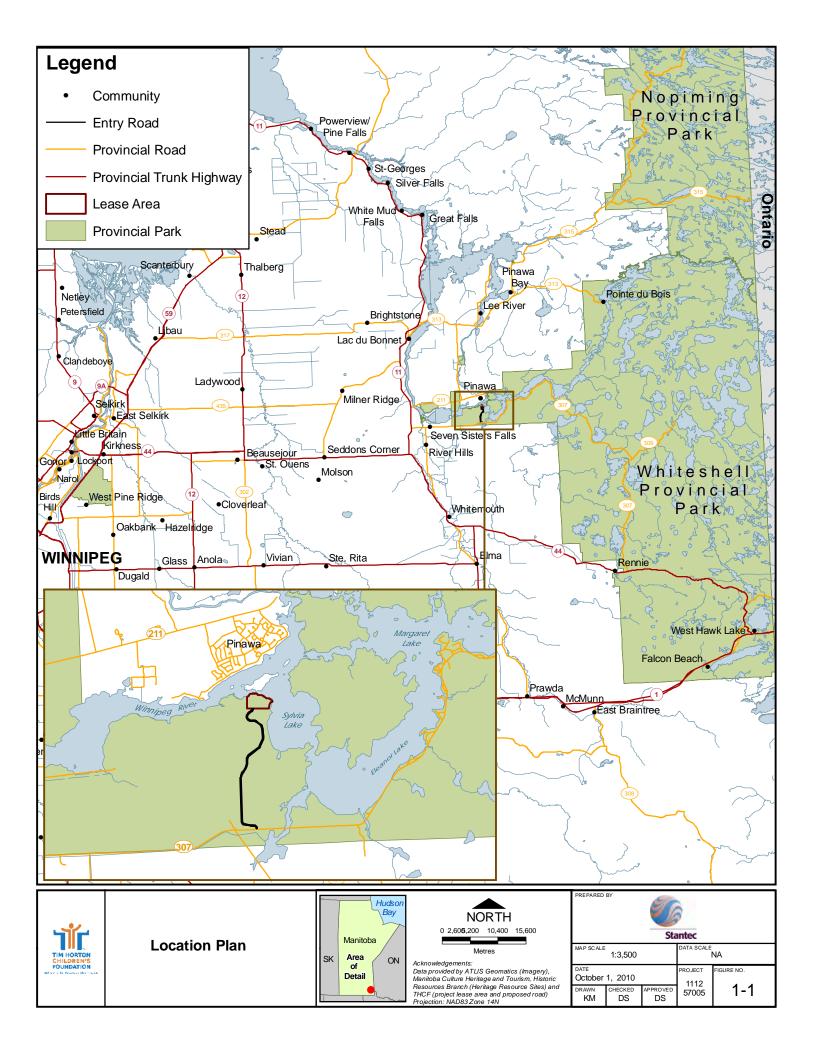
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1.0 Introduction

Tim Horton Children's Foundation (THCF) is proposing to develop a youth leadership camp at Sylvia Lake (herein referred to as the "Project"), within the Whiteshell Provincial Park, across the Winnipeg River and due south (<1 km) of Pinawa, MB (Figure 1-1). The proposed camp will occur within a lease area of approximately 17.2 ha and consist of: a main lodge, bunkhouses, yurts, sports and recreational facilities, on-site services (e.g., septic treatment system and potable water treatment system), docks along the shoreline and an internal road network. Collateral developments proposed by Manitoba Conservation to service the site will include an entry road from Highway 307 (approximately 3.65 km in length), and a hydro servicing line within the entry road right of way and connecting to the existing distribution line located west of the Project area.

This technical report describes the ecological setting and plant communities at the camp and collateral developments and is intended to support the environmental assessment for the proposed camp development. The objectives of the plant surveys conducted at the site were to examine vegetation community types, to gather a list of plant species, to look for rare plants and to provide baseline data to assess impacts that project activities could have on the plant communities.



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2.0 Study Area

The Project is located on the shore of the Sylvia Lake portion of the Winnipeg River, inside Whiteshell Provincial Park. The Project site is located within the Boreal Shield ecozone, Lake of the Woods ecoregion, Pinawa ecodistrict. This ecodistrict is characterized by upland forests with balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*), trembling aspen (*Populus tremuloides*), black spruce (*Picea mariana*), white spruce (*Picea glauca*), jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*) dominated bedrock outcrops, black spruce peat lands, sedge fens with tamarack (*Larix laricina*), alder (*Ulnus spp.*) and birch (*Betula spp.*) shrubs and riparian areas dominated by deciduous trees such ash (*Fraxinus spp.*) and bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) (Smith *et al.* 1998).

3.0 Methods

3.1 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

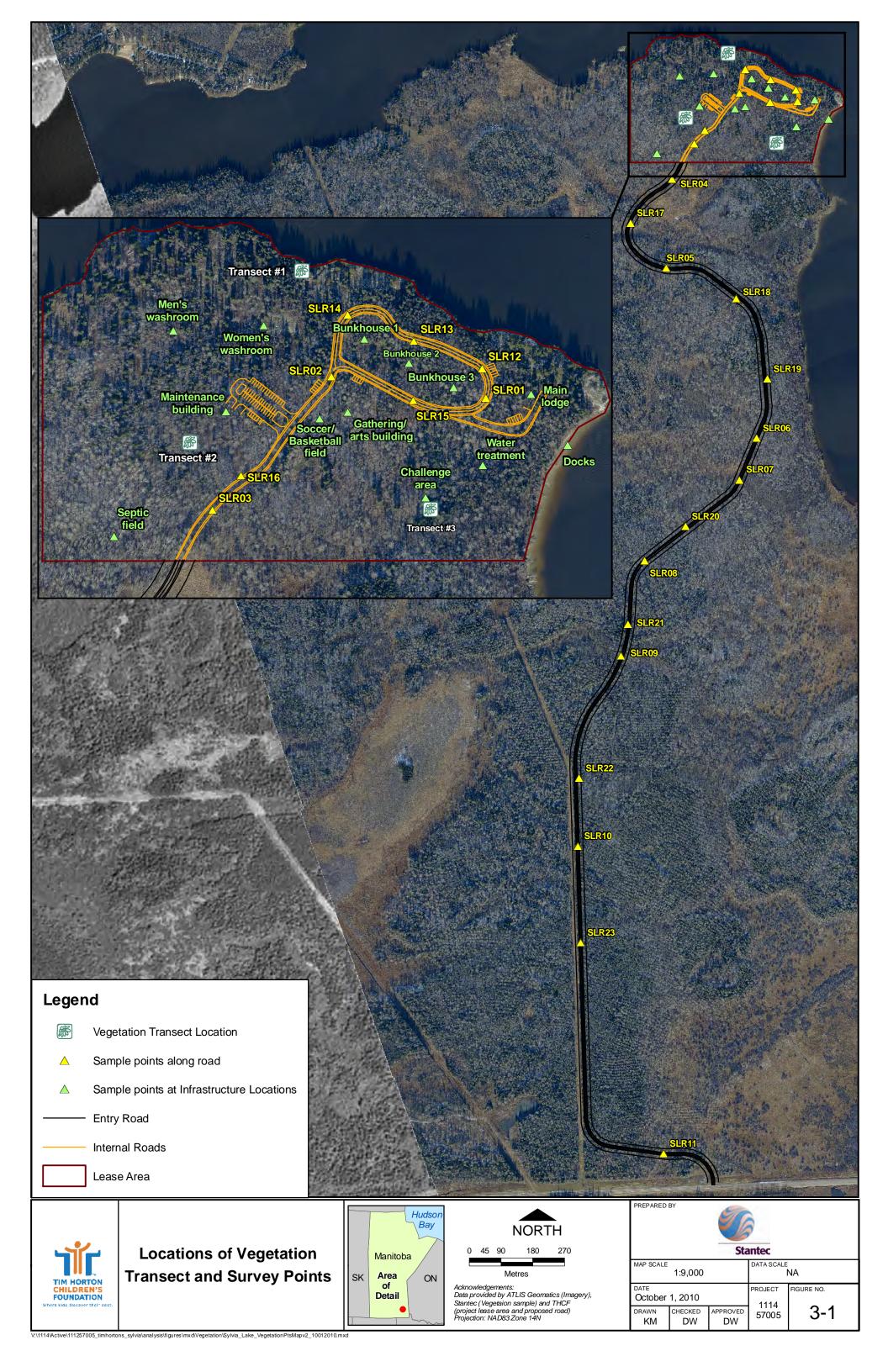
Prior to the field assessment, forest resource inventory (FRI) data were used to gain a basic understanding of community and vegetation types, which helped to determine appropriate sample sizes for the Project study.

3.2 FIELD ASSESSMENT

From August 18-19, 2010, surveys of the camp footprint were conducted, while a survey of the collateral development alignment was completed on September 23, 2010. Basic vegetation community descriptions were developed and plant species lists were compiled for every location of proposed infrastructure, outdoor use areas and on select points along the proposed collateral development alignment (Figure 3-1). Brief meander surveys were conducted at each site to look for rare plants (Landcaster 2000).

Comprehensive vegetation data were collected for three transects within the camp footprint. Transects were chosen to represent different community types, and where possible, located near areas proposed for development (Figure 3-1). In each of the three sample locations, 50-m transects were set up with a measuring tape. Vegetation composition and percent cover were sampled at every 10 m interval along the transects using nested quadrats. For ground cover less than 1 m in height, a 1 m x 1 m quadrat was used for sampling, while a 2.5 m x 2.5 m quadrat was used to sample all shrubs between 1 m and 2.5 m in height (Redburn and Strong 2008). Averages for percent cover of shrub and ground cover were calculated for the three transects.

The point quarter method (see Cottham and Curtis 1956) was used to sample trees. For this method, sample points were chosen along transects at every 10 m. Each sample point was divided into four quadrants and the closest tree to the point within each quadrant was sampled. The distance from each tree to the central point and the diameter at breast height were recorded. For each transect, statistics were calculated to determine tree densities, basal areas of trees (Cottham and Curtis 1956), average tree diameters and average distances to trees.



4.0 Results

4.1 OVERVIEW OF ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

The Project site had several distinct ecological community types. Most of the camp footprint (i.e., lease area) was covered by mixedwood forests dominated by balsam fir, paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*) and trembling aspen. These mixedwood forests had a sparse shrub stratum and more leaf litter than herbs covering the ground (Photo 4-1). The project site also had hardwood stands that were characterized by trembling aspen mixed with other hardwoods. These stands had a shrub stratum of willow (*Salix spp.*) and beaked hazel (*Corylus cornuta*) and more ground covered by herbs/grasses as compared with leaf litter (Photo 4-2). Rocky outcrops with jack pine and paper birch were near the north shoreline (Photo 4-3).

The buffer around the proposed collateral development (i.e., entry road and hydroelectric distribution line) was mainly mixedwood forest stands with some areas of hardwood forest stands. The proposed collateral development traverses an area of open meadow with grasses and sedges (Photo 4-4) just south of the lease area boundary. There were also a number of swamps along the collateral development area, which were characterized by standing water, dead standing trees, some small trees and shrubs and a dominant ground cover of grasses and sedges (*Carex spp.*). Other trees present in the area were green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), black ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), bur oak, American elm (*Ulmus americana*), balsam poplar (*Populus balsamifera*), white spruce and black spruce.

Common shrub species at the Project site were beaked hazel, willow, prickly rose (*Rosa acicularis*), bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*), wild raspberry (*Rubus ideas*), poison ivy (*Toxicodendron rydbergii* (Small ex Rydbi) Green) and trailing raspberry (*Rubus pubescens*). It is important to note that poison ivy occurs at several of the outdoor use areas and buildings. Common herbs were wild strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*), wild sarsaparilla (*Aralia nudicaulis*), asters (*Aster spp.*), palmate-leaved coltsfoot (*Petasites palmatus*) and bedstraw (*Galium spp.*).

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Photo 4-1: Mixedwood forest stand



Photo 4-2: Hardwood-dominated stand



Photo 4-3: Rock outcrop with jack pine along north shoreline



Photo 4-4: Open meadow with grasses and sedges

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4.2 OVERVIEW OF VEGETATION AND RARE PLANTS

In total, 80 species of vascular plants and six species of non-vascular ground covering plants were recorded within the Project site and collateral development footprints. Of the vascular plants, 12 species were trees, 21 species were shrubs, 40 species were herbs and seven species were graminoids (Appendix A). No rare plants were noted during surveys. However, survey timing in late August and September was later than some flowering periods, reducing the likelihood of detection for some species.

Occurrences of several rare plants have been documented in areas near the project site (Table 4-1). As the project site had similar ecological communities to surrounding areas, the site may provide suitable habitat for rare plant species. A list of rare plants which may occur at the Project site due to their distribution is included in Appendix B. However, no rare or endangered species listed by MESA, SARA or COSEWIC were found at the site.

Table 4-1: Rare Plant Occurrences near Project Site					
Common name	Manitoba Status Rank				
Dog violet	Viola conspersa	Uncommon (S3?)			
Hop hornbeam	Ostrya virginiana	Rare (S2)			
Emory's sedge	Carex emoryi	Rare (S2?)			
Narrow-leaved gerardia	Agalinis tenuifolia	Rare or Uncommon (S2S3)			
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Source: Manitoba Conservation Data Centre (2010)

? denotes uncertainty in provincial S-rank

4.3 SITE DESCRIPTIONS

The following are general descriptions of areas that are proposed to be directly impacted by project activities. Species lists for individual sites are in Appendix C.

Main lodge – Paper birch stand (20-25 m in height) with some balsam fir, American elm and green ash. The shrub stratum was dominated by young ash trees. Herb cover was sparse, but had abundant strawberries and frequent bunchberry. Poison ivy was present at site.

Potable water treatment building – Paper birch (17-22 m height) stand with white spruce, trembling aspen and green ash. Shrub stratum was very sparse. Ground cover was dominated by leaf litter, with some low shrubs and herbs. Poison ivy was present at site.

Outdoor challenge area – Fairly open area with an even mix of coniferous and deciduous tree species. Tree species include balsam poplar (15 m height), trembling aspen, green ash, white spruce and balsam fir at the periphery. Site was very wet and showed signs of previous disturbance (flooding, wind or fire). Shrub stratum had areas with thick wild raspberry and herb layer had abundant fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*). Poison ivy was present at site.

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Bunkhouse 1 – Evenly mixed stand of paper birch (12-17 m tall) and balsam fir (10-15 m tall). Shrub stratum for half the site had thick beaked hazel and whole site had small trembling aspen. Ground cover was sparse with abundant leaf litter and was dominated by trailing raspberry and prickly rose.

Bunkhouse 2 – An even mixed stand of paper birch (17-22 m tall) and balsam fir with some American elm. Shrub stratum mainly comprised of beaked hazel (approximately 6 feet tall). Ground was covered with a lot of litter and deadfall, possibly from a recent storm event. Herb cover was sparse.

Bunkhouse 3 – Balsam fir stand with some paper birch, American elm and green ash. Tree heights ranged from 10-25 m in height. The ground cover was dominated by leaf litter with very sparse herb cover.

Gathering hall – Evenly mixed stand of paper birch (15-20 m tall) and trembling aspen (15-20 m tall) with some green ash. Shrub stratum was dominated by chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), but also had beaked hazel and young green ash. The understory had an abundant amount of bunchberry and wild raspberry. Poison ivy was present at site.

Soccer field – East part of site was mixed balsam fir/paper birch stand with sparse understory dominated by leaf litter. West part of site was a trembling aspen stand with a grassy understory and some areas of dense green alder (*Alnus crispa*). Poison ivy was present at site.

Female washroom – Rock outcrop dominated by paper birch and bur oak with some white spruce and trembling aspen. Site was adjacent to a small wetland with sedges and willow. Understory was dominated by dwarf blueberries (*Vaccinium caespitosum*) and had an abundant amount of goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*).

Male washroom – Paper birch and balsam poplar stand (15-20 m tall) with some white spruce. Shrub stratum was mainly composed of beaked hazel, wild saskatoon and wild raspberry. Herb layer was fairly rich with wild strawberry, goldenrod and feather mosses.

Maintenance building and staff residence – Paper birch (15-20 m tall) stand with some green ash, trembling aspen, balsam fir and white spruce. Shrub stratum had small green ash, willow, beaked hazel and red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*). Ground cover dominated by grasses. Poison ivy was present at site.

Septic field – Trembling aspen stand (20-25 m tall) with some white spruce. Shrub stratum had small ash, hazel, sakatoon and wild raspberry.

Docks along east shoreline – Riparian area dominated by green ash. Lead up to docks had small wetland with grasses and sedges.

Collateral development alignment – Traverses a variety of different ecological communities. Much of the alignment was through mixedwood and deciduous forest stands. The alignment

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crosses an area of open bedrock along the most northern section of the alignment, which parallels the northern shoreline. Just south of the lease area, the alignment passes through an open grassy meadow. Both inside the leased area and outside, the alignment traverses several treed and non-treed swamps which had standing water and were dominated by grasses and sedges. Descriptions of individual stops along the alignment (Figure 3-1) are presented in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2: Ecological Description of Internal Road Network and Collateral Development Footprints					
Sample Point	Location description	Ecological description			
SLR-01	Eastern portion of internal road loop	Trembling aspen/paper birch dominant stand with some balsam fir, green ash and American elm. Sparse shrub and herb layers with leaf litter dominating ground cover.			
SLR-12	Northern portion of internal road loop	Area of bedrock covered in some feather mosses, wild raspberry and wild strawberry. Stand was surrounded by a mixedwood stand of American elm, paper birch, balsam fir and trembling aspen.			
SLR-13	Northern portion of internal road loop	A mature balsam fir stand with several large trembling aspen, beaked hazel in the shrub strata and sparse ground cover dominated by leaf litter.			
SLR-14	Western portion of internal road loop	A small wetland that was approximately 15 m x 10 m and had standing water, grasses and willow.			
SLR-15	Southern portion of internal road loop	Open canopied mature paper birch (15-20 m tall), trembling aspen (>25 m tall) and balsam fir stand. Sparse understory had some wild raspberry, beaked hazel and downy arrowwood (<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>). Ground cover dominated by leaf litter with some wild strawberries and bunchberries.			
SLR-02	Directly south of internal road loop	A mature paper birch/trembling aspen stand with sparse shrub cover and leaf litter as dominant ground cover.			
SLR-16	Internal road	A wet, treed swamp with paper birch, trembling aspen, small green ash and balsam poplar. Shrub strata dominated by wild raspberry, with reed grass (<i>Calamagrostis spp.</i>) as the most abundant ground cover.			
SLR-03	Internal road	Seral trembling aspen stand with sparse understory and dominant leaf litter ground cover.			
SLR-04	Collateral development alignment	A 150 m section (approx.) of the alignment just south of the lease area passed through an open meadow which was dominated by reed grass, had very little tree cover and sparse shrub cover. The meadow had some willows at the periphery of the site and some small patches of trembling aspen.			

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Sample Point	Location description	Ecological description			
SLR-17	Collateral development alignment	Open canopied mature paper birch stand. Shrub stratum had patches of beaked hazel and wild raspberry. Leaf litter was the dominant ground cover.			
SLR-05	Collateral development alignment	Trembling aspen stand with an understory of small green ash, wild saskatoon, beaked hazel and wild raspberry. Ground cover was dominated by several species of graminoids.			
SLR-18	Collateral development alignment	Open canopied paper birch stand with some balsam fir, trembling aspen, American elm and bur oak. Shrub stratum was sparse with some beaked hazel and wild saskatoon. Ground cover was mostly leaf litter.			
SLR-19	Collateral development alignment	Trembling aspen/balsam fir stand with understory of green ash, downy arrow-wood, wild saskatoon and beaked hazel. Ground cover was dominated by leaf litter.			
SLR-06	Collateral development alignment	Very wet area dominated by dead standing trembling aspen and some live trembling aspen. Sparse understory of beaked hazel, wild saskatoon, prickly rose and wild raspberry. Ground cover was mainly leaf litter, but had an abundance of grasses.			
SLR-07	Collateral development alignment	Sedge dominated swamp with dead standing trees (mostly trembling aspen). Sparse shrub stratum had some willows and wild raspberry.			
SLR-20	Collateral development alignment	Mature trembling aspen stand with trees that were 20-25 m tall. Sparse shrub stratum had willows and wild raspberry. Grasses dominated ground cover.			
SLR-08	Collateral development alignment	Balsam fir/mature trembling aspen stand with sparse shrub stratum of small green ash, beaked hazel, wild raspberry and downy arrow-wood. Ground was covered mainly by leaf litter.			
SLR-21	Collateral development alignment	Mixed-age trembling aspen stand with wild raspberry and beaked hazel shrub stratum. Leaf-litter dominated the ground cover.			
SLR-09	Collateral development alignment	Swamp with open water and dead standing trees (mainly American elm). Sparse shrub stratum of green alder and wild raspberry. Ground covered mainly by graminoids.			
SLR-22	Collateral development alignment	Closed canopied balsam fir/paper birch stand with sparse shrub stratum of beaked hazel. Leaf litter dominant with an abundance of moss covering the ground.			
SLR-10	Collateral development alignment	Open paper birch/balsam fir stand with some mature trembling aspen. Sparse shrub stratum with leaf litter			

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Table 4-2: Ecological Description of Internal Road Network and Collateral Development Footprints				
Sample Point	Location description	Ecological description		
		dominating ground cover.		
SLR-23	Collateral development alignment	Trembling aspen/balsam fir stand with sparse understory of downy arrow-wood. Dominant ground cover was leaf litter.		
SLR-11	Collateral development alignment	Trembling aspen swamp with many dead standing trees, some live green ash and American elm. Sparse shrub layer had meadowsweet (<i>Spirea alba</i>), beaked hazel and wild raspberry. Reed grass and sedges were the main grass cover.		

4.4 VEGETATION TRANSECTS

Transect 1 was situated in a balsam fir and paper birch stand with an open canopy and low tree density (Table 4-3). This site was approximately 20 m from the shoreline (Figure 3-1). Both shrub strata and herb layer were sparse and ground cover was dominated by leaf litter, feather moss and rock. The most common shrubs were beaked hazel and common juniper, while the herbs with the greatest cover were trailing raspberry and bunchberry (Appendix D).

Transect 2 was situated in a mature, closed canopied, trembling aspen stand with occasional balsam fir. The tree density was moderate (Table 4-1) and trees were 20-25 m tall. The site was close to the location of the proposed septic field. Shrub stratum was primarily wild raspberry and small green ash. Ground cover was dominated by litter and grass.

Transect 3 was situated in a mature Balsam Fir mixedwood stand with a closed canopy and with trees that were 20-25 m tall. Site was close to the proposed outdoor challenge area. Stand had relatively high tree density (Table 4-2). Shrub stratum was very sparse with some small green ash. Ground cover was dominated by litter and moss, with an abundance of scouring rushes (*Equisetum arvense*).

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	Table 4-3: Results for Point Quarter Method Data							
Transect Number	Tree Species Along Transect	Relative Density of Tree Species	Average Distance from Centre Point (m)	Average Tree Diameter (cm)	Total Density (trees per ha)	Total Basal Area (m per ha)		
1	Abies balsamea	0.55	4.5	13	484	8.7		
'	Betula papyrifera	0.45	4.0	10	707	0.7		
2	Populus tremuloides	0.85	2.2	12	2010	26.02		
2	Abies balsamea	0.15	2.2	12	2010	20.02		
	Populus tremuloides	0.1						
3	Abies balsamea	0.35	1.4	12	5363	83.9		
3	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	0.5	1.4					
	Betula papyrifera	0.05						

5.0 Key Observations

Based on the field and desktop assessments conducted and site evaluation, the key observations are as follows:

- The plant communities found within the proposed project site are common within the Pinawa ecodistrict. Overall the communities in the camp lease area and along the collateral development alignment are diverse, heterogeneous and have representative stands of different succession stages. There are various community types in a small area, while plant species and tree density differs throughout the site.
- No rare plants were found at the site during field visits in August and September, but the
 ecological communities may be able to support rare plants. More comprehensive rare plant
 surveys earlier in the flowering season could provide more definitive information on rare
 plant occurrences in the area.
- Some small wetlands, swamps and very wet areas dominated by grasses and sedges occur
 within the camp footprint and along the collateral development alignment. Several of these
 wetland communities, which may be important as wildlife habitat, will be lost due to entry
 road construction.
- Poison ivy was present throughout the site, which will have to be considered during project operation.

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6.0 Closure

This report was prepared for the sole benefit of Tim Horton Children's Foundation. The report may not be relied upon by any other person or entity without the express written consent of Stantec Consulting Ltd. and Tim Horton Children's Foundation.

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The information and conclusions contained in this report are based upon work undertaken by trained professional and technical staff in accordance with generally accepted scientific practices current at the time the work was performed. The conclusions and recommendations presented represent the best judgment of Stantec Consulting Ltd. based on the data obtained from the work and on the site conditions encountered at the time the work was performed at the specific sampling, testing, and/or observation locations.

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Appendix A: Plants Recorded at Project Site

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Common Name	Scientific Name				
Vascular Plants					
Tre	es				
balsam fir	Abies balsamea				
paper birch	Betula papyrifera				
black ash	Fraxinus nigra				
green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica				
white spruce	Picea glauca				
black spruce	Picea mariana				
jack pine	Pinus banksiana				
balsam poplar	Populus balsamifera				
trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides				
chokecherry	Prunus virginiana				
bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa				
American elm	Ulmus americana				
Shru	ubs				
green alder	Alnus crispa				
saskatoon	Amelanchier alnifolia				
bunchberry	Cornus canadensis				
red-osier dogwood	Cornus stolonifera				
beaked hazel	Corylus cornuta				
hawthorne	Cratageus chrysocarpa				
bush honeysuckle	Diervilla lonicera				
common juniper	Juniperus communis				
honeysuckle	Lonicera spp.				
currant	Ribes spp.				
prickly rose	Rosa acicularis				
smooth rose	Rosa blanda				
wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus				
trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens				
willow	Salix spp.				
meadowsweet	Spirea alba				
snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus				
poison ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii				
dwarf blueberry	Vaccinium caespitosum				
low-bush cranberry	Viburnum edule				
downy arrow-wood	Viburnum rafinesquianum				
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yarrow	Achillea millefolium				
pearly everlasting	Anaphalis margaritacea				
anemone	Anemone spp.				
columbine	Aquilegia canadensis				
wild sarsparilla	Aralia nudicaulis				
aster	Aster spp.				
common harebell	Campanula rotundifolia				
thistle	Cirsium arvense				
bindweed	Convolvulus spp.				
striped coralroot	Corallorhiza striata				
corydalis	Corydalis sempervirens				

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common reed Phragmites australis
bluegrass Poa spp.
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reindeer lichen Cladonia spp.
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stair-step moss Hylecomium splendens
Liverwort
red-stemmed feather moss Pleurozium schreberi

Appendix B: Listed Species in Manitoba

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Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Status	Schedule	COSEWIC Status	MESA
Rough Agalinis	Agalinis aspera	Endangered	Schedule 1	Endangered	NA
Buffalograss	Buchloë dactyloides	Threatened	Schedule 1	Threatened	Threatened
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	NA	NA	NA	Threatened
Smooth Goosefoot	Chenopodium subglabrum	Threatened	Schedule 1	Threatened	NA
Small White Lady's-slipper	Cypripedium candidum	Endangered	Schedule 1	Endangered	Endangered
Hairy Prairie-clover	Dalea villosa var. villosa	Threatened	Schedule 1	Threatened	Threatened
Western Prairie Fringed-orchid	Platanthera praeclara	Endangered	Schedule 1	Endangered	Endangered
Riddell's Goldenrod	Solidago riddellii	Special Concern	Schedule 1	Special Concern	Threatened
Great Plains Ladies'-Tresses	Spiranthes magnicamporum	NA	NA	NA	Endangered
Western Silvery Aster	Symphyotrichum sericeum	Threatened	Schedule 1	Threatened	Threatened
Western Spiderwort	Tradescantia occidentalis	Threatened	Schedule 1	Threatened	Threatened
Culver's-root	Veronicastrum virginicum	NA	NA	NA	Threatened

Appendix C: Plant Species Lists for Sites

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Main Lodge						
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance*			
Canopy	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Dominant			
	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Some			
	American elm	Ulmus americana	Some			
	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Some			
Shrub strata	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Occasional			
	snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	Occasional			
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional			
	smooth rose	Rosa blanda	Occasional			
Understory	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Abundant			
	bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Frequent			
	wild strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	Abundant			
	rose (non-prickly)	Rosa spp.	Occasional			
	bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Occasional			
	trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens	Occasional			
	black snake-root	Sanicula marilandica	Occasional			
	aster	Aster spp.	Rare			
	northern bedstraw	Galium boreale	Occasional			
	poison ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii	Rare			
	false lily-of-the-valley	Maianthemum canadense	Occasional			
	meadow rue	Thalictrum spp.	Occasional			

Water Treatm	Water Treatment Structure					
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance			
Canopy	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Predominant			
	white spruce	Picea glauca	Some			
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Some			
	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Some			
Shrub strata	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional			
	snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	Occasional			
Understory	bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Frequent			
-	coltsfoot	Petasites palmatus	Occasional			
	bush honeysuckle	Diervilla lonicera	Occasional			
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional			
	violet	Viola spp.	Rare			
	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Occasional			
	poison ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii	Occasional			
	aster	Aster spp.	Rare			
	northern bedstraw	Galium boreale	Occasional			
	sweet-scented bedstraw	Galium triflorum	Occasional			
	trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens	Occasional			
	mint	Mentha spp.	Rare			
	*Leaf Litter dominant					

Outdooor Challenge Area							
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance				
Canopy	balsam poplar	Populus balsamifera	Even mix				
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Even mix				
	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Even mix				

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	white spruce	Picea glauca	Even mix
Shrub strata	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	Abundant
Understory	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Occasional
	poison ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii	Rare
	common reed grass	Phragmites australis	Occasional
	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	Abundant
	fireweed	Epilobium angustifolium	Abundant
	goldenrod	Solidago spp.	Occasional
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional
	wild sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis	Occasional
	thistle	Cirsium arvense	Occasional

Bunkhouse N	Bunkhouse No. 3			
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance	
Canopy	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Predominant	
	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Some	
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Some	
	black spruce	Picea mariana	Some	
Shrub strata	green alder	Alnus crispa	Occasional	
Understory	trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens	Occasional	
	bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Occasional	
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Occasional	
	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Occasional	
	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Occasional	
	wintergreen	Pyrola spp.	Occasional	
	false Soloman's seal	Smilacina stellata	Rare	
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional	
	balsam poplar	Populus balsamifera	Occasional	
	currant	Ribes spp.	Occasional	
	black snake-root	Sanicula marilandica	Occasional	

Bunkhouse N	Bunkhouse No. 2			
Location	Common Name	Scientific Name	Predominance	
Canopy	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Even mix	
	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Even mix	
	american elm	Ulmus americana	One occurrence	
Shrub strata	beaked hazel	Corylus cornuta	Frequent	
Understory	coltsfoot	Petasites palmatus	Occasional	
	black snake-root	Sanicula marilandica	Occasional	
	fern	Pteridium spp.	Occasional	
	trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens	Occasional	
	starflower	Trientalis borealis	Occasional	
	false Soloman's seal	Smilacina stellata	Occasional	
	bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Occasional	
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional	
	sweet-scented bedstraw	Galium triflorum	Occasional	
	sweet peavine	Lathyrus spp.	Rare	
	bush honeysuckle	Diervilla Ionicera	Occasional	
	currant	Ribes spp.	Occasional	

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	false lily-of-the-valley	Maianthemum canadense	Rare
	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Occasional
	*Lots of leaf litter and deadfall. Evidence of a recent blow down		

Bunkhouse N	Bunkhouse No. 1			
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance	
Canopy	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Even mix	
	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Even mix	
Shrub strata	green alder	Alnus crispa	Abundant	
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Occasional	
Understory	low-bush cranberry	Viburnum edule	Occasional	
-	bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Occasional	
	trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens	Frequent	
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Frequent	
	wild strawbery	Fragaria virginiana	Occasional	
	wintergreen	Pyrola spp.	Occasional	
	wild sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis	Occasional	
	sweet peavine	Lathyrus spp.	Occasional	
	sweet-scented bedstraw	Galium triflorum	Occasional	
	young bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Occasional	
	currant	Ribes spp.	Occasional	
	starflower	Trientalis borealis	Occasional	
	bush honeysuckle	Diervilla Ionicera	Occasional	

Gathering Ar	ts Area		
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance
Canopy	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Even mix
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Even mix
	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Some
Shrub strata	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Occasional
	chokecherry	Prunus virginiana	Frequent
	hawthorne	Cratageus chrysocarpa	Occasional
	beaked hazel	Corylus cornuta	Occasional
	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	Frequent
	snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	Occasional
	green alder	Alnus crispa	Occasional
Understory	bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Frequent
	non-prickly rose	Rosa spp.	Occasional
	black snake-root	Sanicula marilandica	Rare
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional
	false Solomon's seal	Smilacina stellata	Occasional
	false lily-of-the-valley	Maianthemum canadense	Occasional
	low-bush cranberry	Viburnum edule	Occasional
	bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Occasional
	northern bedstraw	Galium boreale	Occasional
	poison ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii	Occasional
	coltsfoot	Petasites palmatus	Occasional
	potentilla	Potentilla spp.	Rare
	wild peavine	Lathyrus spp.	Occasional
	wintergreen	Pyrola spp.	Occasional

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	sweet-scented bedstraw	Galium triflorum	Occasional	
	*wood frog occurrence			

Soccer Field			
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance
Canopy	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Even mix
	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Even mix
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Some
Shrub strata	green alder	Alnus crispa	Frequent
	bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Rare
	snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	Occasional
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional
	red-osier dogwood	Cornus stolonifera	Occasional
Understory	wild strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	Occasional
	yarrow	Achillea millefolium	Occasional
	goldenrod	Solidago spp.	Occasional
	wild sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis	Occasional
	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	Occasional
	common harebell	Campanula rotundifolia	Occasional
	dwarf blueberry	Vaccinium caespitosum	Occasional
	pearly everlasting	Anaphalis margaritacea	Occasional
	fern	Pteridium spp.	Occasional
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional
	clover	Trifolium spp.	Occasional
	poison ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii	Occasional
	black snake-root	Sanicula marilandica	Occasional
	bush honeysuckle	Diervilla Ionicera	Occasional
	wild sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis	Occasional
	green alder	Alnus crispa	Occasional
	false lily-of-the-valley	Maianthemum canadense	Occasional
	bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Occasional
	anemone	Anemone spp.	Occasional
	coltsfoot	Petasites palmatus	Occasional
	snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	Occasional
	bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Rare
	low-bush cranberry	Viburnum edule	Occasional

Shore Descrip	Shore Description			
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance	
Canopy	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	N/A	
	jack pine	Pinus banksiana	N/A	
Shrub strata	common juniper	Juniperus communis	N/A	
	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	N/A	
Understory	meadowsweet	Spirea alba	N/A	
	dwarf blueberry	Vaccinium caespitosum	N/A	
	common harebell	Campanula rotundifolia	N/A	
	goldenrod	Solidago spp.	N/A	
	hawksbeard	Crepis spp.	N/A	
	feather moss	Pleurozium schreberi	N/A	
	reindeer lichen	Cladina spp	N/A	

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pink corydalis	Corydalis sempervirens	N/A	

Women's Was	Women's Washroom			
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance	
Canopy	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Dominant	
	bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Rare	
	white spruce	Picea glauca	Some	
Shrub strata	willow	Salix spp.	Occasional	
	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	Occasional	
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Some	
Understory	dwarf blueberry	Vaccinium caespitosum	Abundant	
	currant	Ribes spp.	Occasional	
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional	
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional	
	clover	Trifolium spp.	Occasional	
	wild strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	Occasional	
	violet	Viola spp.	Occasional	
	goldenrod	Solidago spp.	Frequent	
	sedges	Carex spp.	Occasional	
	wild peavine	Lathyrus spp.	Occasional	
	*site is at the edg	e of a wetland, rock outcro	p, wet areas	

Men's Washro	oom		
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance
Canopy	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Even mix
	balsam poplar	Populus balsamifera	Even mix
	white spruce	Picea glauca	Some
Shrub strata	beaked hazel	Corylus cornuta	Frequent
	wild saskatoon	Amelanchier alnifolia	Occasional
	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	Frequent
	meadowsweet	Spirea alba	Occasional
	snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	Occasional
Understory	bracken fern	Pteridium aquilinum	Frequent
	bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	Frequent
	trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens	Occasional
	black snake-root	Sanicula marilandica	Occasional
	sedge	Carex spp.	Occasional
	bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Occasional
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional
	wild peavine	Lathyrus spp.	Occasional
	bush honeysuckle	Diervilla Ionicera	Occasional
	coltsfoot	Petasites palmatus	Occasional
	false Solomon's seal	Smilacina stellata	Occasional
	goldenrod	Solidago spp.	Occasional
	wild strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	Occasional
	dwarf blueberry	Vaccinium caespitosum	Occasional
	clover	Trifolium spp.	Occasional
	feather moss	Pleurozium schreberi	Frequent
	stair step moss	Hylocomium splendens	Frequent

Appendix C - Plant Species Lists for Sites

Maintenance							
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance				
Canopy	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Some				
	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Some				
	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Some				
	white spruce	Picea glauca	Some				
	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Predominant				
Shrub strata	willow	Salix spp.	Occasional				
	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Occasional				
	green alder	Alnus crispa	Occasional				
	red-osier dogwood	Cornus stolonifera	Occasional				
Understory	grasses	grass spp.	Dominant				
	large leaved avens	Geum macrophyllum	Rare				
	poison ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii	Occasional				
	wild strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	Occasional				
	coltsfoot	Petasites palmatus	Occasional				
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional				
	false Solomon's seal	Smilacina stellata	Occasional				
	trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens	Frequent				
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional				
	bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Occasional				
	wild sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis	Occasional				
		*leaf litter					

Staff Building						
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance			
Canopy	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	(Large)			
Shrub strata	willow	Salix spp.	Occasional			
Understory	low-bush cranberry	Viburnum edule	Occasional			
	columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	Rare			
	*wet site, wood frog occurrence.					

Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance
Canopy	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Dominant
	white spruce	Picea glauca	Some
Shrub strata	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Occasional
	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	Occasional
	beaked hazel	Corylus cornuta	Occasional
	green alder	Alnus crispa	Occasional
	red-osier dogwood	Cornus stolonifera	Occasional
	wild saskatoon	Amelanchier alnifolia	Occasional
Understory	wild strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	Frequent
_	thistle	Cirsium arvense	Occasional
	poison ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii	Occasional
	trailing raspberry	Rubus pubescens	Frequent
	prickly rose	Rosa acicularis	Occasional
	goldenrod	Solidago spp.	Occasional
	potentilla	Potentilla spp.	Occasional

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	mint	Labiatae spp.	Occasional			
	aster	Aster spp.	Occasional			
	bracken fern	Pteridium aquilinum	Occasional			
	large leaved avens	Geum macrophyllum	Rare			
	*adjacent to large grass area, not that wet					

Docks - East	shoreline			
Location	Common name	Scientific Name	Predominance	
Canopy	green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Dominant	
	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Occasional	
	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Occasional	
	American elm	Ulmus americana	Occasional	
	black ash	Fraxinus nigra	Occasional	
Shrub strata	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Occasional	
	balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Occasional	
	wild raspberry	Rubus idaeus	Occasional	
	beaked hazel	Corylus cornuta	Occasional	
Understory	thistle	Cirsium arvense	Occasional	
	spotted touch-me-not	Impatiens capensis	Occasional	

^{*}Shrub strata and understory were assessed using the DAFOR scale, which is based on percent cover. Dominant = >75%, Abundant = 75 – 51%, Frequent = 50 - 26%, Occasional = 25 - 11%, Rare 10 - 1%

Appendix D: Plant Data Collected at Transects

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Plot 1 - Treed Rock								
Species	1	2	3	4	5	Average		
Shrub st	ratum - 1-	-2.5m tall	(2.5m x 2.	5m plots)				
Alnus rugosa	20	0	0	0	0	4		
Juniperus communis	10	0	0	0	0	2		
Rosa acicularis	2	0	0	0	0	0.4		
Amelanchier alnifolia	2	0	0	0	15	3.4		
Rubus idaeus	0	0	0	0	20	4		
Betula papyrifera	0	0	0	0	5	1		
Herb	stratum -	<1m tall (1-m x 1-m	plots)				
Rubus pubescens	10	30	0	0	0	8		
Feather moss spp.	9	20	0	0	0	5.8		
Cornus canadensis	8	2	6	0	0	3.2		
Rubus idaeus	0	0	0	0	15	3		
Cladina spp.	0	0	13	0	0	2.6		
Galium boreale	0	0	7	0	5	2.4		
Solidago spp.	2	3	5	0	2	2.4		
Rosa acicularis	0	6	0	0	5	2.2		
Aralia nudicaulis	0	0	0	0	10	2		
Poa spp.	0	0	8	0	0	1.6		
Aster Sp.	5	0	0	0	2	1.4		
Alnus rugosa	0	6	0	0	0	1.2		
Trifolium pratense	0	1	5	0	0	1.2		
Abies balsamea	0	0	5	0	0	1		
Cladonia spp.	0	0	0	5	0	1		
Hieracium umbellatum	0	0	3	0	0	0.6		
Achillea millefolium	0	0	2	0	0	0.4		
Galium triflorum	0	2	0	0	0	0.4		
Lathyrus spp.	0	2	0	0	0	0.4		
Maianthemum canadense	0	2	0	0	0	0.4		
Ribes spp.	0	0	0	0	2	0.4		
Taraxacum officinale	0	0	2	0	0	0.4		
	Fround Co	over (1-m	x 1-m plot	(s)				
litter	90	40	5	0	30	33		
Rock	0	0	0	90	60	30		
Pleurozium schreberi	0	0	70	0	0	14		
Crustose lichen spp.(covering	0	0	0	30	0	6		
Rock moss	0	0	0	10	15	5		
liverwort (mossy like)	0	5	0	0	0	1		

Plot 2 - Trembling Aspen Stand							
Species	1	2	3	4	5	Average	
Shrub s	Shrub stratum - 1-2.5m tall (2.5m x 2.5m plots)						
Corylus cornuta	20	10	0	0	0	6	
Amelanchier alnifolia	5	0	0	0	0	1	
Fraxinus spp.	15	15	10	5	0	9	
Cornus canadensis	5	0	0	2	0	1.4	
Rubus idaeus	0	5	30	0	25	12	
Herb stratum - <1m tall (1-m x 1-m plots)							

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Calamagrostis sp.	15	4	5	15	20	11.8	
Rubus idaeus	0	5	20	0	20	9	
Rubus pubescens	10	5	2	7	2	5.2	
Solidago spp.	7	6	8	4	0	5	
Rosa acicularis	10	0	0	0	10	4	
Aster Spp.	2	6	5	3	0	3.2	
Fragaria virginiana	0	2	10	3	0	3	
Cirsium arvense	2	3	5	0	0	2	
Ribes spp.	0	0	6	0	3	1.8	
Maianthemum canadense	1	0	2	4	0	1.4	
Cinna latifolia	3	4	0	0	0	1.4	
Cornus stolonifera	0	0	2	5	0	1.4	
Petasites palmatus	3	0	0	2	1	1.2	
Anemone canadensis	0	0	0	2	4	1.2	
Toxicodendron rydbergii	5	0	0	0	0	1	
Fraxinus pensylvannica	5	0	0	0	0	1	
Galium boreale	1	0	1	0	3	1	
Equisetum arvense	0	0	0	4	1	1	
Abies balsamea	2	2	0	0	0	0.8	
Taraxacum officinale	3	0	0	0	0	0.6	
Mitella nuda	0	0	3	0	0	0.6	
Geum macrophyllum	0	0	3	0	0	0.6	
Alnus rugosa	0	3	0	0	0	0.6	
Mint spp.	0	0	0	2	1	0.6	
Viola spp.	2	0	0	0	0	0.4	
Viccia spp.	0	0	0	0	2	0.4	
Galium triflorum	0	0	1	0	0	0.2	
	Ground Co	over (1-m	x 1-m plo	ts)			
litter	40	20	15	40	20	27	
moss	20	6	2	5	5	7.6	
liverwort	5	4	4	0	0	2.6	

Plot 3 - Balsam Fir mixedwo	Plot 3 - Balsam Fir mixedwood							
Species	1	2	3	4	5	Average		
Shrub stratum - 1-2.5m tall (2.5m x 2.5m plots)								
Fraxinus pensylvanica	0	2	5	5	0	2.4		
Herb	stratum -	<1m tall (1-m x 1-m	plots)				
Equisetum arvense	3	3	20	5	5	7.2		
Fraxinus spp.	8	0	0	20	0	5.6		
Mitella nuda	0	2	8	10	3	4.6		
Aralia nudicaulis	5	5	10	0	2	4.4		
Carex spp.	0	2	7	10	2	4.2		
Rubus pubescens	0	5	10	2	0	3.4		
Viola spp.	0	0	10	0	3	2.6		
Lonicera spp.	0	0	5	0	3	1.6		
Galium triflorum	0	0	2	2	4	1.6		
Maianthemum canadense	2	0	2	2	0	1.2		
Ribes spp.	0	0	5	0	0	1		
Toxicodendron rydbergii	0	0	2	3	0	1		

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Dryopteris austriaca	0	0	0	0	5	1	
Oryzopsis asperifolia	0	0	2	2	0	0.8	
Quercos macrocarpa	0	0	3	0	0	0.6	
Viburnum edule	0	0	0	3	0	0.6	
Populus balsamifera	2	0	0	0	0	0.4	
Abies balsamea (small)	1	1	0	0	0	0.4	
Ulmus americana	0	0	2	0	0	0.4	
Trientalis borealis	0	0	0	0	2	0.4	
Ground Cover (1-m x 1-m plots)							
litter	90	60	10	40	80	56	
moss	5	30	25	20	10	18	