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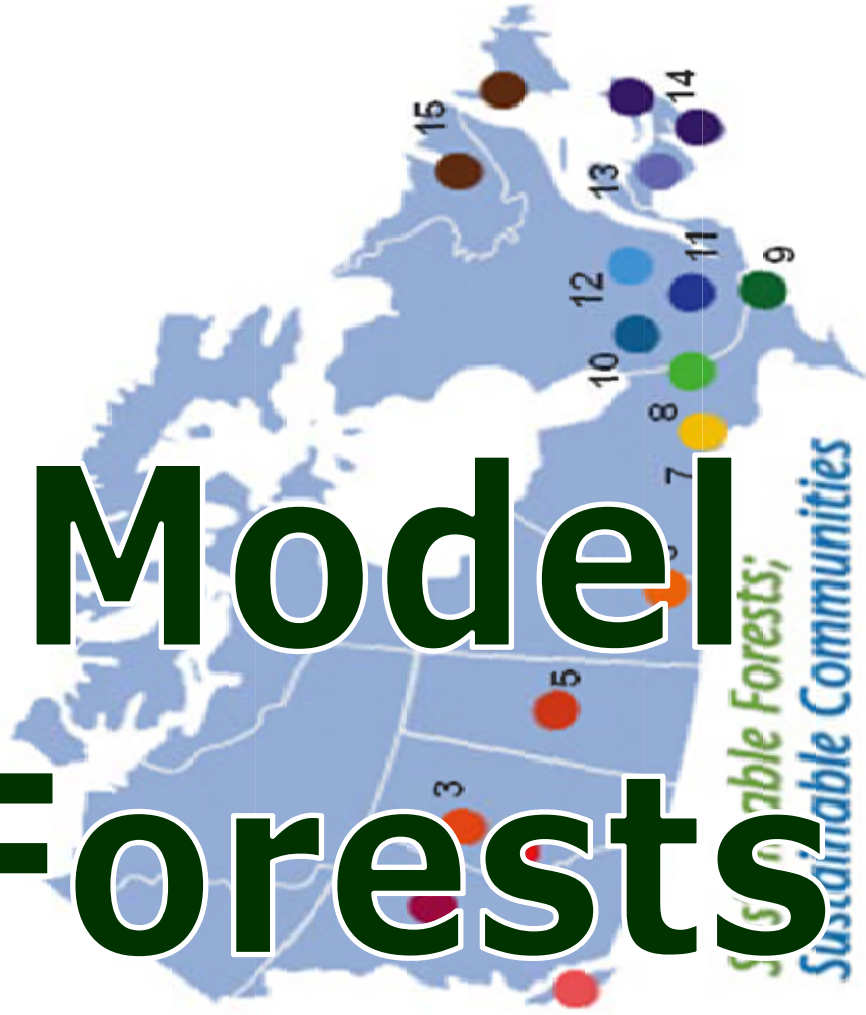
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The Canadian Model Forest Network: Linking Together Forest-Based Communities

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Since 1992, Model Forests in Canada have been engaged in bringing together forest stakeholders and communities. Initially, as a federal government program through the Canadian Forest Service, it was developed to address the national and global need for wise forest management. This was achieved by considering the forest's environmental, social, and economic components. In 2007, the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) was privatized as a fully-functioning, not-for-profit corporation. The resulting 14 members became CMFN's shareholders, with a Board of Directors for self-governance. A new member joined the CMFN in August 2010 increasing the membership to 15, with representation in every province. These members engage over 1000 organizations and 250 Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities across Canada. Our partners include: industry (forestry and other land uses), government (municipal, provincial, and federal), non-government organizations, schools (elementary to university), and researchers. This allows us to openly discuss a range of topics that are important to the forest and the communities who depend on it. The CMFN is also the regional representative in the International Model Forest Network, which creates the opportunity for knowledge transfer between over 55 Model Forests in more than 20 countries.

CMFN's Members

Model Forests bring together diverse interests and perspectives, and are a neutral place to discuss issues. They were set up as experimental sites, where new forest practices could be developed and demonstrated. Model Forests work to create a sense of empowerment by engaging Canadians in their own land use decision-making, and are a 'model' from which others can learn and advance their sustainability goals. Our members develop projects that address issues relevant to their community, with topics ranging from economic development to studying the forest ecosystem. They also

create employment opportunities, further supporting communities through difficult times.

CMFN's Programs

With input from its members and partners, the CMFN collects information and knowledge. Using this, we create tools that can be applied broadly to forest-based and rural communities in Canada and beyond. This information is made accessible to those who need it, by helping to identify opportunities and assistance in overcoming challenges. Examples of these programs that link to regional and international issues include:

Bioenergy

Bioenergy activities are increasing as demand grows for renewable sources of energy. The CMFN is working on a two-part project to assist communities considering bioenergy development. The first is a guidebook and website with current background information about bioenergy technology and relevant Canadian policy and programs. The second is a web-based tool that will allow communities to assess the potential of a bioenergy facility in their region.

Circumboreal and Climate Change

Communities in the boreal forest have many concerns, such as climate change, species at risk, and the transformation of the forest sector. The CMFN is working with our members in the boreal to develop projects that address their issues, such as the multi-member project focusing on woodland caribou issues and management.

Ecological Goods and Services

Work is being done to identify the value of

ecological goods and services (EG&S) (i.e. clean water and air, plants and wildlife). For this project, the CMFN has partnered with the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. We are working to understand how society can conserve and find incentives and markets for protecting EG&S. It will also be exploring options to offset the costs obtained by voluntary actions of forest managers, landowners and farmers. The program will include a number of local-level projects across Canada, to find the best tools and incentives for these goods. The result of this will advise the growing market and provide information for new Canadian EG&S policies.

Non-Timber Forest Products

The CMFN and its members are actively involved in the growing non-timber forest products market (NTFP). In 2009, a report was developed outlining NTFP activities in Canada, particularly through our members, as well as the challenges with marketing and creating demand for these products. As a response to the need for training and education, the CMFN supported Canadian workshops to discuss NTFP issues and find solutions. From these, a summary report was developed, providing insight to others pursuing similar activities.

CMFN's Future

As we move forward, the CMFN is committed to continuing its role in providing a national voice for forest-based, rural communities across Canada. Our programs and activities demonstrate how we can act as the mechanism in which to re-invent the forest sector in the 21st century for communities, through knowledge, guidance and support.

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The Canadian Model Forest Network and the Forest Communities Program

Michael Slivitzky
Coordinator, Forest Communities Program



In 1992, Canada's Model Forest Program was launched to advance knowledge, innovation and best practices at the local level in forest management. Ten Model Forests were initially selected after a competitive process.

Inclusion and engagement of diverse forest stakeholders is a central tenet of the Model Forest concept, which is now being applied in some 25 countries around the world. It continues to be a growing success.

In many parts of Canada, Model Forest partnerships provided the first opportunity that these diverse stakeholders had to meet and participate at a common table, together deciding on sustainable forest management (SFM) priorities. These consensus-based partnerships of industry, all levels of government, researchers, environmental groups, and other interested stakeholders, advanced SFM at the local level, with core contribution agreement financing from Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service. Partners brought additional financing to the table, and Model Forests consensually developed projects that brought research into practice. Information and new knowledge was shared with other groups across the country and beyond. The International Model Forest Program saw the establishment of Model Forest sites in Russia, China, the Philippines, Latin America and elsewhere, adopting the Canadian concept of an open multi-stakeholder table, operating consensually to further SFM at the local level. These Model Forests, like those in Canada, did not have direct administrative control over their land base, partners retained their resource management jurisdictions and responsibilities. In 2006, the 11 Canadian Model Forests incorporated formally as a national independent not for profit corporation, the Canadian Model Forest Network (www.cmfnet.net).

Canada's forest-based communities are facing significant challenges as a consequence of forest industry restructuring and transformation, an ageing population, changing markets, stiff international competition and major natural disturbances, such as wildland fire and insect infestation. In July, 2007, following a competitive process, Natural Resources Canada announced the

Forest Communities Program (FCP), to assist community-based partnerships to develop and share knowledge, strategies and tools to adjust to forest sector transition and to take advantage of emerging forest-based opportunities.

The FCP is a \$25-million, 5-year program that funds 11 sites across Canada. The FCP community partnerships are located in defined geographic areas at a regional scale, and include a mix of urban, rural and Aboriginal communities. Typically, these community partnerships are diverse, with participants drawn from community groups, industry, Aboriginal organizations, various levels of government, landowners, and research and educational institutions. By focusing on forest-based community partnerships, the FCP encourages fresh perspectives on Canada's forest resources, leading to innovation implementation and a sustainable future for forest-based communities, while taking into consideration the full range of social, economic and environmental values. FCP sites all became members of the Canadian Model Forest Network.

Program objectives are to develop new forest-based economic opportunities, facilitate capacity building and engagement of communities, promote and share integrated, multi-sectoral approaches to forest management and share best practices and information with forest communities across Canada and around the world. Current projects include research on community applications of bioenergy, business models for non-timber forest product initiatives, valuation of ecological goods and services, including water, recreation and biodiversity, community approaches to integrated land management, strategies for community adaptation to climate change and youth engagement in forest-based career opportunities.

In addition to the 11 local sites, the FCP also pursues its program objectives through initiation and support of national projects with not-for-profit groups, such as the Canadian Model Forest Network. Projects range from economic research and strategy development on new emerging community-based opportunities in bioenergy and environmental goods and services to implementing best

practices in non-timber forest product development and community adaptation to climate change. It is a unique window for collaboration between the federal government and diverse stakeholders with interests in the forest base, such as environmental and Aboriginal groups on Vancouver Island, ranchers, aboriginals and government in Saskatchewan, private woodlot owners in Eastern Ontario, blueberry producers in the Lac-Saint-Jean and Local Community Networks in Newfoundland. For more information on the FCP, please visit <http://cfs-scf.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/subsite/forest-communities/home>.

Besides its domestic impacts, the FCP platform also supports the transfer of knowledge, tools and strategies developed at FCP community sites to international community organizations such as Model Forest communities in Latin America and Europe. There are currently about 60 Model Forests worldwide, in diverse locations such as Sweden, Spain, Russia, Cameroon, Argentina and Cuba, organized into regional networks. For more information on the International Model Forest Network, please visit www.imfn.net.

Northeast Superior Forest Community: Introducing One of Canada's Newest Forest Community Sites

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The Northeast Superior Forest Community (NSFC) is one of the newest forest community, or model forest, sites in this country. Our organization was born out of the collapse of the forest economy, as political leaders from six neighbouring municipalities recognized the need for collaboration and for the development of a new strategic regional direction.

The communities of Wawa, White River, Dubreuilville, Manitouwadge, Chapleau and Hornepayne collectively understood the strength of jointly resourcing the creation of a new organization that would work as a regional scale economic development body focusing on the forest sector, and in July of 2007 approval of the regional bid to become one of 11 forest community sites in the country was given. This event marked the beginning of what would become the NSFC.

The NSFC represents a region spanning six million hectares of Boreal Forest, nestled on the coast of Lake Superior. Our region includes the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve, the largest crown game preserve in the world, a multitude of Provincial Parks, Pukaskwa National Park and is home to six municipalities and seven First Nation communities. The region has a diverse set of stakeholders with common interest in the management of our natural resources.

From 2007 onward the NSFC moved quickly through the development of strategic and guiding principles that would lead the organization through a whirlwind first few years – through the development of our focus areas on Non Timber Forest Resources, Bioenergy and Wood initiatives, and strategic/policy influence thematics. It quickly

became evident that although projects were being successfully undertaken, there were gaps that needed to be addressed.

The initial board structure of the NSFC brought together as voting members the municipal partners who had been aggressively moving forward the agenda of becoming a collective, and it quickly became evident that our process would be enhanced significantly through the addition of First Nation relationships as a priority focus area. Our preliminary focus in the developmental years of our organization was strongly rooted in our desire to form this partnership. Through additional support provided by the Forest Communities Program, the NSFC was able to provide core funding to a newly established ad hoc political group called “The Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs’ Forum” (NSRCF). The NSRCF was created out of a need for a First Nation review and critique of the NSFC strategic plan, to ensure that any concerns in our mandate, objectives and focus areas could be mitigated. After a significant amount of time on the part of our Regional Chiefs, the NSRCF has been one of our most important partners in regional development.

In the years following the 2008 official launch of the NSFC as a “Forest Community”, the organization has had several key indicators of success. We have been successful in the building of more than 75 key partnerships where individuals, organizations and industries are working collaboratively to turn ideas into economic opportunity.

Some of our key focus areas that have been developed are as follows. The first regional blueberry plantation (of a future network of six) in Wawa, Ontario. In partnership with Level Plains Inc., the NSFC was successful in

leveraging dollars through the Community Adjustment Fund, to pilot the development of this plantation. These resources assisted in the purchase of equipment and skills necessary to test the concept of Northeast Superior Blueberries and determine the viability of their growth in our region. The end goal of the pilot project was to develop 55 acres of land for a future harvest date expected in August of 2012. This project has significantly exceeded expectation, as the pilot saw the successful cultivation of 220 acres of land with the first harvest scheduled for August of 2011. This project would not be possible without the entrepreneurial focus of Level Plains and the desire of Trevor Laing, owner/operator to see blueberries become a new economic driver for our region.

Along with NTFPs and Blueberry Industry development, the NSFC is also working on key job creation opportunities in other areas of interest relating to the forest sector. We are currently undertaking, in partnership with our First Nation partners, FRP, Tembec, OMNR and the Great Lakes Forestry Centre, an initiative designed to analyze the sustainability of biomass in the forest. This project fills a niche in terms of available data on this up and coming industry, and is part of the NSFC’s research agenda. We look forward to continuing this project through to the summer of 2011.

Although these projects are merely a quick sample of what it is we do at the NSFC, they provide an understanding of where our interests lay. We are looking forward to expanding our partnerships, our projects and our impacts on communities in the coming years and are hoping to build new strategic partnerships with those who are interested in these same concepts.

Request for Case Studies

The Private Lands Committee has been working through some recommendations from a Good forestry Practice Paper authored by Terry Schwan, R.P.F. and Ken Elliott, R.P.F. One of the recommendations requires that the OPFA provide case studies of ethical practice for OPFA members related to Tree By-Laws and Good Forestry Practice Standards. Would anyone from the OPFA membership be able to provide a case study? If so, please email it to Judy Biggar, Competency and Practices Coordinator, OPFA at dbiggar1@cogeco.ca.

Eastern Ontario Model Forest

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The Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) will soon have been in existence for 19 years. That is quite a remarkable feat; 19 years of partnerships and programming geared at the settled landscapes of the

Great Lakes St. Lawrence Forest region. If you are not familiar with who we are or what we do, I encourage you to visit our new web site at www.eomf.on.ca or contact me directly at mrichardson@eomf.on.ca.

Although this article was supposed to be a retrospective, I think I will take my limited column space to look ahead at where I see us going in the future; there is a lot of material on the web so please head there for more detailed information. The only thing I really want to say about the past is that the EOMF has been able to take 'seed' money invested by Natural Resources Canada under the Canadian Model Forest Program (1992-2007) and the Forest Communities Program (2007-2012), and leverage it by a ratio of almost 2 to 1 in additional investment and in-kind contributions. Thanks to all the partners who have helped us do what we are good at – trying new ideas, building community and sector capacity, sharing practices, and feeding into science processes and policy debates. The EOMF continues to evolve; we are different now than we were before 2007, and we will be different again once this first phase of the Forest Communities Program (FCP) ends in 2012. Many of you have been supportive, while a few of you have perhaps wondered what has happened to us given some changes in program emphasis over the last while. And while change is inevitable, one thing remains constant: we continue to be partnership-based and dedicated to helping. So, here are my thoughts on where we are headed ...

For a whole lot of reasons we are not cutting enough wood in the province and consequently Ontario's forest sector continues to struggle to keep itself solvent. I worry that at some time in the near future we will have lost so much capacity in the province that we will not have the traction needed to recover even if there is an increased demand for fibre. In our area of influence, the biggest challenge by far is selling fibre-quality wood, and, to this end, our Board of Directors has clearly stated that our main role (not our only role!) is to help the forest industry find

reliable markets for this lower value wood. Without these markets, it doesn't matter what sort of policy or regulatory environment is out there because the future sustainability of our forests will have been compromised. The EOMF is committed to working with all the stakeholders of a strong forest sector to help bring about a return to vibrancy – this solution needs to be industry driven, but well supported by all tiers of government, the many NGOs out there, universities, First Nations and, perhaps just as importantly, the buying and voting public. We all have a responsibility and a role to play.

Although there will always be room for improvements, we know how to manage our forests to provide us with the benefits we demand from them. In the settled landscape where forests are but one component in a diverse array of often conflicting landscape features, certification provides the best opportunity for countering any rhetoric about the sustainability of the resource and, while it is true that you don't need certification to manage sustainably, certification does help legitimize the claim of sustainability locally, regionally and internationally. The EOMF has been in the certification game for a decade now – it remains one of our most important programs and we are committed to building market-driven opportunities that are ultimately available to all forest landowners. This will happen in two main ways – by expanding our existing certificate and outreach, and by facilitating new certification certificates and programs with our partners. Certification is the foundation for most of our other programs.

There is a lot of talk currently on the potential for growing wood for energy purposes – some of it is good, some of it is not so good, but imagine a forest sector where there is a long-term demand for energy fibre. While fuelwood markets have been around for generations, the opportunity to sell fibre that will be converted to electrical power offers great potential for Ontario's forests. My house runs on power that comes from Wisconsin coal fields – it is 2-million-year-old stored carbon; while it is cheap to buy now, it will ultimately cost my kids' kids a whole lot more in the future. In my opinion, supporting opportunities to burn 80-year-old carbon instead is something we cannot afford to let slip by. We are far behind other jurisdictions in this area, but that only means that we can learn from their successes and failures. We

need energy from wood, be it produced through the firewood we burn directly, electrical power generation, or value-added opportunities like turning wood into pyrolysis oil, hemicelluloses extraction, torrefication, or some other new emerging technology. In support of this, the EOMF is developing new partnerships and projects that are energy focused – stay tuned because we expect great things from these new emerging opportunities.

Forest health is another horizontal issue with no clear champion. Health issues affect a wide variety of stakeholders in the settled landscape, reducing forest productivity and challenging currently accepted best management practices. Over the past few years, the EOMF has helped pull together a diverse group of organizations interested in finding a common approach to forest health related issues. The model for the Regional Forest Health Committee was founded in a manner similar in origin to the EOMF.

There is much more I could write about but, again, I would encourage you to check out our website – we are involved in ecological goods and services, tech transfer, species at risk, and supporting the Ontario East Wood Centre. There is a lot more to be done as we strive to remain relevant through changing times and markets. And one final word – advocate for your profession! We need more voices out there demanding change and building opportunity. Cutting trees is a good thing.

Prince Albert Model Forest, Saskatchewan

Susan Carr
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Background:

The Prince Albert Model Forest Association Inc. is a non-profit partnership association that began with the inception of the Canadian Forest Service-funded Model Forest Program in 1992. Initially, the

basic mandate behind the Model Forest program was to create Canada's largest outdoor research laboratory studying and improving sustainable forest management.

Our First 15 Years:

The Model Forest program was divided into three five-year phases. In Prince Albert Model Forest (PAMF), the focus of each of our phases could be characterized like this:

Phase 1: 1992-1997 Partnership development

Phase 2: 1997-2002 Establishing baseline data of the geographic area of the Model Forest

Phase 3: 2002-2007 Integrating resource management among the partners

Forest Communities Program 2007-2012 Sustaining Communities:

In 2005, at the same time the Canadian Forest Service (CFS) directed its funding away from the Model Forest program and towards its new "Forest Communities Program", the Canadian Model Forest Network became a legal incorporation making it a separate entity from the CFS. Since then, the Network has continued to grow to 15 sites: Some, including Prince Albert, still receive funding from the CFS under this new Forest Communities Program. This Canadian Model Forest Network has also mentored the establishment of an International Model Forest Network currently comprised of some 50 model forests in over 25 countries.

Over its evolution, PAMF has gained a reputation as the place to come to access a broad network of expertise in the areas of consultation, research, policy, governance, skill development, communities, all levels of government and First Nations. Internationally, we are known for our expertise in governance and for our strength in Indigenous partnerships.

What we're working on:

- Developing an **Agroforestry Business Case Analysis** Toolkit which we now can train communities and individuals to use.

- Assisting **Sturgeon River Plains Bison Stewards (SRPBS)** to deliver an international "Bison on the Edge" conference featuring experts in the field of bison conservation from all over North America and Poland as well as a presenter on Gorilla and Elephant Conservation from Bwindi National Park, Uganda, and a European Bison Conservationist from Poland. The SRPBS have earned the reputation for creating a successful grassroots governance organization that facilitates tolerant coexistence with 400 of Canada's only free-ranging population of pure plains bison on their historic range.

- Coordinating the Saskatchewan **Aboriginal Junior Forest Ranger Program** which continues to expand and touch the lives of the communities and the participants in the program. Many graduates of this six-week training program have gained considerable confidence and skills that have allowed them to continue their education and find meaningful employment in a range of areas including natural resources, nursing, and administration, as well as serving as role models for other youth in their communities.

- Partnering with **Alto Malleco Model Forest**, Chile to compare commonalities between our indigenous communities and share knowledge and ideas about non-timber forest product opportunities, traditional medicines, and governance. This year two Masters' Graduates from the University of Toronto's Forestry program volunteered a full year of their time on a learning exchange which continued to enhance this collaboration and build upon our work with Alto Malleco.

- Growing the collaborative research and exchange program we have shared with **Sweden's Vilhelmina Model Forest (VMF)** since 2004. Currently there are three joint research projects in progress involving VMF, PAMF and the Universities of Umeå and Saskatchewan and we are extending this initiative to include Komi Model Forest in Russia. A three-year research project:

Learning from our Elders examines traditional knowledge of the changing trends of woodland caribou in northern Saskatchewan and indigenous Sami knowledge of reindeer patterns in northern Sweden.

- Supporting the **Candle Lake Subwatershed Stewardship Committee** that came together to raise awareness about the issue of water quality. The volunteers continue to perform regular water quality monitoring and reporting through the assistance of provincial authorities and have become the local

watchdog organization identifying potential issues in light of the rapid subdivision developments taking place in their community.

- Engaging the **Buffalo River Dene Nation** in a woodland caribou study. The information gathered from the local field researchers has provided important baseline information for the Western Canada Model Forest Caribou Research team on what a healthy, unimpacted woodland caribou population looks like. Across the western provinces, it is the only such data available on a healthy herd.

- Supporting the completion of various Master's theses as well as the publication of several papers on the **Prince Albert and Greater Ecosystem (PAGE) woodland caribou project**.

- Coordinating a Saskatchewan **non-timber forest product working group** to provide support to individuals, groups, and communities interested in building this forest economy.

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Model Forests: Home-Grown and Transplanted Across the World

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Preliminary plans are well advanced in Rio de Janeiro and through the United Nations for the “Rio+20” conference, to be hosted in 2012. The event will mark the 20th anniversary of the UNCED Summit of 1992 - an

event that, at the time, brought together the largest assembly of world leaders in history at which they grappled with the challenges between development and our global environment. Among the events and negotiations that took place over the period of the Rio Summit there was a Canadian announcement: Canada’s government pledged \$10 million to seed an initiative to pilot some innovative work that was showing promise at home in support of sustainable forest management (SFM). The announcement was the International Model Forest Network (IMFN) Program, drawn from Canada’s Model Forest Program, which had been put in place roughly two years earlier. So, as nations gear up for what will certainly be an important stock-taking exercise for Rio+20, we can perhaps begin with an early consideration of the contribution of the IMFN almost twenty years down the road.

Based solely on growth and reach, the IMFN has indeed made impressive gains. The IMFN today includes more than 50 sites around the world in nearly 30 countries. Its aggregate land-base comprises some 65 million hectares and it draws together literally thousands of partner organizations in support of a vast array of work across a range of sustainability challenges. This size is important to the

network because it was originally designed to grow to have a global reach across the world’s major forest ecosystems. Its goal would be to use these living laboratories for networking across sites in ways that accelerate innovation, learning, and management practices for sustainability.

But what are these “living laboratories”? Essentially, Model Forests are voluntary partnerships within large forest dominated landscapes that work to translate SFM policies into practice. Each site is intended to be a “model” from which others can learn and advance their own efforts toward SFM. As the originator Model Forest Network, dating from the early 1990s, the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) holds a special place in the IMFN and remains an important regional initiative in its own right. Today, with 14 sites stretching from coast to coast, Canada’s Model Forests, including three in Ontario (Eastern Ontario, Abitibi, and Superior North) continue to develop, test, and demonstrate leading-edge techniques and approaches to SFM within their landscapes and to share them with the broader IMFN community.

It was largely with the experience and assistance of the CMFN and its members that the IMFN gained a foothold internationally, and ultimately grew so strongly over the years. This included hosting, partnering, and training with many international delegations and specialists in Canada, and a good deal of work with IMFN partners across the globe. Today, the 50 + sites of the IMFN are largely grouped into self-governing regional

networks with operational links to the IMFN Secretariat: Canadian, African, Mediterranean, Ibero-American, and Asian regions. Others operate within a national framework (Sweden) while also collaborating informally with other Model Forest and non-Model Forest regional partners (Russia, Finland, Poland), both inside and outside of the IMFN.

As the IMFN approaches its 20th birthday, its members continue to deliver in very concrete ways on many of the tasks that we posed for ourselves globally two decades ago in Rio. Working at an ecosystem scale, integrating science and policy, and addressing the always challenging social science of sustainability are among many areas of accomplishment of the IMFN that are pointing the way to real solutions for the many challenges faced by forest-based communities.

Looking forward, and to celebrate 2011 as the United Nations International Year of Forests, the IMFN Secretariat has organized a **Landscape and Sustainability Global Forum** (www.globalforum2011.net), which includes two important events taking place in Burgos, Spain next spring: the *International Symposium on Ecosystem and Landscape-Level Approaches to Sustainability* (March 22-24) and the *International Model Forest Network 2011 Global Forum* (March 24-26). Both events will assist members to chart the way for the coming three years and beyond.

For more information on Model Forests and the IMFN please visit www.imfn.net.

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Canadian Wood Fibre Centre



During a long drive one can always recognize the forester in the car; they are the person with their face to the window trying to see up into the tree crowns to judge forest health as the greenery whizzes by.

Over a week this September I did a lot of window forestry driving about half the range of tolerant hardwoods in Canada. But being with the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre (CWFC) I also look at the various wood product mills we pass along the way; judging their productivity by the raw material in the yard, steam venting from the stack, product piled for drying, or the buzz of human activity around the plant. Tolerant hardwoods are a diverse and high value forest type that has spawned many a mill in eastern Canada. The state of the tolerant hardwood resource and the solutions FPlnnovations has developed was the topic of a two day workshop in Fredericton N.B. organized by the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre (CWFC) and FPlnnovations in partnership with the Canadian Woodland Forum and the Maritime Provinces.

The approach of this workshop was to bring together the forest manufacturers and forest resource managers. Francis Fournier, FPlnnovations leader of the Eastern Hardwood Initiative, opened the workshop providing informative graphs of the various trends in the resource and milling base in Quebec and New Brunswick which was not a pretty sight. The quality of the resource being harvested has declined in terms of log grade and low cost furniture manufactures such as China have taken market share from Canadian companies. Meanwhile the U.S. market basically disappeared with the economic crisis.

Francis opened the door for the rest of the speakers to provide solutions - and provide they did!

One theme was around better resource knowledge and what to do with this knowledge. CWFC presenter Chhun-Huor Ung outlined the enhanced inventory work of CWFC showing how better knowledge of the resource may be incorporated earlier in the planning process to provide greater opportunity to direct fibre to higher value

endpoints in a cost effective manner. Ed Swift of CWFC with Isabelle Duchesne, FPlnnovations, showed that how forests are grown determines how they can be used. A knowledge base they are developing will provide tools for more optimal value flow. I presented with Peter Hamilton, FPlnnovations, on the first year results from a segregation and marketing program, showing the payback to the operator and benefits further along the value chain when the flow of higher quality logs from the available wood basket increases.

A second theme of solutions whorled around meeting customer needs. A survey of furniture store purchasing agents showed three independent but important ingredients a manufacturer must consider: price (China was out-performing Canada on this point), on-time delivery (Canada does well on this point), and quality (Canada is leading but China is improving). Demographics could not explain the relative importance of the three factors but the results provide valuable information for Canadian furniture manufacturers.

A third theme centred on efforts to make wood a desired choice for consumers. Independent third party life cycle analysis showed wood performs better than other building materials (steel, concrete, etc.) in terms of total lifetime environmental impact. Informing the green consumer about the environmental benefits wood offers over other competing materials is another way to generate consumer pull.

No forestry workshop is complete without a field tour, so day two saw participants heading for the bus. First stop was a bed manufacturer (Cbh Wood Products Ltd.) which had located in Fredericton to take advantage of the availability of clear aspen in the region. It seems aspen makes ideal bed springs (well not springs but bed slats) as aspen does not develop a sag over time like metal springs; aspen returns to its original shape when the load is removed. The slats in these igneous all natural beds are made by thin slicing tight-grained clear aspen and combining it with red maple. The Swiss innovator of the product is feeding an export market to Europe. Next up was some single tree selection on New Brunswick Crown land with some impressive growth rates and

dedicated professional management by Chris Ward and Dale Wilson of New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources (NB DNR).

Glancing out the back of the bus I noticed a port-a-potti truck sucking our dust waiting to pass and I didn't think much of this at the time. But at lunch there was the blue cube set-up and ready for use as the thoughtful organizers had included comforts in the woods to go along with some delicious goodies. After lunch Robert Pelletier, Crown scaler from NB DNR and Glenn Baker a log buyer with Groupe Savoie in Westville, Nova Scotia described via 15 sample logs where the value lies when a log lands road side. The day concluded with some experimental work by Edwin Swift, CWFC, and Vincent Roy, FPlnnovations, on machine trail width and removals at the 30% and 50% level. The treatment was based on a simple concept whereby the decision on which tree to cut rests with the machine operator who is provided with the prescription and a simple decision making template. Hardwood tree marking, as practiced in Ontario, is not a standard practice in N.B. A lot of discussion ensued amongst the group about the pros and cons of having the operator make the selection decision versus paying \$60/ha for tree marking by people on the ground.

The final stop was the regeneration response of a 38-year old tolerant hardwood clearcut. Cut in 1972 with cable skidders, the site had a high degree of disturbance and was commercially thinned in 1985 favouring sugar maple and yellow birch. It looked like a promising even-aged tolerant hardwood stand with an average DBH of 17.5 cm and 27 m²/ha basal area although future stand development will be required for the stand to realize the suite of benefits society expects from even-aged tolerant hardwoods. Eventual conversion to an all-aged stand was a future possibility.

The New Brunswick workshop was the first in a series of regional workshops within the Eastern Hardwood Initiative. An Ontario tour was held Oct. 19-21 and a Quebec session is scheduled for 2011.

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Crime-Fighting Trees

Many people already know that city trees are highly desirable to make a neighborhood more attractive. It is common knowledge that shade from trees keeps temperatures on the ground cooler, can help buildings lower their overall energy usage, and tree roots absorb storm water runoff efficiently. What people may not be familiar with is that trees also aid in fighting crime. Yes, trees can lower crime rates.

Researchers from the US Forest Service's Pacific Northwest (PNW) and Southern Research Stations have published a study on this issue in the journal *Environment and Behavior*. Their theory is that certain types of trees can reduce crime in a given area. Their study focused on the neighborhoods of Portland, Oregon. The total sample size was 2,831 single-family homes and the study period lasted between 2005 and 2007. During that time, 431 crimes were reported: 394 property crimes and 37 violent crimes. The researchers analyzed the relationship between trees and the various crime types.

They looked at many factors, such as the number and size of trees per lot and trees in the surrounding area. They also factored in canopy size of street and yard trees. They concluded that large trees were associated with a reduction in crime. Meanwhile, numerous small trees were associated with an increase in crime. "We believe that large street trees can reduce crime by signaling to a potential criminal that a neighborhood is better cared for and, therefore, a criminal is more likely to be caught," said Geoffrey Donovan, research forester with the PNW Research Station. "Large yard trees also were associated with lower crime rates, most likely because they are less view-obstructing than smaller trees." Smaller trees can provide cover for criminals and block views from windows. Homeowners can rectify this by pruning the lower branches of trees and better placing the trees while planting. And let your trees grow tall!

Link to published article in *Environment and Behavior*: <http://eab.sagepub.com/content/early/2010/09/16/0013916510383238.abstract>

OPFA Council 2011

December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011

The call for nominations by OPFA Members for vacancies on next year's Council was distributed by e-mail (and postal mail to those requesting paper copies). Nominations closed August 31.

Debra MacEwen, R.P.F., Laird Nelson*** and Greg Pawson, R.P.F. are finishing their second terms as Councillors for South East, at Large and Central West respectively and are stepping down. Frank Miklas, R.P.F. is finishing his second term for the North West. Allan Foley, R.P.F. is unable to take on the responsibility of President and for now is stepping down from Council. With Council's support, Carl Corbett, R.P.F. has agreed to serve as President for a third year.

One Member was nominated, thus there was again no need to run an election. The Nominating Committee has recommended and Council accepted the following slate.

Your 2011 Council is:

Officers:

President	3 rd 1-year term	Carl Corbett, R.P.F.	Huntsville	#1253
Vice-President	1 st 1-year term	Frank Miklas, R.P.F.	Thunder Bay	#1613
Past-President	Ex Officio	David Milton, R.P.F.	Brooklin	#951

Councillors:

South West	Year 2 of 1 st 2-year term	Graeme Davis, R.P.F.	Barrie	#1594
Central East	Year 2 of 1 st 2-year term	Astrid Nielsen, R.P.F.	Ottawa	#1882
North East	Year 2 of 1 st 2-year term**	Jeffrey Barton, R.P.F.	New Liskeard	#1681
South East	Year 1 of 1 st 2-year term	Peter Nitschke, R.P.F.	Stirling	#2146
Central West	Year 1 of 1 st 2-year term	Sarah Bros, R.P.F.	North Bay	#1374
North West	Year 1 of 1 st 2-year term	Craig Robinson, R.P.F.	Thunder Bay	#1740
At Large	1 st 1-year term	Martin Neumann, Associate	Guelph	#1986

Public Members of Council*

Michael Barker	1 st Term ends Sept. 2011*	Sault Ste Marie
Bob Duncanson	2 nd Term ends April 2013*	Shelburne
Anne Koven	2 nd Term ends May 2011*	Toronto
Brian Kurikka	1 st Term ends July 2011*	Thunder Bay
Henry Lickers	2 nd Term ends April 2013*	Akwesasne Cornwall

* Public Members are named by the Ontario government for terms of up to three years. The Professional Foresters Act, 2000 limits their service to two terms, though they continue to serve until replaced.

**Jeff will be in his third year on Council, having completed the one-year balance of the two year term when Allan Foley became Vice President before his current two year term.

*** Laird also served two years as a participating guest, prior to the by-law change allowing Associate Members to serve on Council.

Bulletin

Important News for Members of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association

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- Policies will be renewed on a one-year policy term, however, rates have been locked in for two years. Your premiums will be the same in 2011-2012 unless your professional situation changes with respect to operations, number of professionals, or significant revenue adjustments.
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Recognition and Awards Program

Updated by Council

Tony Jennings, R.P.F.
Executive Director and Registrar



At its September meeting, Council approved recommendations from the Recognition and Awards Committee, to update and/or confirm program elements.

Awards

Members are encouraged to nominate candidates by January 31. Nominations should be in writing (e-mail will do) and contain relevant information, e.g.

- name, address, age, title, current position;
- education, honours, awards or other recognition;
- Association membership and involvement;
- membership in other societies and organizations;
- A concise statement that includes the relevant achievements of the nominee and indicates the significance of the accomplishments to the Award.
- two or more supporting letters/e-mails endorsing the nomination.

There are two Awards to be presented **annually**:

The **Honoured Professional Award** continues unchanged. Nominees should be current or past Members of the Association whose careers are noteworthy, having performed outstanding, long-term service to the Association and/or having made significant contribution to the practice of forestry, the management or administration of forests, the education of foresters or forest research in Ontario.

The **Fernow Awards** replace the previous

Forester of the Year Award. One or two Awards will be given annually to Nominees with less than 10 years Membership to recognize either or each of:

- excellence in the practice;
- or
- contribution(s) to the OPFA and its programs.

A broadened series of Awards will be presented **as warranted**:

The **John Sellers Award** will be given to a Member of the Association to acknowledge substantial and/or continuing contribution to the promotion and awareness of professional forestry in Ontario and/or communication among OPFA Members.

The **Herridge Award** will be given to a Member to acknowledge one or more specific achievements in any aspect of the practice of Professional Forestry in mid-career.

The **Zavitz Award** will be given to a Member to acknowledge contribution(s) to Forest Conservation.

The **Jorgensen-Morsink Award** will be given to a Member to acknowledge contribution(s) to Urban Forestry.

The **Bayly Award** will be given to acknowledge contribution(s) to the profession and/or practice of Professional Forestry by a non-member.

Recognition

The elements of the recognition program were confirmed:

A non-member who has made an outstanding

contribution to the advancement of forestry in Ontario may be awarded **Honourary Membership** in the Association by unanimous consent of Council. Honourary Membership may be proposed by nomination, in writing, by at least six Association Members in good standing. Honourary Membership is approved by the Recognition and Awards Committee prior to consideration by Council. No more than one Honourary Member may be elected in any given year. Honourary Members may comprise no more than one percent of the Association membership at any given time. Honourary Members are exempt from payment of dues and may attend meetings but do not have the right to vote.

Loyalty recognition takes the form of pins announced and, when possible, presented at the Annual Conference:

- a silver 25 Year Pin,
- a gold 50 Year Pin.

Gold Pin recipients are invited to attend the Award Banquet or the whole Annual Conference as guests of the Association.

Service Certificates are announced and, when possible, presented at the Annual Conference to acknowledge service on OPFA Committees or as our representative on or to other bodies.

When it is not practical to present an Award or a 50 year gold pin at the Annual Conference, an effort is made to make the presentation at another gathering of the recipient's peers.

Past Award Winners are to be found on the website, currently the fastest route is to use the search option to find Awards; this will change.

Current Competency Requirements

In one seminar location (only), some Members recalled mention in an article by one of the Competency Committee members that the new requirements would take effect December 1, 2011. That was not the determination eventually approved by Council, as the requirements have been discussed for some time and are relatively easy to meet. **A written Personal Practice Focus and Learning Plan are current requirements.**

Reporting of totals for continuing education continues to be an annual requirement (even if reporting zero). Reporting for 2010 and subsequent years is in hours; past records have been converted. The new minimum requirement for the three-year rolling total will be phased in to reach 60 hours in 2012.

Fall Seminars 2010

Tony Jennings, R.P.F.
Executive Director and Registrar



Seminars were held in 16 locations with a total attendance of 232, up from 215 and 216 in the previous two years. Two planned seminars were cancelled due to logistical issues and lack of attendance; the loss was offset by good attendance at locations where field trips, a tour, and a related meeting were arranged: Fort Frances, Dryden, Sault Ste Marie, North Bay, and Waterloo.

Reports on the work of the three Forestry Practices Committees (Crown Lands, Private Lands and Urban) were well received, focusing on updating and adding to the Practice Bulletins and various interventions on policy matters relevant to professional practice.

The new by-laws, previously distributed to all Members, were reviewed. The first half, dealing largely with internal administration of OPFA was mentioned but not explored. Other articles relevant to Members were reviewed in some detail as there was significant re-writing to add clarity and resolve issues that had arisen with our first 10 years experience as a licensed profession:

- 11 – Membership: Categories and their requirements and TCL (Terms Conditions and Limitations), Use of Designation and/or the OPFA Logo. Noted changes included:
 - Temporary Membership is required for RPFs from other jurisdictions working on Ontario forests,
 - Provisional Membership is required in future while meeting the post-graduation experience requirement for Full Membership,
 - Life Membership requires 25 years as a Member,
 - Student Membership is more open (and free)
- 16 – Conflict of Interest for Members
- 14 – The Competency Support Program and its new requirements

Changes to the Awards & Recognition Program were outlined (see page 13) and Members were encouraged to consider nominees. Only one of the nine 50 year pins (announced at the Annual Conference in April) was presented at a seminar this year.

The next steps in applying the new Certification (of RPFs) and Accreditation (of University Programs) were outlined.

At Council's direction Members were consulted on two by-law related issues:

- Draft proposals for future requirements and use of the Associate Member Category, and
- The Current Standards of Practice (by-laws section 10).

Both topics have been reported back to Council; as a result of Membership feedback both topics will be the focus of further work in the coming year.

Our thanks to the sponsors of the 2010 Fall Seminars:

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2011: International Year of Forests



Looking for a basis for encouraging community forestry activity or recognition of forest development, management, conservation and sustainability in schools?

The UN General Assembly has designated 2011 as the “International Year of Forests”, called Forests 2011 for short – a year to focus world-wide attention on “raising awareness at all levels to strengthen the sustainable management, conservation, and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations”. The official kickoff will occur at UN Headquarters in New York when UNFF9 (the Ninth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests). Each of the UN’s 192 member states has joined the UNFF.

What better reason for encouraging deserved attention to the range of values, and the related responsibilities, inherent in our forests.

CUFC10 in 2012



Tree Canada is proud to announce that it has selected London, Ontario as the host city for the 10th Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) in 2012. The announcement was made during the 9th Canadian Urban Forest Conference in Truro, N.S. “To us, London, Ontario represents the type of municipality that embodies the values of the conference – a vibrant community that believes in the role urban forests play in bettering the future of its residents,” said Michael Rosen, Tree Canada President. “

Tree Canada was impressed by the motivation, enthusiasm and passion London displayed in their application. The municipality has a long history of innovative forestry practices including:

- * A total of 4.4 million trees, or 12 trees per capita – a great municipal achievement (and double the national average!)
- * Being one of the first cities in Canada to implement a comprehensive computer-based tree inventory program
- * Receiving the International Society of Arboriculture (Ontario Chapter) award for excellence in arboricultural practices (2005)
- * Receiving the Provincial Communities-in-Bloom award in 2005 for Tree and Urban Forest Management, and
- * Demonstrating its strong community involvement and support for community tree projects including the not-for-profit ReForest London and its annual Amazing Tree Quest social media campaign

“As Londoners, we are excited to welcome the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to our community in 2012,” says Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best. “With London’s ongoing efforts to sustain its healthy trees and green spaces, The Forest City provides an ideal venue to promote environmental stewardship.”

2012 marks a special year for Tree Canada. The 10th conference reflects the amount of support we have in Canada to ensure we have health, diverse urban forests. It’s also the organization’s 20th anniversary – time to celebrate our achievements in making Canada a “tree nation.”

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In Memoriam

Dave Puttock, R.P.F.

Grant Loftus Puttock, B.Sc.F., R.P.F. #101 Life WWII RCAF Veteran February 3, 1920 - December 2, 2010



It is with the memories of a life well lived that we announce Grant's peaceful passing at Amica of Newmarket Retirement Residence.

Born in Toronto, Grant attended Runnymede Collegiate before enrolling in the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto. After completing two years of forestry studies, Grant enlisted in the R.C.A.F. during WWII. Upon earning his wings, he proceeded overseas and, attached to the R.A.F., saw action flying Hurricane fighters and Vengeance dive bombers in England, Burma, and Africa.

At war's end, Grant returned to U. of T. where he obtained his BSc.F. in 1947. His first forestry job was in Temagami where he used his flying skills as a bush pilot to transport supplies and men into remote logging camps. The following year Grant was hired by Kimberly-Clark (K-C) of Canada at Longlac in northern Ontario.

Longlac was the centre of woodlands operations supplying the K-C sawmill at Longlac and pulp mill in Terrace Bay. Like so many foresters who came into the industry immediately after WWII, Grant spent his first summers cruising timber on the K-C limits around Longlac. Over the years he assumed greater responsibilities as camp foreman, roads superintendent, logging superintendent and woodlands manager.

During his 25 years as an forester in Longlac, Grant was witness to and instrumental in many of the changes that occurred in the forest industry in Northern Ontario including the construction of all-weather logging roads to facilitate year-round log transport thus eliminating the traditional river drive and the high inventory of logs that was necessary to keep the pulp mill supplied during winter months. A good road system also meant that logging camps could operate throughout the year and that some camps could be converted to commuter operations. As logging superintendent, Grant was instrumental in the shift from horse logging to wheeled skidders, a technological change that revolutionized the industry across northern Ontario. Under

Grant's leadership as woodlands manager, K-C entered into a reforestation agreement with the Province whereby the company assumed responsibility for planting areas that had been harvested.

In 1972, Grant was given the added responsibility of overall control of the Terrace Bay pulp mill. The move to Terrace Bay and the responsibility for directing the modernization and expansion of the pulp mill was accompanied his appointment as President of K-C Canada and later as Vice-President of Coosa River Alabama Newsprint Division of K-C Corporation. He retired from K-C in 1980.

Throughout his career and during his retirement Grant was an advocate for the profession of forestry and a strong supporter of the OPFA. He kept himself informed of the changes in the profession and supported the licensing of professional foresters in Ontario.

Pre-deceased by his wife, the late Margaret Elizabeth Puttock (nee Allin), Grant leaves behind his sons David, R.P.F. and Douglas, and their families.



In Memoriam

Barb Boysen

Peter de Groot, 1954-2010



I am so sorry to pass on the news of the death of a very dear friend and colleague, Dr. Peter de Groot.

Peter was an amazing person, and I have yet to work with a more supportive scientist. Peter worked with the Forest Gene Conservation Association (FGCA) on a few fronts, in spite of lack of funding and time (or official support).

His support of our work in the white pine seed orchards started with control options for the cone beetle but continued with big picture management suggestions that reflected our minimal resources and need for high quality seed. His support was hands on, cutting edge and always practical and humorous. He did draw some lines in the sand – he refused to return to the Conger seed orchard until the raspberry competition was dealt with as he had already donated too many pairs of pants to the cause.

He worked with several other FGCA colleagues, Brian Swaile, Ben Wang, Cathy Nielsen, John Ambrose, and Henry Kock, on the development of the Certified Seed Collector workshops. While the workshops developed into a system where now Brian can deliver them solo, he often made a point of helping out – always bringing updated information, a smile and a LOT of fun with him.

His legacy with the FGCA is huge. Peter will be sorely missed.

de GROOT, Peter - (HBScF, PhD Entomology) – August 14, 1954- October 22, 2010 - Peacefully surrounded by the love of his wife Elizabeth Deakin, his children Cathleen de Groot (Alexander Noonan) and Jonathan de Groot (Samantha Schruder) and his grandchildren Adalia and Deiderich de Groot. He is predeceased by his mother Paula Philips-de Groot. Son of Jan and Frances de Groot. Dear brother of Mieke Mason (David). Son-in-law of Richard and Beth Deakin. Brother-in-law of George Deakin (Sheila), Catherine Rogers (Peter), Richard Deakin (Vicki) and James Deakin (Debbie). Special Uncle Pete to many nieces

and nephews. He will be remembered by many friends and colleagues. Friends may call at the ARTHUR FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTRE on Monday, October 25, 2010 from 6 – 9 pm. Funeral service from the chapel on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 1 pm. Rev. Faye Stevens officiating. Peter lived his life filled with integrity in all that he did; hopefulness for the harmony of humanity, one with the other, and nature, one with the multitude; a uniquely brilliant humour; a sense of purpose; wisdom; and a spiritual awareness – a rock that so many of us relied on. We have been blessed by his presence in our lives. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation, the Salvation Army or the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Expressions of sympathy may be offered at www.arthurfuneralhome.com

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Have you ever wondered what you can do to support the OPFA?

The OPFA functions because of the volunteer contributions of its members who serve on the Association's many Committees.

Have you considered volunteering some of your time to an OPFA Committee? Would you like to participate but are concerned about lengthy time commitments and travel?

The Editorial Board of *The Professional Forester* may meet your requirements and we are eagerly looking for additional members. Editorial Board members work remotely. Twice yearly we meet by conference call to determine the upcoming themes for each issue. Editorial Board members are expected to solicit articles in support of each theme. The work is rewarding and requires only a small contribution of your time. If you are interested in joining the Board please contact the Chair, Matthew Benson, at matthew.benson@ontario.ca.

Member News

New Members

Full

Mike Taylor

Provisional

Tyson Williams

Associate

John Todd

Transfer to Another Province

Andrew Hunsberger

Resignations

David Anderson
John Boudreau
Roxanne Comeau
Bruce Fleck
Christine Hollstedt
James MacPherson

Bruce Miller
Stephen Roberts
William Rose
Harry Struik

Deceased

John Tait
Donald Wilson

Lost

If you know the whereabouts of these members please let us know or have them contact us.

Wilfred Dyer
J. Robert Mackey
David Turner

Suspensions

The following members have had their

certificates suspended as of October 18, 2010 for administrative reasons and are therefore not entitled to practice any aspect of professional forestry until they have resolved the issue(s):

David Hoffman

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Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference	Feb. 23	Kemptville, ON	www.eomf.on.ca
Ontario Woodlot Association AGM and Conference	March 19	Acton, ON	www.ont-woodlot-assoc.org
Grey Bruce Woodlot Conference	March 26 - 27	Elmwood, ON	www.gcwa.ca
OPFA AGM and Conference	April 13 - 15	Timmins, ON	www.opfa.ca
International Symposium on Dynamics and Ecological Services of Deadwood in Forest Ecosystems	May 15-19	Rouyn-Noranda, PQ	http://deadwood2011.uqat.ca/
Canadian Institute of Forestry AGM and Conference	Sept. 18-21	Huntsville, ON	www.cif-ifc.org
International Urban Forestry Conference	Sept. 25-28	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	www.urban-forestry.com

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