



Through The Knothole

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HURONIA WOODLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming Event: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022 AGM

Proposed Date:

**Saturday April 30, 2021 from
1 to 3 pm**

**Watch your email and the HWOA
website for updates**

At the time of this newsletter, we are hoping for an in person live event like in the age before Covid-19. All COVID protocols in place at the time of the event will apply, so a ZOOM meeting may become necessary.

STAY TUNED FOR PLANS TO BE FINALIZED

Topics being planned:

Annual General Meeting; Scholarship winners; White Pine Award winner; Special Speaker and also Election of Directors.

**We are hoping to have the meeting at the
Simcoe County Museum like in the past.**



Huronian Community Forest Owners Cooperative

a Pilot Project of Huronia Chapter

McFadden Property, Port McNicoll

Site Visit

Harvesting activities started Thursday February 10th, on the first of the Co-Op properties in the Huronia Community Forest Co-Op.

On Tuesday February 15th, sunny and cold, Jack McFadden hosted a site visit to view the harvesting operations in action. Some of us had viewed the site before at the HWOA Fall Field.



It was very impressive to see how well the work had been performed.



In time, the debris will have become part of the forest floor.

Jim Eccles, owner of Eccles Forestry Ltd., is the project Manager for the Huronia Community Forest Owners Cooperative project. Jim gave the participants in the walk a very detailed and informative talk on the work performed. He discussed planning, marking, work procedures and why each phase was managed in the particular way.

All participants were impressed with the project and the excellent tour.

LAST MINUTE UPDATE:

Our Huronia Community Forest Owners Cooperative received some great television coverage from CTV Barrie last week. Click on the link below to view

<https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/pilot-project-works-to-improve-the-health-of-forests-1.5793462>

Submitted by Jim Marchand

Request received to the Huronia Chapter members to fill out a confidential survey on Climate Change

A research project is currently being conducted on adaptation to climate change in private forests, jointly headed by the Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO) and by the Belgian Université Catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain).

They are particularly interested in knowing to what degree owners of private forests in Canada:

- have already adopted adaptation measures;
- plan to change the way they manage their woodlots.

“The Huronia Woodland Owners Association has been identified as an important stakeholder of private forests. We would therefore invite you to share our anonymous questionnaire to your members. At the end of the questionnaire, respondents will have the opportunity to enter a lottery to win a gift voucher of \$200, \$300 or \$500. The deadline for completion will be on March 31th, 2022.

Link to survey below:

<https://forest-adaptation.limesurvey.net/845375?lang=en>

We thank you in advance for your interest! Your contribution would make a real difference, as we still miss respondents from Ontario. Of course, I'll be glad to share the results with you, when we'll have them analyzed.”

Submitted by Timothée Fouqueray

In Memoriam

Robert “Bob” Allan Ritchie

Bob passed away peacefully at his home in Elmvale Saturday, November 27, 2021 in his 80th year. Bob is survived by his wife Joanne and predeceased by his wife Clara Anne. Bob

is survived by four children, several grand and great grand children.

For those of us who knew Bob he was family first and a professional forest operator/ mill owner second, Ritchie Forest Products. Bob started the forest operations in 1984. Bob had a passion for cutting wood, conifer and a purpose to live the forest better than he found it. He lost his market for the harvested wood in 1987 and became a mill owner. The first mill was a portable mill in an open field covered with tarps. Over the next 35 years or so Bob built a very successful business. Bob never lost his passion for the woods, always had the interest of the forest in his operations, cared about his employees and supported education to many groups informing them of the importance of good forestry. Bob hosted a woodland owners' fall field day at the mill, provided tours of forest operations and the mill to several industry and government organizations. Ritchie Forest Products supported a Professional Forest Worker Student Field Day for many years. The field day was first held at Copeland Forest but was moved to a better location in Oro-Medonte, Ken Ewens property. Bob received the Huronia Woodland Owners' White Pine Award in 1996. Bob was recognized by Wildlife Canada, Forest Products Association of Canada and the Canadian Forest Service with a national Forest Stewardship Recognition Award for his educational contributions.

Our sincere condolences to the family.

Submitted by Earl Dertinger

In Memoriam

Ken Fralick

On January 16th of this year the woodland owners lost another good member, Ken Fralick. Ken and his wife Winnifred have been members for many years. Ken along with his wife of 64 years raised a family, operated a construction company and produced maple syrup from their woodlot in Springwater. (old Vespra township) Ken was also a trapper and very active in the trapper's association. They moved to Ignace several years ago for a change of lifestyle

including trapping but always came back for the syrup season. They tapped 600 trees in a well managed woodlot. The Fralick's hosted our annual fall field day in 2012.

Our sincere condolences to the family.

Submitted by Jim Laking, Earl Dertinger

Through the Knothole, Jim Marchand, editor

Our members would like to see stories about our members, their properties and projects. Please consider sending me an article, from you or a friend.

Send submissions to: jimmarchand5@gmail.com

Submission deadlines for articles:

Winter issue: Jan 10

Spring issue: April 10

Summer issue: Aug. 10

Fall issue: Oct 10

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Directors Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month except June, July and December.

The Huronia Chapter of the OWA (HWOA) has a 50 year history of involvement in good forestry guidance, management and practices.
