



Member Newsletter May 21, 2023

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https://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/publications?id=39937&lang=en_CA

Did you know...?

From the Canadian Forest Services 'In Brief' newsletter: Resilience of fir stands to spruce planting

“With the growing use of planting to meet the demand for wood, some sites will inevitably undergo consecutive cycles of planting. As a result, the cumulative effects of planting could damage the resilience of fir forests and the maintenance of the biodiversity and ecosystem services they provide.

Researchers from the ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs du Québec, the Université Laval, and the Canadian Forest Service wanted to assess whether planting spruce alters the resilience of fir stands. To make this assessment, they studied forest successions in 897 spruce plantations over a 40-year period.

The main conclusion is that the planting of spruce as practised in Quebec does not influence the resilience of natural fir forests. Researchers found that this resilience is largely due to the efficient regeneration processes of balsam fir and the birch species that often grow alongside it.

Maintaining natural regeneration sustains resilience and ensures the gradual recovery of biodiversity and ecosystem services from anthropogenic disturbances. Regeneration processes should allow a resilient forest to follow the successional trajectories of natural forests to recover the composition, structure, and functions it had prior to disturbance. Therefore, planting a tree species that is not consistent with the natural succession in a resilient forest may jeopardize silvicultural investments. “

A Message from the Executive Director

The last month has been extremely busy.

I travelled at **Ottawa** for two days on the hill, as part of the Canadian Forest Owners, the last week of April. Our meetings were arranged by Maple Leaf Strategies. We divided into two groups and met with MPs of all stripes, and staff from Environment and Climate Change Canada, NRCan and Agriculture and Agrifood Canada.

Our messages were about **2 Billion Trees**, the **Migratory Bird Convention Act**, **Species at Risk** and the **Personal Silviculture Saving and Investment Plan (PSSIP)**.

The PSSIP in particular is an item we have been advocating to the federal government about for several years. It has been on their agendas for discussion for the past 2 years, but unfortunately still has not make it into the budget. This is an important item for woodlot owners and we will continue to advocate for its implementation.

The other message we emphasized is that we are private lands and so should be respected and looked at differently than crown land. This land is mainly in the south of the country and most is owned by small landowners.

I visited with:

- o NRCan – Glen Hargrove – ADM
- o ECCC – Michael Brewster – Director of Policy, Paul Halucha - ADM
- o AAFC – Alison Porter, Director of Regional Affairs
- o MP – Earl Dreeshen – Natural resources committee
- o MP – Blaine Calkins – Shadow Minister of Hunting, Fishing and Conservation
- o Speakers Reception – 30 MPs attended plus some other invitees



- o MP – Francis Drouin – Parliamentary Secretary to the Min of Ag
- o MP – John Aldag – Chair of Natural Resources Committee

Others met with:

- o Gerard Deltell – Shadow minister of Environment and Climate Change
- o Jeremy Patzer – Natural resources committee
- o Mario Simard – vice-chair natural resources committee
- o Sylvie Lapoint – CFIA Vicepresident, Policy and Programs
- o Samir Kassam – Senior Policy Advisor – Minister of International trade, small business and Economic Development
- o Damien Kurek – vice chair environment and sustainable development committee
- o Laurel Colins – environment and sustainable development committee

Following the trip to Ottawa we had a video chat with MP Marcus Powlowski and Randi Anderson from Min. Jonathan Wilkinson's office (NRCan).

Also met some new contacts from Tree Canada at the reception. They have money to plant trees,

A Message from the Executive Director (continued)

from both the 2BT program and sales of feel good credits, but need land. I will be following up to explore potential partnerships.

I also attended the **Canadian Council of Forest Ministers forum** in St. Andrews in early May. There were 3 fireside chats – one on aboriginal engagement, one on change in the forestry sector and one on policy needs. There were panelists for each topic and then a chance for questions. There were also opportunities to meet with the various participants during the breaks and at the Monday night reception. There were about 85 people there; Ministers and staff from all provinces except AB. Aboriginal groups, ENGOS, NHRI, Industry, Marketing Boards and CFO.

There were also two other significant events in the last month. Firstly, we have received tentative approval for our latest **2 Billion Tree** application. We are one of the very few smaller organizations to receive ongoing funding through this project, and we will continue to submit future applications as part of the program—so if you are planning to plant trees in the next few years, please contact the office.

Secondly, we have had a volunteer step forward to assist me with drafting some proposals about how we would like to see the **Private Land Sustainability Fund** operate, what it could be used for, and a structure that could best serve woodlot owners. Drafts of these ideas will be vetted by a number of parties, and we hope to have a concise plan to present at our Annual General Meeting (AGM).



Speaking of the **AGM**, this year's meeting is being scheduled for **September 13th, 2023**. We will provide additional information soon, but in the meantime, please save the date on your calendar. We look forward to meeting with our members in person each year.

Based on replies from members to surveys, we are currently working on setting up a series of webinars (free for members!) regarding different options people can explore and choose for managing their woodlots. Also, there will be a webinar in September regarding Taxes and Succession Planning for Woodlot Owners, so stay tuned for that!

Respectfully,

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- Want to share information?
- Looking to hire?



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

Click the poster for details.



What's New?

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

Spring weight restrictions for truck traffic have ended.

Annual General Meetings for the regional Forest Products Marketing Boards are coming up soon. For a list of the boards and links to their websites, [click here](#).

The NFWO office will be closed Monday, May 22nd for Victoria Day.

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](#).

CBC article: [Canadian forest fires are the latest costly climate disaster that public accounts fail to capture](#)

It's tick season! CBC article: [Dead or alive: Ticks that survive the winter have something in common](#)

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

Hey Members!

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.

All you need to do is [log in to the website](#) and on the Member Homepage, you can 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.



A very quick survey results....

Last month we asked 1 quick question, and received a great response!

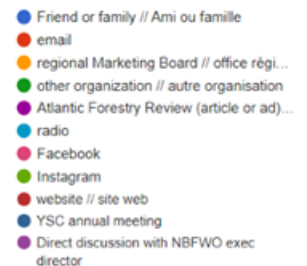
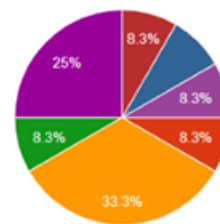
Do you have a question you want to ask your fellow woodlot owners? Let us know!

How did you hear about becoming a member?

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Comment avez-vous entendu parler de l'adhésion ?

12 responses



Would you like to be more active in the Federation?

We are looking for people that:

- are interested in becoming a part of the Board of Directors;
- have experience in finances, a legal back ground, etc. and would be willing to offer a free hour of advice to the board, or even join a board committee;
- have experience in marketing and recruiting new memberships.

Contact Susannah at ED@nbwodlotowners.ca and let her know how you would like to participate..



**VOLUNTEERS
WANTED**



FOREST FIRE SEASON

PLEASE STAY SAFE

Check the [Forest Fire Watch](#) website regularly



This picture was taken at a field day hosted by the Nashwaak Watershed Association on May 13th. Their event on wildlife habitat took place in Penniac and was attended by several NBFWO members and staff. We wanted to thank them for an enjoyable day of learning!



Thanks for reading - until next time!

