

NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

We have been discussing Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA) becoming a Chapter of Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA) for a couple of years. Finally, we have a conclusion. On October 12, 2022, the members of NWOA strongly voted in favour of becoming a Chapter of OWA. We are now known as Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association Chapter of Ontario Woodlot Association or Norfolk Chapter.

NWOA yearend is Dec 31, which is the same as OWA yearend. The difference in membership renewal is OWA starts the renewal of membership reminders in October, while NWOA waits until the following March. So now that NWOA Chapter is part of OWA, NWOA members can expect notices, from OWA, for the annual membership dues for 2023 of \$56.50 (including HST) membership fee. The OWA membership fee includes the NWOA annual membership fee.

Perhaps, some of you already received an OWA membership renewal notice. Please pay it if you wish to remain a NWOA member.

There are many pros for NWOA to be a Chapter of OWA and consequently, all NWOA members are also members of OWA.

The quarterly magazine published by Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA), The Ontario Woodlander. I for one, find it fun to read, with many pearls of information useful for managing many different types of woodlots. And it is showy enough to serve as 'coffee-table literature'. There are also many OWA projects underway that we will benefit from as they progress, including private land forest inventory development, community forest owners cooperatives, FSC certification and carbon offsets, and potentially a number of agroforestry pilot projects.

As a Chapter of OWA we (NWOA) continue to operate with our current Board members (we would welcome the addition of some new Board Members!), continue with our independent finances, continue to publish our own Newsletter, continue with our AGM event and tours. We would be covered by OWA insurance for our tours, directors, AGM and other such events, such insurance is very expensive. We are able to attend OWA events, across the province, including the OWA annual meetings. The tours are held in different locations across the province, and most are also done virtually or via YouTube. Currently I am the OWA

representative with a seat on the OWA General Board which meets quarterly. This means we will be able to bring Norfolk woodlot concerns to the attention of provincial and federal legislators more effectively, in addition to what NWOA is currently doing.

The current NWOA Board (Norfolk Chapter Board) is made up of;

John de Witt – President / Norfolk Chapter Representative

Dr. Bob Dukelow - Vice President

Dr. John Morrissey – Secretary

Eric Ferguson - Acting Treasurer /Website Membership

Tracey Boerkamp - Annual General Meeting Chairman

Mike Penner - Director

Dolf Wynia - Director

Mark Bacro – Director

Audrey Heagy – Director

Kristen Bernard – Director

To learn more about OWA please check out <https://www.ontariowoodlot.com/about-owa>

If you have any questions, please contact us at

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Waterford, Ontario NOE 1Y0

NWOA website: www.norfolkwoodlots.com

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Call John at 519-426-2782

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Thanks,

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association
Chapter of Ontario Woodlot Association
President
John de Witt

Element 5 Tour

A Cross-Laminated Timber Facility

Join the Norfolk Woodlot Owner's Association for an exclusive tour of Ontario's first and only Certified Cross-Laminated manufacturing facility, Element5.

What is Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)? Simply put, CLT is a wood product made up of multiple layers of lumber held together with strong adhesives to create large wooden panels. The panels are used as walls, floors, ceiling, roofs, and elevator shafts in new construction. Element5's CLT is made from wood sourced here in Ontario and replaces traditional building materials like steel and concrete. Element5 is on the leading edge of innovative and sustainable building technology. Their CLT product, is being used to construct residential and commercial buildings across Canada. Almost like a real live episode of How It's Made, tour participants will get an up close view of how the product is made, how it is being used, and the environmental benefits of building with a renewable resource.

Date:

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Location:

70 Dennis Rd, St Thomas, Ontario

Time:

We will meet in the parking lot of the Element5 manufacturing facility at 9:45 am; the tour will begin at 10 am and will be approximately **1.5hrs to 2hrs** long.

Tour Details:

Participants will need to bring their own snacks and water. The facility has multiple levels accessed by stairs.

RSVP:

Space is limited so if you wish to attend the tour, please email Eric Ferguson (NWOA Treasurer) membership@norfolkwoodlots.com If you do not have access to email (call 519.443.7928) Please include the names of the people who want to attend with contact numbers to be sure your/their spot/s is/are reserved. Thanks

Website: <https://elementfive.co/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/elementfiveco>

Chainsaw Course for 2022

OWA Brant Chapter has a provider for a chainsaw safety, maintenance, and tree felling course in early December 2022. It will be on Saturday and Sunday. There will be space for six participants. The cost will be \$300 for the 2-day course plus \$25 for lunches etc for the weekend.

Contact Neil Dunning - Secretary, Brant Woodlot Owners Association neil@northpine.ca

Members can renew their membership online, using the OWA website.

GO to: <https://www.ontariowoodlot.com/Sys/Login>

If you have never logged into your profile, enter the e-mail address that is on your account and select **“Forgot Password”**

The system will send a temporary password where you will be asked to create your own password.

Once you are into your profile, there will be an option to renew your membership.