

2021 OPFA Conference and 64th Annual General Meeting

Join us for our first virtual conference:

Our Roots, Our Future

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Virtual Field Tour

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Opening

Climate Change in Ontario - What are the Implications for our Urban, Rural and Northern Forests

- Dan McKenney, Ph.D., Director, Integrative Ecology and Economic Division
Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service

Transforming Irish Forests through Continuous Cover Forestry

- Edward (Ted) Wilson, Silviculturist and Walsh Scholar in Silviculture
Forestry Development Department, Agriculture and Food Development Authority, Ireland

Pathway to Canada Target 1

- Larry McDermott, Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation
Executive Director, Plenty Canada

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OPFA Initiatives

- Proposed PFA Regulatory Changes - Peter Street, R.P.F.
- An Update on the Development of a Textbook to support RPFs to Meet the Indigenous Standard
 - Dr. M.A. (Peggy) Smith, R.P.F. (Ret.)
- OPFA Strategic Plan - Denis Gagnon, R.P.F., President

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OPFA Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

The View From Ottawa

- Derek Nighbor, President and Chief Executive Officer, Forest Products Association of Canada

Status of Afforestation Programs in Ontario (50 MTP) and Canada (2BT)

- Rob Keen, R.P.F., CEO, Forests Ontario

Research Minutes - Graduate forestry student presenters

- 1) Canker mortality and survival rate of *Juglans cinerea* in Toronto, 1995 to 2020 - M. Mostert
- 2) An investigation of the effects of forestry machinery on soil methane dynamics - J. Vantellingen

FireSmart Management of Flammable Forest Landscapes

- Dave Martell, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto

2:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Managing Green Infrastructure as a Municipal Asset

- Adam Barkovitz, R.P.F., Program Manager, Urban Forestry Renewal, Regional Municipality of York

Ecological Offsetting

- Kate Lillie, Natural Heritage Ecologist, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Research Minutes - Graduate forestry student presenters

- 1) Effective Forest Management in Areas Impacted by Emerald Ash Borer - M. Dosanjh
- 2) The Sustainability of Mass Timber in Ontario - V. Nhan
- 3) Building on the Community Forest Owners Co-operative Model in Ontario - S. Shukla

Urban Forestry - Past, Present and Future

- Mike Rosen, R.P.F.

Closing

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