

NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's MESSAGE

Change in the Forest

When our family moved down to "The Banana Belt" of Ontario, more than 25 years ago, we explored the local festivals and events. At one, we picked up a copy of the "Illustrated Historical Atlas of Norfolk County", printed in 1877 (reprinted in 1972). The atlas shows all the little hamlets and villages and the owner-settlers in all the townships, including those of our place. In order to have their business included or themselves, citizens had to pay advertising fees. It was striking that by far the most lavish advertisers were saw millers, hotel keepers and general store owners; no farmers. Much of the lumber that was cut, especially the pine, was exported to the United States even then. There was money to be made in timber.

Since the early exploitation times, our forests have lived through several waves of changes in the economy. After the early pine days, demand for fancy furniture wood was driven by fashion. Early demand was for walnut, cherry and oak and when supplies ran low, many furniture plants closed. In more recent years, light coloured woods such as maple and ash, have been especially sought after by European manufacturers. The use of wooden pallets and crates took up the low end. Firewood for tobacco kilns resulted in many of our woodlots to be cut. Whatever the timber, our markets keep changing.

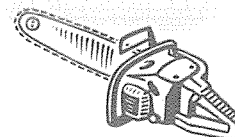
In the meantime most of our forests recovered from whatever kind of cutting that had been done and indeed since the 1950's when there was considerable tree planting, actually increased in area and diversity. Very few of our woodlots are the same as our neighbours' and all of them carry the mark of their owners or their previous owners. Gathering up sufficient commercial quantities of anyone species of timber can be a challenge for our loggers. With the current depressed market for most products it is even harder.

There are some rays of light on the horizon. More and more we hear about bio-energy from wood, carbon credits from plantations and the realisation by environmentally aware builders and architects that wood is a versatile and friendly building material. Our woodlots can grow almost any species native to Ontario. The key to success when it comes to selling some of our crop at a good price, will always be quality. Some day, trees, again may be auctioned off individually. Right now maybe an excellent time to look over our woodlots and carefully remove some of our "losers" and encourage some of our "champs" as an investment in our future. There will be money to be made in growing good timber.

Dolf Wynia, President, Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

EARLY BIRD DRAW

FOR ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITH PAYMENT
PRIOR TO JANUARY 29th, 2010 – YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A
DRAW TO WIN A CHAINSAW!



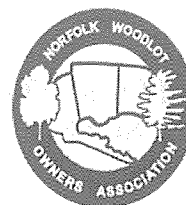
COMPLETE THE ATTACHED SURVEY

- BRING IN YOUR PERSONALIZED BALLOT FOR A VERY SPECIAL DRAW.

WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO ARRANGE PICK-UP OF PRIZES. GOOD LUCK!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association



Wednesday February 3rd, 2010 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!
AND WIN A CHANCE AT A SPECIAL DRAW FOR A CHAINSAW!

DEADLINE – APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED AT
NORFOLK FORESTRY 95 CULVER ST. BY JANUARY 29th, 2010

**ALSO DO NOT FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR SURVEY AND
BALLOT FOR ANOTHER GREAT PRIZE!**

For more information call Tracey Boerkamp 519-443-8754

MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM

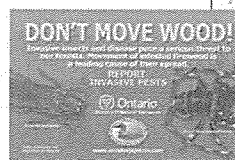
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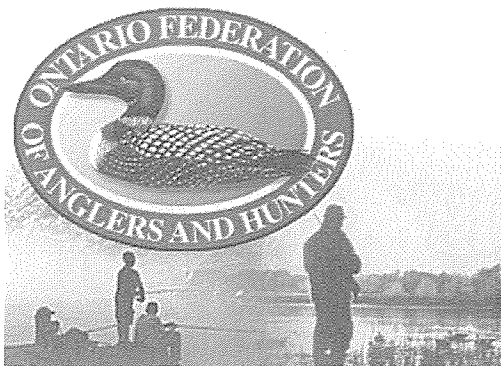
- The NEW St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre
- Alternative Land Use Services
- SCOTTS Canada – what our woodlots supply to their business!



GUEST SPEAKER
Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters
Invading Species Awareness Program

In 1992 the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, established The Invading Species Awareness Program. Our objectives are to raise public awareness of invasive species and encourage their participation in preventing their spread.





Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.)

Invading Species Awareness Program

The OFAH is a non-profit, non-governmental organization with 82,000 members and 655 member clubs. The O.F.A.H. evolved to what it is today when a group of anglers met in 1928 over concern for the future of Ontario's natural resources. Protecting and enhancing Ontario's natural resources has always been the primary mandate of the O.F.A.H. From its first lobbying efforts that resulted in commissions to study the state of fish and wildlife, grassroots projects enhancing fish spawning beds and wildlife habitat, and wildlife reintroduction programs, the O.F.A.H. has been at the forefront of conservation. In recent decades there has been a growing awareness of exotic species invading our aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. Purple loosestrife, the sea lamprey, zebra mussels, spiny water flea, and round goby are among species threatening our fish and wildlife habitat. The O.F.A.H. in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources (M.N.R.) created the Invading Species Awareness Program in 1992 to address the threats from exotic invading species. This program is unique to Ontario and actively promotes the following:

- legislative change to stop the introduction of exotic invading species and lessen the impact of those established in Ontario;
- control, monitoring and prevention programs;
- public participation, demonstrations, and education campaigns to raise awareness about the ecological impacts associated with exotic invading species.

Our ability to effectively track, monitor and control invading species rely directly on public participation and volunteer efforts. Without the concern, dedication and participation from the public, our program would not be the success it is today. We appreciate and thank all of our volunteers and participants for their efforts.

Don't Move Firewood

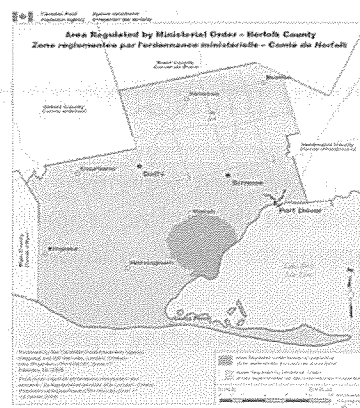
Buy Local!

Throwing a few pieces of firewood into the trunk of the car before a camping trip might seem like a good way to plan ahead, but those logs could destroy a forest.

Firewood can carry small but harmful hitchhikers that are often hidden in the bark or wood. The damage caused by invasive species such as the emerald ash borer can expand exponentially when they get rides from families on vacation—even if it is only a few kilometres away. In fact, the emerald ash borer has killed millions of ash trees across Canada.

When forests are destroyed, everyone bears the consequences. Workers who depend on the lumber industry can lose their livelihoods. Animals and birds can lose their habitat. And our environment can lose the cleaning power forests provide for the air we all breathe.

The solution is easy: leave your firewood at home and pick some up locally instead. If everyone takes care of our forests we will be able to enjoy them for years to come.



FOREST FUNNIES

This fellow is looking to buy a saw to cut down some trees in his back yard. He goes to a chainsaw shop and asks about various chainsaws. The dealer tells him, "Look, I have a lot of models, but why don't you save yourself a lot of time and aggravation and get the top-of-the-line model. This chainsaw will cut a hundred cords of wood for you in one day."

So, the man takes the chainsaw home and begins working on the trees. After cutting for several hours and only cutting two cords, he decides to quit. He thinks there is something wrong with the chainsaw. "How can I cut for hours and only cut two cords?" the man asks himself. "I will begin first thing in the morning and cut all day," the man tells himself. So, the next morning the man gets up at 4 am in the morning and cuts and cuts, and cuts till nightfall, and still he only manages to cut five cords.

The man is convinced this is a bad saw. "The dealer told me it would cut one hundred cords of wood in a day, no problem. I will take this saw back to the dealer," the man says to himself.

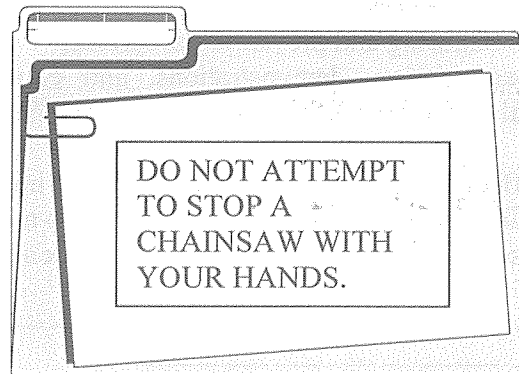
The very next day the man brings the saw back to the dealer and explains the problem. The dealer, baffled by the man's claim, removes the chainsaw from the case. The dealer says, "Hmm, it looks fine."

Then the dealer starts the chainsaw, to which the man responds, "What's that noise?"



"Pre-Register" by Jan 29th for a chance to win a Chainsaw!

ACTUAL INSTRUCTIONS WITH CHAINSAWS FROM SWEDEN



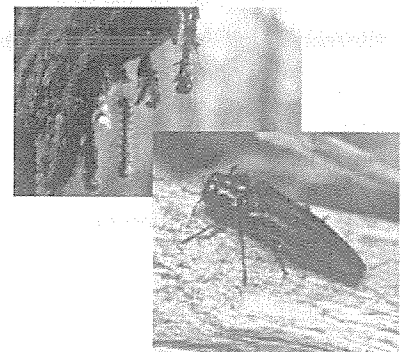
WEBSITES OF THE MONTH

O.F.A.H. Invading Species Program

www.invadingspecies.com/Report.cfm

So you've seen something not-quite-right and you'd like to let us know. Check out this online reporting form. You are playing an important role in stopping the spread of invading species.

OR CALL Invading Species Hotline: **1-800-563-7711**



NWOA Directors – 2009

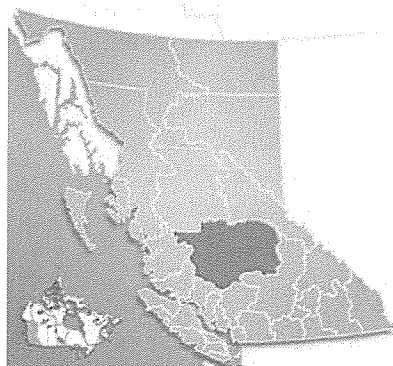
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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A DIRECTOR?

An interest in natural resources management We meet once a month except July & August....
We need new members to keep the momentum of our associations growth moving forward.....

If interested please contact an existing director to learn more.....



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Cariboo Regional District British Columbia

Being proclaimed the

2010/11 Forest Capital of Canada

The **Cariboo Regional District** spans the towns of Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, and Wells in the Central Interior of British Columbia.

The designation is awarded by the Canadian Forestry Association and identified the Cariboo-Chilcotin as a region where forestry and its affiliated industries impact almost every community.

CRD chair Al Richmond said he was "deeply honoured" the regional district was selected. "The recent past has been extremely challenging for our region," Richmond said. "However, through this designation we will celebrate the vital role the forest industry has played in shaping our communities and raise awareness to the importance of this industry on the national and international levels."

The designation is a significant accomplishment in light of challenges such as the devastation of the mountain pine beetle and the decline in the economy. The designation will highlight the region's accomplishments, including increasing involvement of First Nations in the local forest sector, three successful Community Forests, 144 woodlot licenses, innovation in bio-energy, protecting the habitat of the endangered woodland caribou as well as establishing trails, nature walks and hiking paths.



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Monday, November 30, 2009

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CRD Named Forest Capital of Canada for 2010-2011

CFA brings *Strong Roots, Green Shoots* to the Cariboo Chilcotin

Williams Lake, BC - Today, the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) was named the 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada by the Canadian Forestry Association (CFA) at a news conference in Williams Lake. Officials from the CRD and the CFA were on hand along with MLA Donna Barnett. MP Dick Harris and Cathy McLeod sent their congratulations to the Regional District in prepared statements from Ottawa.

The goal of our 2010-2011 Forest Capital program is to foster regional partnership through celebration and community support for our forest industry, while bringing awareness of current issues to senior levels of government to attract more resources, to manage the effects of the pine beetle infestation, and create new economic opportunities. Our first major Forest Capital event to start addressing these initiatives will be at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver where the CRD will be representing our region as part of the Richmond O-Zone and BC Street Pavillion events. This venue, with an estimated 15,000 visitors per day, is an excellent venue to showcase the economic, lifestyle and recreation opportunities our forests and the region have to offer.

"I am deeply honoured that the Cariboo Regional District was selected by the Canadian Forestry Association as the 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada," stated CRD Chair Al Richmond. "The recent past has been extremely challenging for our region, however through this designation, we will celebrate the vital role the forest industry has played in shaping our communities and raise awareness to the importance of this industry on the national and international levels."

The designation of the CRD as the 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada marks the first time in almost 20 years that the honour has been awarded in British Columbia. The 2008-2009 designation was held by Norfolk County, Ontario. Representatives from Norfolk will be travelling to Williams Lake in January, 2010, along with representatives from the Canadian Forestry Association and the Federal government for an official "Handing Over" ceremony.

"The Canadian Forestry Association applauds the Cariboo Regional District's positive, proactive approach in seeking ways to provide support to its forest industries in the wake of the economic downturn and the effects of the Mountain Pine Beetle," stated CFA General Manager, Dave Lemkay. "Through the exemplary regional collaboration demonstrated to date, the Forest Capital of Canada designation nicely creates the regional and national showcase needed to highlight the forest values of the Cariboo Chilcotin."

The CFA, established in 1900, advocates the importance of the protection, management and renewal of Canada's forests, water and wildlife resources. The Association identified the Cariboo Chilcotin as a region where forestry and its affiliated industries impact almost every community. Innovation and human ingenuity are creating new economic opportunities everyday to ensure our forest economy remains prosperous while facing the aftermath of the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic and recent market challenges.

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