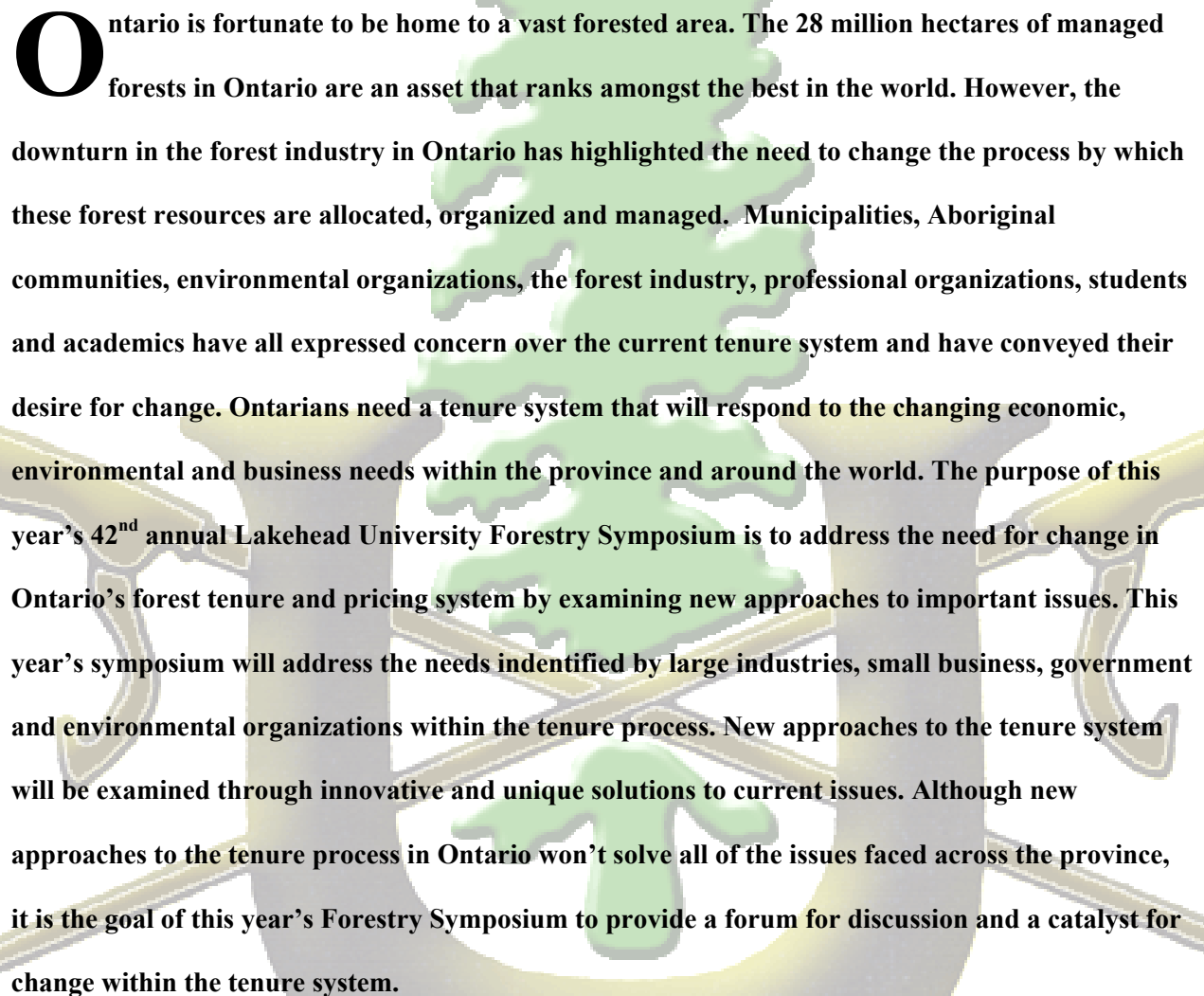


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A New Approach: Tenure and Reform in Ontario's Forests



Ontario is fortunate to be home to a vast forested area. The 28 million hectares of managed forests in Ontario are an asset that ranks amongst the best in the world. However, the downturn in the forest industry in Ontario has highlighted the need to change the process by which these forest resources are allocated, organized and managed. Municipalities, Aboriginal communities, environmental organizations, the forest industry, professional organizations, students and academics have all expressed concern over the current tenure system and have conveyed their desire for change. Ontarians need a tenure system that will respond to the changing economic, environmental and business needs within the province and around the world. The purpose of this year's 42nd annual Lakehead University Forestry Symposium is to address the need for change in Ontario's forest tenure and pricing system by examining new approaches to important issues. This year's symposium will address the needs identified by large industries, small business, government and environmental organizations within the tenure process. New approaches to the tenure system will be examined through innovative and unique solutions to current issues. Although new approaches to the tenure process in Ontario won't solve all of the issues faced across the province, it is the goal of this year's Forestry Symposium to provide a forum for discussion and a catalyst for change within the tenure system.