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Upcoming Event: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FOREST HEALTH MEETING

Edgar Community Hall, 1167 Old Barrie Rd West
Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 7 P.M.

Our speaker for the Forest Health meeting is Svetlana Zeran R.P.F. Svetlana is the planning forester with the Bancroft Minden Forest Company.

Her topics will include Beech Bark disease and its implications for the health of our forests, as well as the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and the threat it brings to our native Eastern Hemlock.

I have confirmed that the Edgar Hall will remain open to use at least until June of this year, so that is the venue for our meeting on May 14, 2019 - 7pm.

Neil Craig

MANAGED FOREST INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Presentation by Peter DeVillers at HWOA Annual General Meeting Feb. 9, 2019

A short overview of the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program was presented.

Application Deadline

The new application package must be submitted by June 30 to have the property taxes changed for the following year. For the 10 year renewal of existing plans, the deadline is July 31. For renewals you will be notified by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Five-year Progress Report

This report is due on your fifth year of participation in the plan. You will be notified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that

you submit the update otherwise you could be removed from the program.

Sale of Property

The new owner has 90 days from the closing date of purchase to submit a new plan that is approved by Managed Forest Tax Incentive Approver. This new plan will be for a 10 year period. By submitting a new plan within 90 days of purchase there is no disruption in the tax benefit for the property.

It was stressed that if you have received a notification from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, do not disregard it, as it may result in your removal from the program if no action is taken.

Peter DeVillers
Jack Pine Enterprises
MFTIP Plan Approver 187

HWOA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU SHORTLY

Please Complete the HWOA Member Survey

Huronian Woodland Owners Association is your association and your board wants to ensure that our events and social functions are supported by the members. We need to hear from you!

We have prepared a short member survey to get your input on our events, speakers, fundraising and other programs, such as the annual scholarships. We also want your suggestions, and all is confidential.

In several days you will receive an e-mail with a link to Survey Monkey. Just click on the link and complete the 10 survey questions.

You input and ideas are much appreciated.

Doug Frost, Director

SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED AT THE AGM

By Mark Scharf

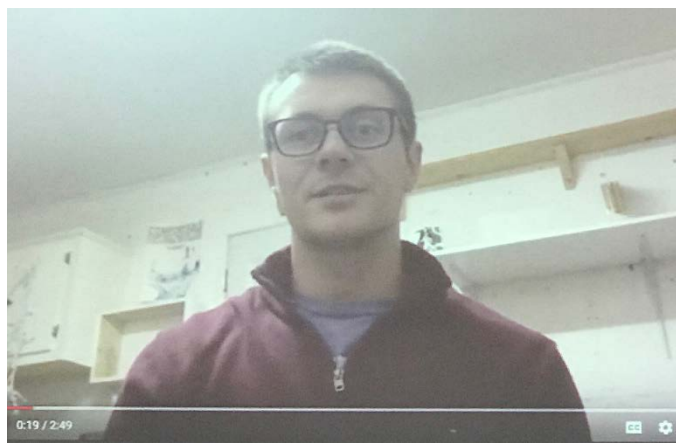
The committee met in early January 2019, and because of the caliber of the applications submitted as of December 31, 2018, it was apparent that it was appropriate to award two \$500 scholarships for the past 2018 academic year.

Erika Bolliger (Shown in photo with Mark Scharf) in the Biodiversity and Forestry Conservation Program at the University of Toronto.

Robert Stephen Sweeney (shown in the photo in his video acceptance) in the Forestry Program at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.

Both recipients gave excellent presentations of their work, achievements and plans for their future.

A more in depth report by Mark will be printed in the June issue of the OWA *Woodlander: Chapter's Corner*.



PRESENTATION AT THE AGM GRAEME DAVIS, Simcoe County Forester

By Neil Craig

We were very fortunate to have an excellent presenter to finish off our busy AGM. Graeme Davis spoke on the work done at the Simcoe County Museum Tract. The presentation covered many aspects of the regeneration work including the controlled burn. He accompanied his talk with a PowerPoint demonstrating the work done to recreate original habitat at the site. Many photos were shown of the site historically, and proceeding to the present.



Graeme Davis is shown here with Neil Craig, who arranged for this excellent presentation.

Through the Knothole Dates, Jim Marchand, editor

Spring: about April 27 - Summer: about Aug. 24 -

Fall: about Oct 26 - and Winter: about Jan 25

Deadline is 2 weeks prior.

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