

HAPPY NEW YEAR

President's message Jan 2012

A New Year has started and I want to wish you all a good, healthy and prosperous 2012. At the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association we are looking forward to providing our members with new information. We will pass on this information through our newsletters, several field trips and outings, information meetings and courses. Another task is to represent our members in policy making and communicating new policies. Policies as the new Forest Conservation By-law and Species at Risk and Sustainable Forestry Certification get our continued attention.

As I write this message winter seems to be on hold. Snow has not flown much, temperatures struggle to dive below zero and then stay there. Every day it feels like January thaw. Again I am surprised by the variance winter beholds. Over the last 12 years winter has never been similar to the year before. Nature deals with these temperatures in its own way. So far everything seems dormant.

We have all received our membership renewal form. To make the renewal go smooth it is recommended that you send your form in the mail. Also you get the opportunity to renew at the AGM. To keep our Norfolk Woodlot Owner Association a healthy one we want to invite new members to join. I have come to realise that I know a few people who own a woodlot but are not a member. This year I will invite them to come to our AGM. I also intend to give a membership to one of my friends as a gift. If you also invite a friend we can end up with some new members and keep our association strong.

To save on expenses we will start posting the newsletter on the website. The membership section of the website will be accessible with a password. During the AGM you will get instructions. The website address is www.norfolkwoodlots.com. There will be an opportunity to keep receiving the newsletter in the mail for an additional fee. You will be asked to give your preference.

Again the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association is planning many opportunities to communicate. In the beginning of this New Year I am looking forward to meeting you along the way.

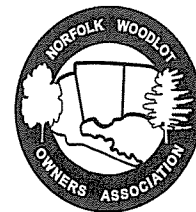
If you have any suggestions or interests that you would like to learn about you can let me know by phone (519-428-1421) or by email (vankleef@kwic.com)

Angelle van Kleef

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 1st, 2012

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Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association



Wednesday February 1st, 2012 7:00 PM
Delhi German Home - Delhi

Forestry Information Forum & Information Displays – open 5 pm

Over 36 Information Displays!

With membership access a chance at \$ 1000 in Door Prizes! A chance to win a chainsaw!

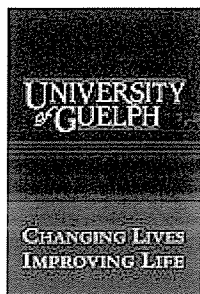
**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN TODAY!
& WIN A CHANCE AT A SPECIAL DRAW FOR A
CHAINSAW!**

**DEADLINE – APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED AT
NORFOLK FORESTRY 95 CULVER ST. BY February 1st, 2012 NOON**

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM ~ MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM

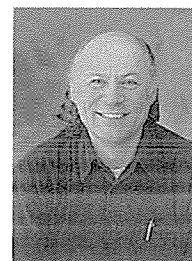
LEARN MORE ABOUT.....

- How you can help save the County Flower
– the Eastern Flowering Dogwood
- Proposed Updates to the Norfolk County Forest Conservation By-law and how they will help tie into Forest Certification to maintain access to US and European markets for our local timber

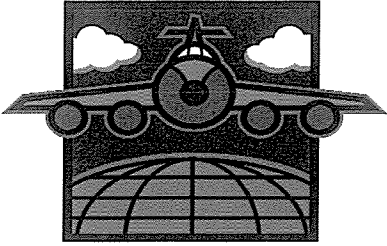


GUEST SPEAKER

Tom Nudds Professor
Department of Integrative Biology
University of Guelph



**The why and how of landowner participation in effective
conservation of species at risk**



AERIAL PHOTO ~ FREE (kinda)!

IN 2004 the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association partnered with Norfolk County to provide all Woodlot Owner members a copy of the latest aerial photograph of their property.

Aerial Photos of over 500 properties were distributed – in hopes that by our members knowing what they own ~ within the greater landscape ~ they can make better management decisions.

Plus knowing generally where ones property lines are creates better neighbours!!!

In 2009 the entire County was photographed once again in partnership with our neighbouring municipalities and the Province of Ontario. These photos have been corrected for use in our County geographical information system and ready for use.

The Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association has secured dollars to once again undertake this exercise – these dollars have been provided in part of a grant from the OMNR to increase membership awareness of species at risk within their area and potentially on their property.

Included with your aerial photo will be information regarding general information about how to identify, manage and conserve possible species at risk that you may find in your woodlot.

The cost for a laminated colour copy of your aerial photo of your property is \$5.00 (per property).

BUT this could be FREE!

Here is where your homework comes in to encourage growth in our membership the NWOA is waiving this fee if you provide the address for a potential neighbour, friend or family member who would also like to join the NWOA and receive this information. There is no obligation on their part – they will receive a complimentary newsletter and an offer for membership with an aerial photo.

But this opportunity does not stop there – there will be additional opportunities provided to those that wish to learn more about species at risk on their properties – seminars and literature is presently being consolidated – with more information being presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Just complete the form attached for each ROLL NUMBER – IN FULL – and mail it to the following address with a cheque made out to the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association c/o Norfolk Forestry – Community Services Department 95 Culver St. Simcoe, ON N3Y 2V5.

Project is limited to woodlots within Norfolk County only. Limit of three (3) tax rolls – additional properties can be requested at a cost of \$5.00 / tax roll number.

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Chainsaw Safety Course

- Feb 21 & 22, 2012 8:00 am to 4:30 pm each day
- Junior Rangers Camp, Turkey Point,
- Must have chainsaw & safety equipment
- Lunch provided both days, (Excluding snack and drinks)
- Cost: Members \$300.00
- Non-members \$320.00 (Includes 2012 membership)

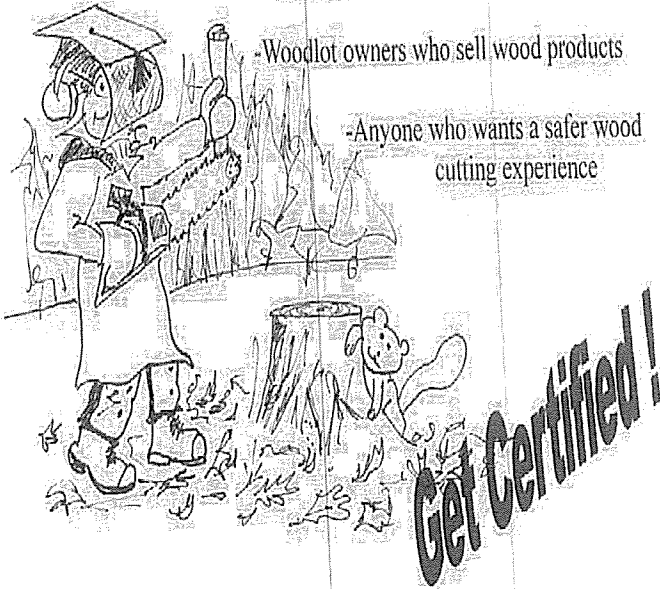
Who Needs Certification?

-Anyone who does chainsaw work for pay

-Farm and Landscape workers

-Woodlot owners who sell wood products

-Anyone who wants a safer wood cutting experience



Contact: Ron Tchorek at 519-426-5708

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) FOR CHAINSAW OPERATORS

The following standards are the higher level of PPE which are promoted by the Ontario Forestry Safe Workplace Association (OFSWA) and it's trainers.

OFSWA Standard Required Equipment

Head CSA Standard hard hat
Classes E or G, side impact
CSA Z94.1 - 1992

Eyes Face screen and CSA approved safety glasses. CSA Z94.3 - 92

Hearing Ear plugs or ear muffs (properly seated and used) to reduce noise level to below 85 decibels.

Hands Brightly coloured cutters mitts or gloves with cut protection (Kevlar or ballistic nylon backed glove). Protection required on back of left hand only.

Legs Chainsaw pants or chaps which meet the BNQ Standard, Class A.
CAN/BNQ 1923-450-M91 Class A (ULC)

Feet Chainsaw boots.
(European Standard CE95 0321
(European) pr EN345-2:1994 (Class 3))

Body Hi – visibility clothing (i.e. shirts, suspenders or jacket)

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

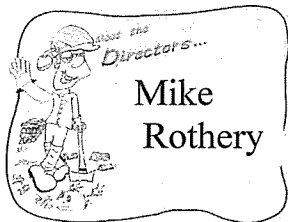
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NEW & IMPROVED ... more info next newsletter

NWOA Directors – 2011

** year indicates the term the year expires, the (number) indicates the number of terms served*

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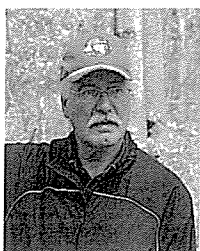
Mike Rothery and his wife Shirley raised their family (2 sons) in Toronto. In 1989 they bought a 53 acre property on the Vittoria Road in Charlotteville as a summer weekend retreat. The property consisted of 26 acres of woodlot and 26 acres of arable sandy soil with a small house - it had been part of a tobacco farm. In 1990 the Ministry of Natural Resources planted three minor fields (about 6.6 acres) within the woodlot principally with red pine, norway spruce, silver maple and black walnut.

In 2001 Mike retired after 36 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers and the couple bought a retirement home in Port Rowan. In 2007 they decided to reforest the remaining 20 acres of the Charlotteville property. It was planted by Long Point Region Conservation Authority staff with funding by Ontario Power Generation as part of the Forest Corridor project initiated by the Long Point World Biosphere. This time more appropriate Carolinian trees were planted: some 5,000 white pine and approximately 5,000 oak (mainly red) with about 5,000 other species including tulip tree, a variety of cherry, hickory, birch, sassafras, sumac, dogwood, etc.. Prairie grasses were also seeded as trail markers. Mike and Shirley have nurtured gifts of individual American chestnut, cucumber magnolia and other Carolinian trees on the site.

Since retiring to Port Rowan Mike has been involved with the Port Rowan Legion public speaking contest, served as a Port Rowan Harbour Commissioner and served on NWOA' s Board since 2006. Shirley has participated in the Port Rowan South Walsingham Heritage Association, Bird Studies Canada, Port Rowan Garden Club, Norfolk Field Naturalists, Long Point World Biosphere and the Port Rowan Park Committee.

THE PRACTICAL CONSERVATIONIST

by Dr. John Morrissey



David Reid has been involved, in fact instrumental, in the establishment and development of the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association since its inception in 1996-1997. As a strong believer in responsible land management, Dave, as he is commonly known, has promoted sustainable use of land resources since his early life experience on a farm in Lynedoch, where he grew up, and his involvement in the family's woodlots in Norfolk County. He pursued this interest at Guelph University, where he studied biology and then joined the Ministry of Natural Resources, working as a District Biologist. David believes that sustainable land management means using land resources in a manner that ensures continuous access and benefit from the resource. For example, he may recommend removal of some trees from a woodlot to provide a better environment for new growth. Sometimes, Nature can use a little help.

His informal education, living in Norfolk County, listening to the stories of his parents, relatives and friends taught him that careless use of land resources results in deterioration of the overall resource. Forests, for example are essential for good farming because they provide water control features that are essential to farms. Clearcutting forests results in loss of the use of land resources; whereas reforestation continues to provide a renewable resource. David saw many areas that were no longer agricultural because supporting forests had been removed. As he travelled, he also began to recognize the diversity and beauty of the Southwest Ontario area and is motivated to make the best contribution he can to ensure its continuation.

David's interest in land management is driven by economy, ecology and recreation. He believes that there are considerable benefits to the farming economy by appropriate use of farmlands and that the ecology of Norfolk County and beyond is positively influenced by such use. Additionally, Norfolk County, as a complex deciduous forest environment, is an attractive recreational area; providing hunting, fishing and vacation opportunities. He spent many years in fish and wildlife biology, conducting research and providing guidance for policy development. Sustainable land management ensures continued access and development of these interests, thereby maintaining healthy communities for inhabitants – human and otherwise.

Another example of David's interest in hunting was the introduction of Wild Turkeys to Southwest Ontario. During the mid to late 1980's he provided leadership and participation by working with other locations where these birds were well established. By importing and, in some cases, trading natural resources with other interests, a Wild Turkey population has developed in this area, providing yet another avenue for interested hunters.

David retired from the Ministry at the end of 2011, after thirty-six years of service. His community interest, however, has not declined. He is participating in the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program, providing advice and support to farm owners interested in further development of their lands and providing evidence and experience of other areas in their efforts to respond to changing consumer demands for farm products. He will also be acting as a senior project coordinator, along with his son Garrett, for the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation for the next 15 months, focusing on biodiversity conservation, sustainable development and supporting research, monitoring and educations. In addition, David continues to provide sound advice and counsel to the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association Board.

THE VALUE OF NATURE FOR AGRICULTURE.....

A FARMER'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE ALUS PROGRAM



When Gunther Csoff became a participant in the ALUS program, he never imagined the benefits would be so diverse. **Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)** is a program that recognizes farmers have made a contribution to society by providing ecological goods & services. Benefits of these services include cleaner air & water & wildlife habitat. ALUS provides financial incentives to recognize what landowners have done to better the environment.

Gunther & wife Helga signed on with ALUS in 2010. Their farm is a former tobacco operation that's been in the family since the 1930s. Its 150 acres consists of 45 acres woodlot, 10 acres in ALUS & the remainder in cash & specialty crops, such as sweet corn & Asian squash. In addition, they rent his father's farm next door. The Csoffs' faces are familiar to many area residents. Gunther served 14 years as a director of the Delhi German Home & Helga is still a volunteer with the hall's ladies' society.

After taking the tobacco buyout, the Csoffs started the search for a replacement crop. Gunther said they are still looking for the "magic bullet" & ALUS is becoming a part of that. One of the unexpected dividends came for Asian squash. The 2011 season was the first the Csoffs' grew Asian squash so they didn't have good traditional knowledge of bee populations, but Csoff knew that neighbours who grew cucumbers needed to bring in hives for pollination.

His ALUS planting of 10 acres of prairie grass also included some wild flowers. Last summer when walking in the area, the bees were obvious. "The field was literally buzzing when the bees were there." He didn't need to pay for bees to be brought in.

ALUS chairman Bryan Gilvesy said Csoff's experience confirms preliminary results regarding bees from a study by CANPOLIN. That study is tracking if the number of native pollinators increases on ALUS prairie grass plots.

Csoff heard about ALUS from his brother Joe, who had previously enrolled & also does custom prairie grass planting. Gunther had a field where he had grown corn & experienced marginal yields. That field often required fertilizer boosts through the season when growing tobacco.

"Now, with corn & beans, you're very limited what you can do (to add fertilizer after planting)," he said. "If you have a fertilizer problem half-way through the season, it's difficult to tweak it."

He enrolled that field in ALUS, hoping the prairie grass would help stabilize nitrogen levels in adjacent fields. While it's too early to see if the prairie grass paid off, Csoff did use the ALUS revenue to purchase ESN coated fertilizer that releases the nitrogen over time. Csoff is happy with results from the first year. He is also hopeful the prairie grass will help build up organic matter in the sandy soil.

"I've farmed 30 years & you know there are big risks of losing nitrogen in big rains," he said. "I'd rather be proactive than be regulated."

Csoff is conscious of the environment, enjoying seeing wildlife, birds & the bees on the farm. He noted there is less & less land all the time & believes society has to maximize the use of what's there, but at the same time the farmer needs to make a profit from it.

"The farmer can't do it alone" he said. "Society has to support the environmental services farmers bring to the table."

In Norfolk County, 103 farmers enrolled in ALUS to date, signing up 800 acres. Funding from the W. Garfield Weston Foundation is allowing expansion to continue into 2012 & the target is to add 30 landowners, or 210 acres.

"After a successful three-year pilot phase, the Norfolk Alternative Land Use Services Program is continuing to support farmers in providing society with nature's benefits," said ALUS co-ordinator Lindsay Bennett.

Anyone interested in learning more about ALUS can contact her at (519) 429-5999, ext. 2220 or lindsay.bennett@norfolkcounty.ca.



WOODN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW.....

Q. What is Forest Certification?

A. The **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** is an international, membership-based, non-profit organization that supports environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests. FSC Canada was founded in 1996 and is located in Toronto, Ontario.

Forest certification is a voluntary market mechanism through which forests are certified against a strict set of environmental and social standards, and all producers and manufacturers along the supply chain are certified to ensure that the final product bearing the FSC logo actually originated from a certified forest.

Forest Management (FM) certification is the process by which a specific forest management unit is assessed for fulfillment of the standard. If the assessment is positive a FM certificate is issued. Chain of Custody (CoC) certification is the process by which forest products are tracked from the forest all the way to the end consumer. All successive stages of processing, transformation, manufacturing and distribution must receive a CoC certificate for labeled products to be sold.

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest operates the forest certification program in Eastern Ontario. The landowner pays a low annual fee to join, and Model Forest provides expertise to them when it comes to sustainable ways of harvesting wood products. The wood removed is then considered to be "certified wood" which fetches a premium because of sustainable harvesting. They also provide landowners in the program with different workshops around forestry and stewardship.

Who can apply for Forest Management (FM) Certification?

FM certification is applicable to all forest types and ownership structures (e.g. industrial or private forest owners, forest license holders, community forests, government-managed forests). FM certification may be granted to a single applicant, or to numerous applicants under a group certificate. Small forests and forests that are managed at a low intensity may be eligible under FSC's Small and Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMFs) program.

Tracking products from forest to shelf

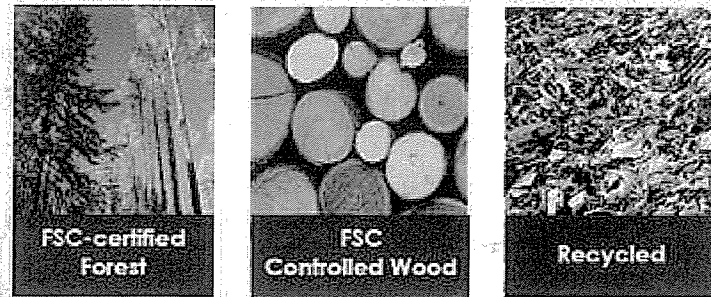
FSC certification tracks products from the forest to the shelf. All FSC products are verified by third-party Certifiers to meet FSC's rigorous requirements through the FSC Forest Management (FM) and Chain of Custody (CoC) certification systems. Every FSC-certified company receives a unique FSC code, which is found on FSC products and can be tracked through the supply chain to the manufacturer, distributor or supplier of the product. Track your FSC code at www.info-fsc.org.

Forest Management Standards

All FSC FM Standards are based on FSC's International **Principles & Criteria**. At a regional level indicators and verifiers are further developed in order to reflect the unique environmental and social requirements of the region. Regional FM Standards are accredited by FSC International. In Canada, there are four regional forest management Standards, National Boreal Standard, Maritimes Standard, BC Standard, Great Lakes, St. Lawrence Standard.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Labels can be found on products that meet FSC's strict environmental and social standards.

There are three types of FSC Labels that can be found on FSC-certified products (FSC 100%, FSC MIX, FSC Recycled).



FSC Labels identify:

- The type of fibre in the product (e.g. 100% FSC, Mix, Recycled)
- The source of fibre in the product (e.g. From well managed forests, from responsible sources, from recycled materials); and
- The identity of the certified company producing the product (e.g. Trademark License Code: FSC-C#####).

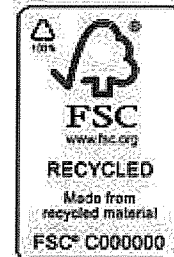


FSC 100% LABEL
(prev. Pure)
For products that are made of 100% FSC-certified virgin fibre.

NOTE: FSC-certified fibre comes from a forest that has been independently audited to meet FSC's 10 Principles and Criteria.



FSC MIX LABEL
(prev. Mixed Sources)
For products that are made of a combination of FSC-certified virgin fibre and/or recycled fibre mixed with controlled virgin fibre.



FSC Recycled LABEL
For products that are made with 100% recycled fibre. This represents the addition of both pre- and post-consumer recycled fibre.

Who can use the FSC Label?

Only FSC-certified companies may place an FSC Label on a certified product, or pass on the FSC claim on invoices.

To have the FSC Label placed on a printed document you must:

- Verify that whoever is printing the document is FSC-certified www.info.fsc.org.
- Ask that FSC-certified paper be used and that the FSC Label be placed on the document

Approvals of FSC Label use

FSC-certified companies must get approval for the use of the FSC Label on products, and for promotional use of the FSC trademarks, by sending an electronic copy of the trademark use to their third-party Certifier. The FSC trademarks and Labels may be downloaded from the [online Label and Trademark Generator](#). For access to the generator, contact your third-party [Certifier](#).

Grey County Forest joins the Eastern Ontario Model Forest - Forest Certification Program

Through the Forest Certification Program of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest Grey County Forest has recently achieved Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification through SmartWood, an independent auditor. The FSC is an international, membership-based, non-profit organization that supports environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

Scott Davis, Forest Certification Coordinator the EOMF, discussed the importance of the certification: "Grey County Forest has a high use rate and is a forest that has many values – such values range from timber production and recreational enjoyment to hunting opportunities and nature appreciation for local residents. The Grey County Forest certification will hopefully lead to a network of certified forests forming on the landscape of central Ontario. There is a positive movement towards certified forest products in that region and the EOMF has been working to assist Grey County achieve FSC certification."

Grey County Forest is a 3300 hectare county owned forest comprised of 45 tracts that include wetlands, natural forest, and a network of managed plantations that is managed by Grey Sauble Conservation. The management goal is to promote and maintain healthy, diverse forest ecosystems, which will provide a sustainable yield of forest products, as well as environmental, ecological, social and cultural benefits. The Grey County Forest is regarded as a "working forest" where forest management activities take precedence over all other activities. Grey County forests are open to many forms of recreation, including hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, educational opportunities and nature appreciation.

Heather Morrison from Grey County views the forest certification as an important tool to implement sustainable forest management. "Independent international standards are accountable and ensure credible forest management activities for the residents of the County. We felt it was important to demonstrate that Grey County Forest was being managed to a world class standard and could provide FSC certified wood to local mills that might lead to marketing opportunities for these facilities."

The recent Grey County Forest certification strengthens the network of certified forests in Ontario. The EOMF certificate also includes three groups of private landowners, community forests and urban forests totalling nearly 50,000 hectares. The EOMF also hold a group chain of custody certificate on behalf of small scale operators and also has the ability to work with maple syrup producers to market and sell FSC maple products.

For more information on the EOMF forest certification Program contact Scott Davis at (613) 258-8422 or sdavis@eomf.on.ca.

