

2021 Ontario Biodiversity Summit

Mainstreaming biodiversity within forestry

Thursday September 16, 2021

1:00pm **Opening message** *Steve Hounsell, Ontario Biodiversity Council & Dorothy Taylor, Curve Lake First Nation*

Welcome and overview *Rob Keen, Forests Ontario*

1:25pm **Best Management Practices – Case Studies**
Moderator: Rob Keen

Biodiversity - A cornerstone of sustainable forest management in Canada
Scott Jackson, Forestry Products Association of Canada

Ontario: Crown Forest Sustainability Act – A framework for achieving multiple benefits for people, biodiversity and addressing species at risk *Ian Dunn, Ontario Forest Industries Association*

Tree marking for wildlife habitat and biodiversity *Jodi Hall, Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry*

Private land forestry for multiple benefits *Gareth Cockwell, Limberlost Forest and Wildlife Reserve*

Afforestation – “the right trees in the right places for the right reasons” *Liz Celanowicz, Forests Ontario*

3:10pm **Moderated question & answer session**
Opportunities for improvement

3:45 **Closing remarks**

Speaker biographies

Rob Keen has been the Chief Executive Officer of Forests Ontario since 2014 when Trees Ontario and Ontario Forestry Association merged, after serving as CEO of Trees Ontario since 2011. Rob Keen is a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) who founded a forestry consultant business upon graduating with a BScF from the University of Toronto in 1982. He has been involved in many facets of the forestry industry, primarily in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence forest region. Rob has been an active member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association since 1985, where he served as vice-president for two terms. He was a director and chair of the Algonquin Forestry Authority, Director for Maple Leaves Forever Foundation, Invasive Species Centre and President of the Ontario Forestry Association.



Scott Jackson is the Director of Conservation Biology for the Forestry Products Association of Canada (FPAC). He works with member companies, governments and partners to develop and communicate policy positions on a range of files related to forest management and biodiversity conservation. He also supports FPAC's efforts to promote the forest sector's commitment to science-based sustainable forest management, as well as its contributions to Canada's social and economic standing. Scott has been working for over 20 years in the field of forest management and natural resource policy. Prior to joining FPAC, he worked as an independent consultant and as the Director of Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations with Forests Ontario. Scott has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science (Biology) from Queen's University and a Master of Forest Conservation degree from the University of Toronto.



Ian Dunn is the President and CEO of the Ontario Forest Industries Association. He is a Registered Professional Forester with a Master of Forest Conservation from the University of Toronto. In 2019, Ian was a recipient of the Canadian Forest Industries Magazine's "Top 10 Under 40" award for next generation leaders. He has worked in forestry and environmental management roles throughout Ontario and Canada and joined the OFIA in 2015, serving as Director of Forest Policy and Executive Director of Policy and Operations before becoming the OFIA's president.



Jodi Hall is a Registered Professional Forester with an undergraduate (2000) and a masters (2005) degree in forestry from Lakehead University. She started her forestry career working for a silviculture contractor and then became managing partner and general manager of Taiga Forestry, a consulting company providing forest renewal planning and operations supervision in northwestern Ontario. Jodi joined the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry in 2010 and has held several positions with MNMNR's Science and Research Branch, Regional Operations Division, and Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch. She has been the Forest Management Guides Forester with the CFLPB's Forest Management Policy Section since 2018. Jodi, her husband and their two children live in Lappe just outside Thunder Bay.



Elizabeth Celanowicz is the Chief Operating Officer with Forests Ontario. She graduated from York University in 2007 with a degree in Environmental Studies with a focus on Resource Management and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Since graduating, Elizabeth has worked in the forest restoration field having spent over 12 years with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority overseeing their tree planting and private landowner stewardship programs. Over the years, Elizabeth has engaged with many landowners and has helped create and establish new healthy forests on private lands. As COO, with Forests Ontario, Elizabeth continues to lead the Forests Ontario team in the development and implementation of its restoration programs and generating new partnerships across Canada to support and achieve Forests Ontario's re-greening mandate.



Gareth Cockwell is the Managing Director of The Limberlost Forest and Wildlife Reserve in Huntsville, Ontario. He is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick Forestry and Sir Sanford Fleming College Forestry. Gareth is a leader in multi-use forest management and has developed the forestry and eco-tourism program at the Limberlost Forest which balances conservation, outdoor recreation, and conventional forestry operations. He also participates in the sustainable development of homes and multi-residential development in the Muskoka area with a focus on outdoor recreation in natural spaces. In addition to providing public outdoor recreation, he has also supported partnerships between private landowners and inner-city youth and youth at risk through the Limberlost Forest.



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