



Member Newsletter September 24, 2023

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Webinar registration is open...

"...in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." — Benjamin Franklin

Maybe Franklin was a woodlot owner, because that is the most requested topic Federation members want information about!

We are happy to be able to provide a webinar discussing "**Woodlot Income Tax and Estate Planning**", coming on October 11th, 2 pm - 3:30 pm.



[*Click here for details and to register for the webinar*](#)

**LIVE
WEBINAR**

**Woodlot Income Tax
and Estate Planning**

WITH

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**WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2023
2 PM - 3:30 PM**

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A Message from the Executive Director

The heatwaves of summer are gone and the cooler nights of fall are at our doors. It is a busy time of year for outdoor enthusiasts, so we hope you are able to take some time to get out on your woodlot and enjoy it!

This past month has seen NBFWO staff preparing for not only our Annual General Meeting, but it is also the time of year to get applications in for funding for some large projects we are planning that we hope will be impactful for woodlot owners.

We are working on a submission to the **Climate Change Adaptation Program (CCAP)**. This is a federal program that, if we are successful in obtaining the funding, will see us create a woodlot management plan template and resources for woodlot owners on a number of topics. Every woodlot owner has different goals for their woodlot based on their values, and these new resources can be used as an appendix to the management plan or as a stand-alone reference document. There will also be the creation of additional demonstration site, a conference on climate change and field tours for woodlot owners.

The other project submission we are working on is in collaboration with PEI and NS **to prepare for FSC certification**. The FSC certification is important for the sale of **carbon credits** and as a part of that project we would look to determine best management practices for some of the **non-timber forest products** that are common here in New Brunswick and may have a small-scale commercial market.

For those of you who attended the **Annual General Meeting**, we want to thank you for participating. In the morning, there was an interesting discussion on how we ensure the continuation of private woodlots here in New Brunswick. In the afternoon we presented a possible vision for the provision of services to woodlot owners to get feedback from the members present. We also introduced our **new Membership Develop-**



Photo by Chris Higgins

ment Manager, Logan MacNeil. We welcome Logan to the team.

Coming up in October, we will be hosting a webinar on **'Woodlot Income Tax and Estate Planning'** See the News section of the Newsletter for more information about that.

It has been a very busy month and if our project submissions are successful we will continue to increase our services to woodlot owners.

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:

- **Friday, September 29th** in recognition of the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** on September 30th, and
- **Monday, October 9th** for the **Thanksgiving Day** holiday

Registration is now open for an informational webinar regarding **Woodlot Income Tax and Estate Planning** happening **October 11th at 2 pm**. [Click here for more details and to register](#).

The Maritime College of Forest Technology (MCFT) in Fredericton will be holding a **Certified Basic Chainsaw Safety, Operation & Maintenance workshop October 31—November 2**. [Check the Calendar on the website](#) for details on this event and more educational opportunities coming up.

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!

The Northern Hardwood Research Institute is seeking help in a **seed collection program**. if you are interested in how you can help, [click here](#). This is a national program by Forest Recovery Canada

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

Annual General Meeting notes

A huge thank you to everyone that came to our Annual General Meeting September 13th.

Attendee participation in discussions was great, and the speaker panel in the morning provided multiple points of view on the topic of 'How do we ensure that there is a thriving private woodlot sector in the future?' A special thank you to our panelists; Tom Beckley, Solange Nadeau, Ron Smith, Michel Soucy and Chris Norfolk (pictured below right to left) who provided informed opinions about a topic that concerns us all.



In the afternoon MLA David Coon (right), leader of the NB Green Party gave an insightful speech and we appreciate him taking the time to join us.

As part of the Business Meeting, Executive Director Susannah Banks presented a document called the '[Organizational Design Draft](#)'. This is a draft document that was prepared to outline a proposed concept. It was created in order to spark conversation and garner feedback from woodlot owners. The government is looking at updating forestry in NB and we want to be able to speak to what YOU want. Discussion of the document raised interesting questions and we look forward to exploring it further.

If you would like to view the document, [click here](#).

Finally, we were happy to introduce our new Member Development Manger, Logan MacNeil (pictured below). It was only his third day on the job, but he handled his first AGM like a trooper! He enjoyed meeting as many members as he could and I am sure you will all hear from him in the future.



"My name is Logan MacNeil, and I have 5 years of experience working in the forestry industry. I am looking to apply my skills and experiences to serve the community of woodlot owners in the province of New Brunswick. During my free time, I like to get out on my ATV and hit the trails, spend time at my family's cottage, and take photos of the beautiful outdoors. I really admire our landscape here in New Brunswick, and I want to play my role in making the future of our forests more sustainable for generations to come. "



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Thanks for reading - until next time!

