



Member Newsletter August 20, 2023

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Federation Annual General Meeting will be held :

- **Wednesday, September 13th, 2023**
- At the Fredericton Inn
- Lunch is included
- All are welcome to attend, but registration is required by September 8th at 5pm

Annual General Meeting



Wednesday, September 13, 2023

9 am - 3 pm

Fredericton Inn

1315 Regent Street, Fredericton

All are welcome!

Register today!

www.nbwoodlotowners.ca/agm-2023

The morning session will include a panel discussion. (see the [ED Message](#) for more details)

Elections for 3 open positions on the Board of Directors will happen at the AGM. **If you are interested in being more involved with the Federation, consider volunteering as a member of the Board of Directors.** Nominations are accepted at any time at:

BD_nominations@nbwoodlotowners.ca

Registration to attend this year's AGM is now open!

[Click here for more details and to register](#)

A Message from the Executive Director

The Federation has been very busy on several fronts in the last month. We hired a summer student for 5 weeks under the Canada Summer Jobs program and are looking for a Membership Development Manager. We hope to have someone in place before the annual general meeting (AGM).

The plans for the **AGM** are shaping up. We have a panel of speakers in the morning to discuss what they think it will take to have a thriving private woodlot sector in the future. The political leaders have been asked to address after lunch and before the business meeting. To date David Coon has said yes and Susan Holt has declined. There has not been any response yet from the Minister. Following their talks, the Federation will outline the work we have completed in the last year and provide our vision of a structure we think might work for woodlot owners. We will be looking for feedback on this vision. We hope to see you all at the **Fredericton Inn on September 13th, and there will be door prizes!**

The other irons in the fire are the federal applications. We are working with others to prepare the best applications possible to **Nature Smart Climate Solutions, Climate Change Adaptation Program, and 2 Billion trees.**

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is interested in having more certified wood in the Maritimes and the program is interested in GHG (greenhouse gas) reduction, so we are working to see if there is a way to present something to ECCC that addresses our need for training and education on **carbon accounting and marketing and certification.** This is in the very early stages, but we hope to have something ready for submission this fall. We are thinking that some case studies would be helpful for woodlot owners to look at some of the possible scenarios if in a carbon market.

The **Climate Change Adaptation Program** is a follow up to the Building Regional Adaptation Capacity and Expertise program that we had a few years ago and we are hoping to provide more training and hopefully tools to woodlot

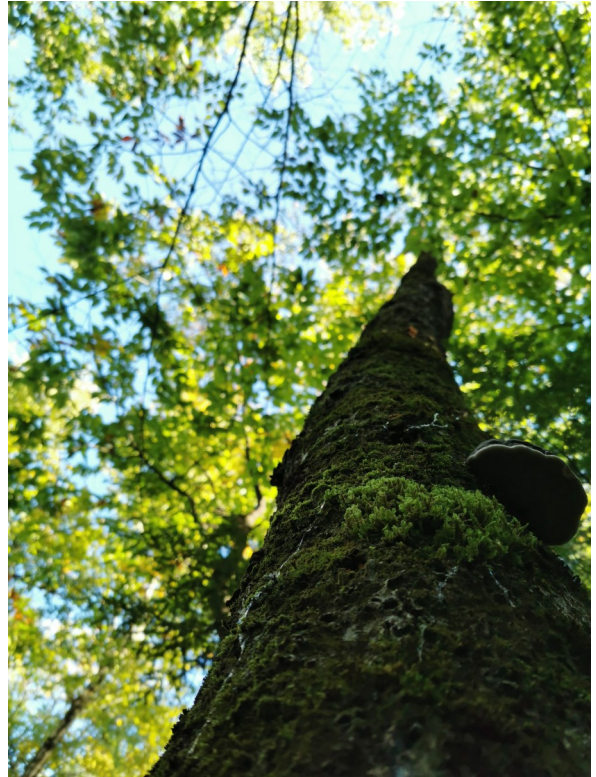


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owners around how best to adapt to climate change on their woodlots.

Finally, we are working on the next **2Billion Tree** application and will be reaching out to those who expressed interest in the near future.

Additionally, I will be heading back to Ottawa in October to **lobby** on your behalf. In the meantime, I will be speaking with Glen Hargrove the Assistant Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada next week and will raise the issue of forestry not being exempt from the last carbon tax. It does not seem fair that agriculture and fisheries are, and forestry is not.

As you can see, we are busy on your behalf and appreciate your support. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM. It is a great way to connect with other woodlot owners and get in-depth answers to what the Federation is doing.

Respectfully,

Susannah Banks
Executive Director



What's New?

A round up of news from our website, other organizations and upcoming events

The NBFWO office will be closed for the Labour Day holiday on Monday, September 4th, 2023.

The NBFWO Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Everyone is welcome to attend, even non-members! [Registration](#) is now open on the website . We hope to see you at the Fredericton Inn!

We recently posted a new Blog for the first time in a long time! With the many changes the Federation has gone through in the past while, it feels good to be able to resurrect this public outlet to speak to all New Brunswickers regarding the current state of the forestry industry and the challenges private woodlot owners face. Check out the [Blog page](#) on the website to read the new post, and either catchup or re-read some older ones.

In the past month the Federation has replied to 2 calls for public comments. The first was from the federal government regarding the **National Biodiversity Strategy** The second was **Statement of Public Interest Regulation under the Community Planning Act from the provincial government**. You can both responses on the [News page](#) of the website. We thank our members that reached out with their opinions as well.

We are growing! The Federation is accepting applications for a **Membership Development Manager**. Go to our [Current openings](#) page on the website for details, and please pass this along to anyone that you think might be interested.

Did you know that **the [Ads Board](#)** on the Federation website is **FREE for members** to post their ads? Have an item to sell? Looking for something specific? Own a business and want to advertise? Have a community announcement you want to share? Everyone can view the Ads Board, so post your ad and reach a wider audience!

We are planning an informational webinar regarding **Woodlots and Taxes** for October—stay tuned for details!

Keep an eye on the [News](#), [Ads Board](#), and [Calendar of Events](#) on the website for additional events and details.

Is your profile up to date?

Have you updated **your profile** on the website since you first signed up to be a member?

You can choose what information you do and do not want to be seen in the Member Directory, and provide us with some useful information about yourself!

Some options may have changed since you signed up. **We would love to know how you learned about becoming a member, why you joined, and what interests and issues about owning a woodlot you have.**

[Log in to the website](#) and on the Member Homepage click to 'Manage Your Profile'. If you don't remember your password, just click the 'Request Password' button below the sign in option and a new password will be emailed to you automatically.



Hey Members! Would you like to receive the Atlantic Forestry Review every other month? You can receive a \$6 discount off of the price of a 1– year subscription!

Join us on social media!



Every Share, Like and Comment on a Social Media post helps to improve the Federation's visibility, reach, and helps grow our membership! We would really appreciate if you are able to engage with us there and help us grow an even stronger Federation

Thanks for reading - until next time!
