



Member Newsletter July 23, 2023

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Federation Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13th, 2023. This year's AGM will be held at the Fred-ericton Inn.

Elections for open positions on the Board of Directors will happen at the AGM. **If you are interested in being on the Federation's Board of Director's** nominations are accepted at any time at: BD_nominations@nbwoodlotowners.ca

Registration will open in early August.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

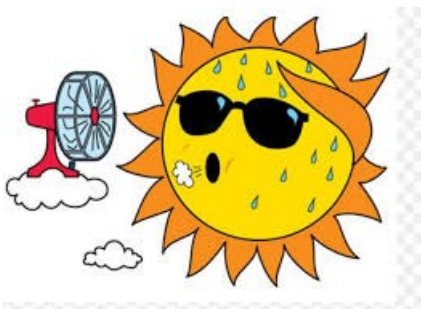


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Summertime and the weather is hot!

A Message from the Executive Director

Over the past month the Federation has been working for you in a number of areas. As part of the Canadian Forest Owners, we have made submissions on the proposed **Biodiversity strategy** to ensure that the perspective of private woodlot owners are represented. They are also making a submission to the finance committee in advance of the fall budget work, to push for the **Personal Silviculture Savings and Investment Plan**. This plan will help woodlot owners keep more of their harvesting dollars and pay less of it in taxes.

Provincially we are contributing to the **Canadian Wildland Fire Prevention and Mitigation Strategy** through a committee convened by the Department of Natural Resources and Energy. This committee will be on going and we will sit on the committee. The idea behind the strategy is that wildfire is everyone's responsibility, and everyone has a role to play in prevention and mitigation. We will keep you informed of the information received through these meetings.

The Federation has been working to put together an **Annual General Meeting** that will be of interest to woodlot owners. It has been decided that the morning session will be a panel discussion. We will start with two speakers; one will speak on the value of timber production, and one will speak to all the other values that woodlots provide. They will speak for 15 minutes each and will set the stage for a panel who will be asked a set of questions. We hope the panel will be comprised of people with various perspectives. The questions will all be around -what is

needed to have a thriving private woodlot sector? Following the prescribed questions, those in attendance can ask questions of the panel. This will be the morning session.

Following lunch, we will be inviting politicians to join us and address the group and then we will have the annual business meeting. As part of the business meeting there will be updates on the work of the Federation as well as discussions about our vision for the future. Ted Needham, a former Dean at UNB, has kindly been volunteering to help me put thoughts to paper about what the best structure for private woodlots might be and we would like to roll this out and get your opinions. It is currently very much a draft and if we are going in the right direction, we are happy to expand upon it and try to move this forward.

We hope that all of you will join us on **September 13th at the Fredericton Inn**. A room full of people is a very effect way to show politicians that we are engaged and therefore our sector is important. We are not that far out from an election.

Registration information will be out shortly and should any of you wish to volunteer in any way, or to put your name forward for the board of directors, please reach out.

The Federation is only as strong as its membership so please, spread the word, encourage others to join us and join us on the 13th.

Respectfully,

Susannah Banks
Executive Director



The staff and Board of the NBFWO would like to send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pam Folkins who passed away this week.

Pam was a member of the Federation, a past Manager at the SNB Forest Products Marketing Board, and was with the SNB Wood Co-operative for 47 years. We all had great respect for Pam. She was intelligent, resilient, and had a smile that made you feel welcome.

The private woodlot sector has lost a great champion and friend. Rest in peace Pam. We will miss you.

[Obituary & memorial wall for Pam](#)

- **Looking to buy, sell or trade something?**
(maple syrup, harvesting equipment, ATV, chainsaw sharpening service, etc)
- **Have a question another member might know the answer to?**
- **Want to share information?**
(events in your area, etc)
- **Looking to hire?**

Click here to check out the [Ads Board](#)

The latest resources added to the NBFWO website

We are constantly on the look out for resources we can share with members. We have recently added a few that we hope you find useful. Under the Resources tab of the website, click on [Links & Information](#)

- *Carbon Fundamentals*
 - This is an informational paper written by Megan de Graaff from Community Forests International. “No matter whether your interest is principally in measuring forest carbon to sell as offsets, or because you intend to make some claim about the climate benefit of the forest that you have protected or stewarded – many of the same rules around forest carbon apply. In either case, you need to know how to correctly inventory forest carbon and know how to talk about that carbon in the right language (and what you can and cannot claim in terms of benefits to the climate). “
- *Link to Eco Help Hub*
 - Nature NB recently launched a webpage they are calling “a ‘one stop shop’ to help you find contact information for government, NGO, and other agencies that provide environmental enforcement, wildlife rehabilitation and protection, and related services. ”
- Under the Forest Pests & Diseases section, we added a link to the *Grow Me Instead Guide for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia*.
 - The NB Invasive Species Council worked with several partners to develop this guide to invasive species and alternatives that can be grown in our region.

Have a resource you think we should share? [Contact us!](#)



What's New?

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

The NBFWO office will be closed for the New Brunswick Day holiday on Monday, August 7th, 2023.

The NBFWO Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Registration will open on the website in early August. We hope to see you at the Fredericton Inn!

Recently the government put out a call for public comments regarding the **Timber Royalty Adjustment Regulation** under the Private Woodlot Sustainability Act, and the Federation responded. [You can read the message here.](#) We thank our members that reached out with their opinions as well.

We are hiring for a **Marketing Coordinator through the Canada Summer Jobs program!** It's a great opportunity to flex your creative muscles and get real-world marketing experience!

We received our funding notice a bit late, so we are hoping to hire someone that can start right away! Go to our [Current openings](#) page on the website for details, and please pass this along to anyone that you think might be interested.

We are growing! The Federation is accepting applications for a **Membership Development Manager.** If you or someone you know might be a good fit this position, check out the job posting [here.](#)

Do you have an interest in **Sugar Maple?** The latest edition of the Northern Hardwoods Research Institute newsletter has several articles that might interest you. Click [here](#) to read.

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

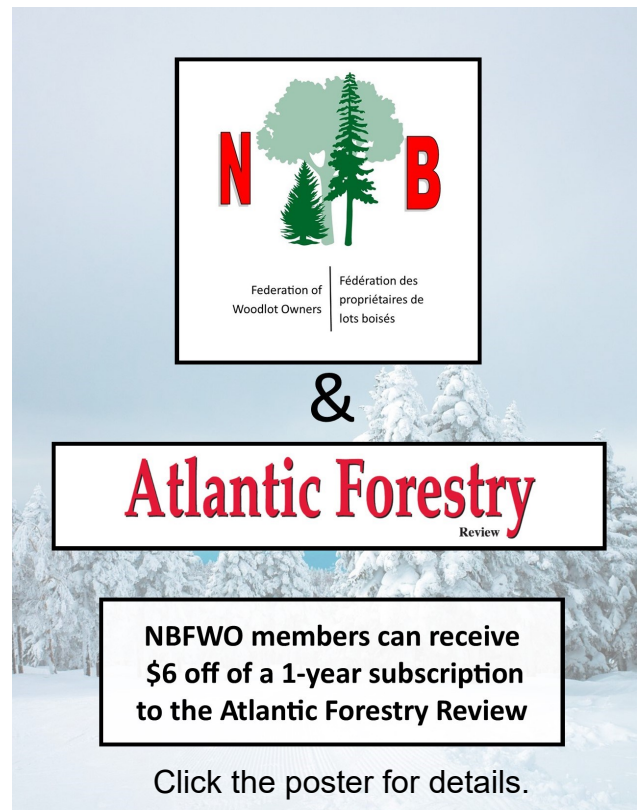
Is your profile up to date?

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.



NBFWO members can receive \$6 off of a 1-year subscription to the Atlantic Forestry Review

Click the poster for details.

Join us on social media too!



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

Videos of the Climate Adaptation Case Study sites are now available for viewing on our webpage or YouTube channel!

This series of videos shows each of the 4 sites and interviews with the owners.

Click the poster to the right to view the first video in the series.

Sit back, relax for a few minutes, and watch the beautiful scenery!



Your Forest in a Changing Climate

Climate Adaptation Project Case Study
Site 1 Video

Site 1 | Sypher's Cove, Grand Lake, NB

Awards season continues!

Every year at their Annual General Meetings, some of the regional Forest Products Marketing Boards give out awards for exceptional forestry management by owners, contractors, producers, or even organizations. We want to congratulate each of the award recipients that have been most recently recognized by their local Marketing Boards.



The South East NB board celebrated two winners:

- Woodlot Owner of the Year—the City of Dieppe (pictured top left)
- Best End User—Sebastien Pouliot (pictured bottom left)

The Southern NB Board presented celebrated Harold & Jane Folkins with the Woodlot Owner of the Year. (pictured right)



[Click here](#) to view all of this year's award winners!

Thanks for reading - until next time!