

# NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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## FEBRUARY 2024

### President's Message

**Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on March 6, 2024 at the Delhi German Home.** Doors open at 6pm for you to view the many booths displaying lots of ideas on woodlot management and chat with people tending the displays. The formal part of the meeting starts at 7pm and concludes at 9pm with the chainsaw draw.

When it comes to the introduction of invasive species, Ontario is one of the highest-risk provinces in Canada. That's according to the Invasive Species Centre, which provides grants to help prevent and control their spread.

Invasive species are plants, insects, animals, and pathogens that are brought to an area and cause harm because of a lack of natural predators. The effects can go beyond the environment to impacting economies and society. For example, Emerald Ash Borer is one of Ontario's most costly invasive species; really expensive to cut down and replace all of the ash trees in our municipalities when emerald ash borer attacked. In fact, invasive species are estimated to be responsible for more than \$3.6-billion negative economic impact on Ontario's forests, waterways, farmland, infrastructure, tourism and recreation, according to the Invasive Species Centre. To help us learn about how we in Norfolk can mitigate the potential damage from invasive species we have **Madison Struba who is a Program Development Coordinator at the Invasive Species Centre** at Windsor/Chatham. There, she focuses on training and outreach; particularly on forest and agricultural pests. Currently, Norfolk is contending with Emerald Ash Borer, Spongy Moth and Oak Wilt, to mention a few of many more. It is always good for us to learn the Do's and Don'ts when dealing with new pests. Madison will talk to us about dealing with local invasive species.

Followed by our second speaker, Adam Biddle, Norfolk Supervisor Forestry Parks with an update on Norfolk forests.

Reminder to members to review the draft bylaws that were included in the January newsletter, since we will be voting to accept the restructured bylaws of NWOA Chapter to take into account the changes in our Association that have occurred over the past couple of years.

Interested in planting some trees around the house or laneway while supporting a good cause in doing so? Please visit the Norfolk-Haldimand Community Hospice Fundraiser table at NWOA AGM on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Delhi German Home. The people there will be able to help you with the selection of trees so you can place your order with them at that time. If you wish to reforest some property, they can discuss with you the appropriate native species of the appropriate size and cost.

There are survey questions included in this newsletter. You can respond by mail, email or bring the completed sheet with you to AGM, or with copies that will be available at the AGM. We would love to hear your thoughts on what you would like to see happening in our Association. Thanks

Anyone out there interested in being part of the NWOA Board? Perhaps you want to improve your woodlot value for improved cashflow or better habitat for monarch butterflies or whatever. By joining the Board you could better influence strategies to gather and disseminate the desired information for yourself and other interested members. Think about it. We welcome team players that care about properly managing their woodlots while sharing that information with other NWOA members.

### **The current NWOA Chapter Board**

John de Witt – President

Mike Penner - Director

Dr. Bob Dukelow - Vice President

Audrey Heagy – Director

Dr. John Morrissey – Secretary

Kristen Bernard – Director

Eric Ferguson - Acting Treasurer /Website  
Membership

Mark Bacro – Director / Norfolk Chapter  
Representative for OWA

Tracey Boerkamp - Annual General Meeting  
Chairman

Dolf Wynia – Past President

Don't forget, the 2023-2024 Early Bird winner, of a chainsaw, will be announced at the AGM on March 6, 2024. Heads Up! Those who renew their NWOA Chapter 2024-2025 membership (next years) by October 1, 2024 will have their names entered into the early bird draw for a chainsaw. The winner of the Early Bird Draw 2024-2025 will be announced in the 2025 NWOA Chapter AGM.

Another chainsaw draw, for NWOA Chapter members attending the 2024 AGM will take place on March 6, 2024. Plus, draws for many great door prizes donated by many generous local businesses. Their support for NWOA Chapter is very much appreciated.

Be sure to check out the ad, in this newsletter, for the upcoming chainsaw maintenance workshop. (You'll learn how to take care of your chainsaw that you might win at the March 6<sup>th</sup> AGM).

There is a new Commercial Forest to the Eastern Ontario Model Forest Certification Program (FSC). Long Point Eco Adventures (LPEA) achieved FSC certification late last year. They are also members of the Norfolk Chapter of the OWA. Congrats to Dave Pond, Mike McArthur, Chloe McConnell and the rest of the LPEA team on achieving a certified forest in Norfolk County. LPEA is also a very interesting and a fun event location with their new restaurant which has a great patio overlooking Long Point Marsh.

Mark Saturday April 6, 2024 on your calendar as "Tree Identification Event ". Stay tuned for details to follow.

To control cost, NWOA newsletters are emailed to NWOA members and posted on NWOA website. The few who do not have internet are still being mailed out.

The Canada Post box was too expensive, so going forward our NEW NWOA mailing address:

**Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association**  
**c/o Norfolk County – Forestry Department**  
**185 Robinson Street, Suite 100**  
**Simcoe, ON N3Y 5L6**

We welcome your comments, thoughts and ideas for our newsletter, workshops and AGM. To make them fun and informative, we require your feedback to show what is of interest. Thanks. You can post them on our website [www.norfolkwoodlots.com](http://www.norfolkwoodlots.com) (Go to the 'About us' Tab then select 'Contact us' to complete the message box), direct email at [membership@norfolkwoodlots.com](mailto:membership@norfolkwoodlots.com).

If you have any questions, please contact us at

Mail:

At the above new address.

NWOA website: [www.norfolkwoodlots.com](http://www.norfolkwoodlots.com)

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Thanks,

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association Chapter of Ontario Woodlot Association

John de Witt, President

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The Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice (NHCH) is a vital resource that offers a range of services, including palliative care education, caregiver and family support, spiritual support and bereavement services for both adults and children. We are on track to build a 10-bed centre for hospice and palliative care to serve both Haldimand and Norfolk that will not only provide beds, but a variety of day programs, pain and symptom management clinics, consultation, and respite support.

In Ontario, hospice services are provided FREE of charge, however they are NOT fully funded by the government. Annual operating costs are estimated at 1.5 million dollars, in addition to the 15 million in capital costs to make a bricks and mortar home a reality. Operating a hospice requires significant financial resources through fundraising. Our Hospice Tree fundraiser provides an opportunity for people to plant trees in honour or in memory of loved ones.

We are grateful to The Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA) for supporting our tree fundraiser with J.C. Bakker Nurseries. We will begin taking orders in early February and trees will be delivered towards the end of April. An order form with more details will be distributed in the coming days. Thank-you for your support.

Note: Shannon Porter, NHCH fund raising volunteer and James (Barney) Barnes, J.C. Bakker Nurseries will tend a booth at NWOA AGM on March 6, 2024 6-9pm to answer questions, discuss trees and take tree orders.

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## Chainsaw Maintenance Workshop



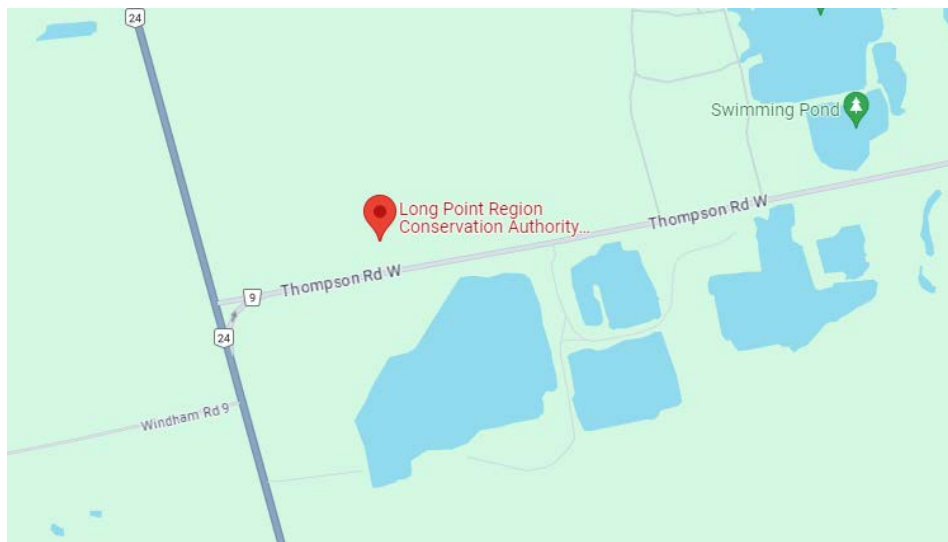
*Photos by Jeff Dickie*

### **BYOC – Bring Your Own Chainsaw for an Interactive Workshop on Chainsaw Sharpening and Maintenance!**

The Norfolk Woodlot Owner's Association (NWOA) is pleased to offer a chainsaw maintenance and sharpening workshop for NWOA members on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you own and operate a chainsaw, this event is for you! This 3-hour workshop will be led by Jeff Dickie (Professional Arborist) and will cover a range of maintenance related topics: disassembling, cleaning, servicing, and sharpening. It is meant for chainsaw users of all skills and abilities. Participants are to bring their saw and sharpening tools to the session. This is a hands-on and interactive workshop and space is limited to 10 participants.

**When:** Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am – 1 pm

**Where:** Long Point Region Conservation Authority Workshop, 597 Thompson Road West, Waterford



**Cost:** \$25/per person, payment by cash or cheque (Norfolk Woodlot Owner's Association) on day of event

**What To Bring:** Chainsaw, sharpening tool, safety gloves and goggles, snacks and drinks

**To register please email:** [kristensbernard@gmail.com](mailto:kristensbernard@gmail.com)

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## Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association Member Survey

**The Board of Directors of the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA) (Norfolk Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association) wants to hear from you!**

To better understand our members' interest in woodlot management and related topics and to assist the NWOA Board of Directors in planning workshops, tours, and other events for the benefit of our members, we will be circulating the survey below at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The NWOA has been working hard to deliver interactive and educational events to the membership. Tours and events hosted include:

- Woodlot tours showcasing a variety of different forest management approaches.
- Industry tours: Element Five Mass Timber Manufacturer (St.Thomas), St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre (Walsingham), BaumanSawmill (Wallenstein).
- Tree identification and birding hikes.

We want to hear from you about woodlot and forest related topics are of most interest to inform planning for tours, workshops, hikes, and information sessions.

**Rank your choices by number, 1 for most interested to 6 for least interest.**

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Rank your choices by number, 1 for most interested to 6 for least interest.</u>
Woodlot Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Forestry Practices</li> <li>• Tree Marking and Harvesting</li> <li>• Forest inventories</li> <li>• Forest Conservation By Laws</li> <li>• Management Planning</li> </ul>	
Forest and Ecological Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native species (trees, plants, animals) identification</li> <li>• Habitat restoration</li> <li>• Ecological Goods and Services</li> <li>• Publicly accessible conservation and forest lands in Norfolk County</li> </ul>	
Invasive species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current and emerging pests and diseases</li> <li>• Identification and management</li> </ul>	
Tax Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program</li> <li>• Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program</li> </ul>	

<p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chainsaw Training</li> <li>• Species identification</li> <li>• Seed cleaning</li> </ul>	
<p>Forest Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sawmill tours</li> <li>• Maple syrup operations</li> <li>• Tree farm and nursery operations</li> <li>• Wood products and engineering</li> </ul>	

**Other items of interest or information not mentioned above:**

**Member Name (Optional):**

**Would you be interested in being on the NWOA Board:**

**Would you be interested in hosting a tour of your woodlot?**

**Have you renewed your membership for 2024?**

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.