

Eastern Ontario Model Forest 2015 Annual Report



*Our vision of forests for seven generations
is a sustainable landscape valued by all communities.*

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Message From the President

Moving forward in 2016

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest continues to move forward with a number of programs in the face of the funding challenges we have encountered over the past few years. This would not have been possible without the efforts of our partners and volunteers.

The Forest Certification program under Scott Davis continues to be a corner stone of our program. Being self-efficient with the assistance of our partners this program has moved across southern Ontario. New partners in south-western Ontario continue to see the benefit of working under the Model Forest licence and have joined our Forest Certification Program.

The Regional Forest Health Network continues to strive with its many partners at the table. In partnership with the Ontario Invasive Plant council we held our first invasive plant workshop at the Fletcher Wildlife centre. In 2016 we will again hold a similar workshop. The Asian Long-horned Beetle continues to be devastating for many agencies and landowners. In partnership with the City of Ottawa and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency we will be holding another workshop at Britannia Park. Another disease that has concerned us over the last few years is the Beech Bark Disease. We will be addressing this with the assistance of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry and having more workshops in 2016.

In 2015 we continued with our tradition of hosting two major educational events; the Winter Woodlot Conference and the Christmas Forest Seminar. The latter event was in partnership with the Canadian Institute of Forestry. The Winter Woodlot Conference is always a major event, benefiting from the work of many partners and featuring informative speakers and many exhibitors. Both events were very well subscribed with over 400 participants attending these two events.

The EOMF also hosted an Indonesian study tour over a two day period; one day in the Lanark County area and the other day in Renfrew County where the participants visited Heideman's saw mill, Tony and Ann Bull's woodlot and the Shaw Woods. This visit was featured in the local weekly newspaper, the Eganville Leader.

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Jeff Ward
Brian Bonnell (Observer)

Advisors to the Board

Ray Fortune
Henry Lickers, EOMF Scientist

I am deeply grateful to fellow board members for their support and wisdom over the course of the past year; it has not been easy at times. I wish particularly to thank our staff Wade Knight and Scott Davis, as it has not been easy with the reduction in funding and staff. Their dedication and commitment to results embody all the best in the tradition of the Model Forest. And last but not least thank you to our partners and the many volunteers who are the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Astrid Nielsen, R.P.F. has agreed to join the EOMF as General Manager, starting June 1, 2016. Astrid has over 20 years of forestry experience in the private and public sector and has worked with the EOMF and our partners for many years. Astrid graduated with a BScF from the University of British Columbia and completed her Masters of Forest Conservation degree at the University of Toronto. She is currently the President of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank our outgoing General Manager Wade Knight for his dedicated service for the last three years. He has guided the organization through a challenging transition and helped set the stage for a bright future for the EOMF.

In closing we must dedicate this year's annual report to our first president John Kerr-Wilson who passed away this past year. John was a strong and dedicated president who introduced the governance the Eastern Ontario Model Forest follows today. We thank you John for your contribution and you will be missed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McCready". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jim McCready, RPF
President, Eastern Ontario Model Forest

EOMF Staff & Associates

Wade Knight
General Manager

Scott Davis, Forest
Certification Coordinator

Mary Gebhardt
Administrative Assistant

The Year in Retrospect

Another year has passed and as we reflect on our successes outlined in this year's annual report we would like to thank our many members, donors, and supporters for their continued support. Without your support we would not have been able to accomplish the initiatives described in this report.

In 2015 the Board continued to focus on ensuring the ongoing stability of the organization into the future while providing a balanced program to our members and supporters. A summary of this year's accomplishments are highlights in this report.

❖ Forest Certification

EOMF Forest Certification Program

For over a decade the Eastern Ontario Model Forest has been building a Forest Certification Program for private land forests in southern Ontario. The EOMF sees sustainable forest management more than just about sustained timber yields. Certification is a market-based policy tool, which has become infused into our identity and has helped to reinforce our core values. Sustainable forest management is about good management practices, healthy and involved communities, and engaged indigenous people. Certification is a tool that uses a sound economic model to foster sustainable forest management.

The EOMF has developed two Certification Working Groups (Eastern Ontario & Southwestern Ontario) to guide the certification program. Membership in this working group includes EOMF staff and Board members and representatives for private landowner groups, forest industry, Community Forests, forest managers, and maple syrup producers. The CWG is supported by a variety of others resource people (e.g., First Nations, government agencies, etc.).

The program now encompasses over 83,000 hectares of private land forest consisting of community forests, forest owner groups, forest managers, and maple syrup producers across southern Ontario.

Eastern Ontario Certification Working Group

Martin Streit, Co-chair
Steve Hunter, Co-chair
Brian Anderson
Nicolas Gauthier
Jean-Claude Havard
Eric Thompson
Geoff McVey
Lacey Rose
Tony Bull
Jim Hendry
Gaelen Murray
Wade Knight, Staff
Scott Davis, Staff

Southwestern Ontario Certification Working Group

Ben Walters, Chair
John McNeil
Carl Saddler
Jessie Henrich
David Holmes
Dave Pridham
Peter McElwain
Ron Reinholt
Anne Lennox
Jim Penner

Forest Manger Training

In 2015 the EOMF received a grant through the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Smallholder Program. The grant was used for Forest Manager training sessions, building the knowledge base of the Forest Managers participating in the EOMF Forest Certification Program. The training focused on key areas relevant to the FSC® Principles including: Aboriginal values; forest management standards; auditing and the chain of custody process; and High Conservation Values in and around the forest.

Forest Certification Website

The EOMF hosts the website “Your Pathway to Forest Certification” www.eomfcert.ca. The website enables community forest managers and forest owners to find out more information about the “who, what, why and how” of certifying private woodlots or community forests under the EOMF’s Forest Certification Program.

❖ Regional Forest Health Network

The EOMF continued to chair and facilitate efforts of the Regional Forest Health Network (RFHN). In 2015 the RFHN continued its efforts to provide information sharing, support and expertise to municipalities, private landowners, homeowners, property owners and forest practitioners.

Here is a few of the RFHN activities:

- In partnership with the Ontario Invasive Plant Council held an invasive species workshop;
- In partnership with the City of Ottawa and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency held an Asian long-horned beetle workshop in Ottawa;
- Held a workshop in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry on the new *Invasive Species Act*;
- Participated in the Northeastern Forest Health Forum (Kingston, ON) with representatives from Ontario, Quebec and upper New York state; and

Members of the Regional Forest Health Network

Agence regionale de mise en valeur des forets privees outaouaises
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Arboretum)
Canadian Food Inspection Agency
City of Gatineau
City of Cornwall
City of Ottawa
Conservation Authorities (Eastern Ontario)
County of Renfrew
Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (Kemptville District)
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
National Capital Commission
Natural Resources Canada
New York State, Department of Environmental
St. Lawrence Islands National Park
Town of Carleton Place
Tree Canada
United Counties of Leeds & Grenville

- Attended the Provincial Forest Health Update (Orillia, ON) and the National Pest Forum (Ottawa, ON.).

The emerald ash borer (EAB) resource materials developed by members of the RFHN over the past couple of years continue to be in demand and have been distributed widely across Ontario. Requests from a number of municipalities and conservation authorities seeking permission to use and reprint the publication “*A guide entitled Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer: A Landowner’s Guide to Managing Ash Forests*”.

Visit the EOMF website www.eomf.on.ca to download copies of the landowner extensions note and/or to view the EAB videos.

Forest Science Committee

Erin Neave, Chair
Bob Stewart
Brian Haddon
Henry Lickers, EOMF Scientist
Ed White
Elizabeth Holmes

❖ Forest Science Committee

It was a year of transition for the Forest Science Committee. Following the departure of Peter Hall, the long standing Chair and driving force behind the Committee, a smaller group of volunteers met several times over the year to discuss the capacity of the remaining members to contribute to the EOMF's science needs. The FSC and Board also met to discuss the Terms of Reference for the Committee and opportunities for the group to contribute to the needs of the Board and staff. The FSC members remain committed to providing science-based advice and review as needed and directed by the Board.

❖ Akwesasne Partnership

As a founding partner to the EOMF, the Mohawk community of Akwesasne has shaped the very essence of our governance structure and the way in which we work with partners – embracing Naturalized Knowledge Systems principles and the Great Way of Peace (respect, equity, and empowerment as key ingredients for effective and lasting partnerships). Nurturing this partnership and friendship is something the EOMF values highly and it is central to the objective of continuing to develop enduring partnerships that enable the organization to flourish in the long-term.

Staff of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s Environment Program was active in supporting various project activities (e.g., efforts of the Regional Forest Health Network) and active in the governance of the EOMF through participation on the board and Forest Science Committee.

❖ Education & Community Outreach

Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference

The 29th edition of the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference was held on February 24, 2016 at the new conference facilities at the North Grenville Community Complex. This year's event attracted over 250 participants. This informal conference has become an important annual educational and networking event for private woodlot owners, farmers, rural landowners, and community forest managers in eastern Ontario.

This year's keynote speaker was renowned naturalist Michael Runtz who spoke about "When you Can't See the Forest for the Trees". Other topics included – coyote behaviour; introduction to tree marking; managing for beech bark disease; restoring forests in a changing climate; and conservation easements..

Christmas Forest Seminar

In partnership with the Ottawa Valley Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, the EOMF hosted another successful annual Christmas Forest Seminar. This year over 100 attended this year's event with a theme that focused on "Healthy Landscape = Healthy Future".

Feature presentations included – the loss of forest cover in eastern Ontario; the benefit of retaining forest cover on agricultural land; conservation role of vegetation & forested cover on lake & stream borders; and wetlands as a key component of a healthy landscape.

Forestry Career Outreach Initiative

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) was contracted by the Canadian Model Forest Network to develop and deliver communication materials to interested groups on forest sector careers. Funding for the initiative was provided by Natural Resources Canada.

Two different outreach strategies were utilized in this initiative. They included communicating to individuals attending natural resource related conferences/events and directly to students enrolled in the secondary school system. During the month of February and March 2016 the EOMF participated in several events and presented at several secondary schools in eastern Ontario.

Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference Committee

Elizabeth Holmes, Chair
Jeff Ward
Achille Drouin
Pieter Leenhouts
Dorothy Hamilton
Eric Thompson
Geoff McVey
Wade Knight, Staff
Scott Davis, Staff

Indonesia Forestry Tour

The Canadian Model Forest Network received funding for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada to implement a model forest project in Indonesia. A part of this project was to have a small delegation from Indonesia visit a Canadian Model Forest site. The EOMF was selected to host field tours of the EOMF region. Over a three day period Indonesia delegates were shown a wide array of forest related operations in the Lanark and Renfrew County region. Including, visits to certified forests on private (Bull family woodlot & Lanark County Forest) and Crown lands (Mazinaw-Lanark Sustainable Forestry Licence), certified maple syrup operation (Fortune Family Farm), a primary wood processing facility (Lavern Heideman & Son sawmill), and the Shaw Woods.

❖ Woodland Restoration Program

The woodland restoration program is delivered in partnership with Forests Ontario. The program facilitated planting efforts with solar companies mandated by the province to replant acreages taken out of forest cover as a result of solar installations. The sites selected for planting contribute to adding additional interior forest and/or natural linkages to the surrounding landscape.

In the spring of 2015 a total of 44,100 trees were planted in eastern Ontario under the EOMF's woodland restoration program. Through this initiative 22 hectares of new forest corridors and linkages were created, including 25 hectares of new interior forest.

Since 2013 the program has planted over 180,000 trees in eastern Ontario resulting in 91 hectares of new forests and 64 hectares of new interior forest.

❖ Communications

Our monthly electronic e-letter continues to provide our members, partners, supporters and friends of the EOMF with an array of news and information on current forest topics and issues both nationally and internationally. To subscribe to the e-letter send us your contact information to modelforest@eomf.on.ca.

The EOMF website www.eomf.on.ca continues to be an effective means for the EOMF to disseminate information out to

a broad audience seeking information on managing our natural resources.

Members are welcome to attend EOMF Board meetings. A schedule of upcoming Board meetings is posted on the EOMF website under Board Meeting Schedule and minutes of the meetings are available to all members at the EOMF office.

❖ Ontario East Wood Centre

2015/2016 Report to EOMF from the OEWC

Brian Barkley, RPF, continued as chair of the OEWC Board of Directors while Sandra Lawn is project leader. They are supported by an involved and knowledgeable group of directors and advisors.

Following the March 25th OEWC AGM, hosted by the Chemical Engineering Department of Queen's University, the OEWC directors and advisors have continued to focus on the needs and opportunities of a regional bio economy strategy and implementation of an effective plan of action that encourages integration and collaboration among all pertinent federal, provincial, municipal and private sector bodies. A driver in this regard must be the newly constituted Eastern Ontario Leadership Council (formed from the Wardens' Caucus and the Mayors' Committee, the Ontario East Economic Development Corporation and others). The OEWC continues to advance the concept of a bio-economy pillar of interconnected forest, agri-forest and agricultural economic development all within the sustainability framework so well established by the Eastern Ontario Model Forest since 1992.

Careful review of the March 2016 Federal budget demonstrates some promise with programs such as "Federal Science Supporting Canadian Businesses" that have real dollars attached. We also monitor closely and support the opportunities presented by the new ideas for the former Guelph University campus at Kemptville, the work of Bioindustrial Innovation Canada, the Canadian Ecofiscal Commission and the University of Toronto (Faculty of Forestry). The work of Dennis Senik, OEWC director, continues to shine a light on the value of good research on supply chains, technology and integration of agri-food efforts in Eastern Ontario, especially in Stormont Dundas and Glengarry.

A most promising initiative has been the partnership with IGES Canada and the advanced technology of their vertical hydroponic greenhouse that utilizes specialized LED lighting and carbon dioxide from place such as GreenField at Johnstown. Michel Alarcon and his group are focused on this important initiative and they are more determined than ever to find success. This work has involved several meetings in Spencerville and Prescott and includes the patented work of OEWC Director Al Sprague, P. Eng. and support from OEWC director Doug Cleary of Clearydale Farms at Spencerville.

The OEWC and project leader were also the “client” for a fourth year Chemical Engineering course at Queen’s that worked on a design project utilizing fast growing poplar to produce energy. This course was concluded in December 2015.

The OEWC has long held an interest in the establishment of a biorefinery complex within the framework of an eco-industrial setting at Johnstown within the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal or if necessary elsewhere in Eastern Ontario. The OEWC promotes wholeheartedly the development of forest, field, agriforest and biomass based and innovation-inspired sustainable development. Consequently we were pleased to support Dr. Paul Stuart (Ecole Polytechnique) and others in the “Lignin-Centric Biofuels Biorefinery” preproposal for BioFuelNet. We believe that our network is well placed to assist, out here on the ground, close to numerous viable sources of biomass.

The OEWC representatives also are in attendance at events such as the formal opening of the Port of Johnstown, the Christmas Forest Seminar in Kemptonville and the Ontario East Economic Development Commission’s economic development symposium at Brockville’s Aquarium.

The goals for the coming months include the promotion of a maple syrup processing facility in Eastern Ontario, support for bio-energy production such as pellet production especially right at the source of the feedstock, an updating of our letters patent and communication tools to better reflect the evolving focus on the bio-economy and of course, an increased effort to inspire an integrated, collaborative science-based approach through all available and emerging means.

At the launch of the Port of Johnstown expansion, Dr. Henry Lickers of Akwesasne and Science Advisor to the Eastern Ontario Model Forest gave the traditional opening and closing address. The theme of this event demonstrated the

interdependency between a healthy diversified economy and environment and the interface between the River, the Forest and the Land. We believe there is a public appetite for this way of thinking and knowledge sharing. At Johnstown, Dr. Licker's words were a potent reminder of all we owe to our natural environment. This philosophy is the foundation of the OEWC and the EOMF. We believe it makes even more sense today than ever.

❖ **Activities In Support of the CMFN**

The EOMF continued its membership in the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN). We participated on the CMFN board and actively support a number of collaborative efforts and initiatives.

Highlights of the CMFN this year included:

- The CMFN hosted workshops in Indonesia. The objective is to improve community welfare and environmental sustainability by promoting stakeholder collaboration, improving forest resource planning and management, and through the development of a model forest in the Special Province of Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- The CMFN worked as the national central hub for the Forestry Careers & Outreach Initiative the the EOMF participated in. The program was undertaken by four Model Forests across Canada.

As we move forward it is our hope to continue to support the CMFN in these types of vital knowledge sharing and information transfer efforts in the year ahead.

Ross Silversides Award

Honourary Members & Recipients of the Ross Silversides Forestry Award

Honourary members and recipients of the Ross Silversides Forestry Award are identified by the Board of Directors for their outstanding contribution to forestry in eastern Ontario or as past or present residents who have made a major contribution to forestry elsewhere in the world.

1993	C. Ross Silversides, Maitland, Ontario (Honourary)
1994	Bess Silversides, Maitland, Ontario (Honourary)
1994	Ernest M. Kaientaronkwen Benedict, Akwesasne
1995	Teharonianeken, Chief Jake Swamp, Akwesasne
1996	Ewan Caldwell, Rockcliffe Park, Ontario
1996	Ferdinand LaRose, Bourget, Ontario
1996	Françoise LaBelle, St. Bruno Quebec (Honourary)
1998	Sandra S. Lawn, Prescott, Ontario
1999	William K. "Old Bill" Fullerton, Manotick, Ontario
2000	Jim Cayford, Barrhaven, Ontario
2001	George Fowler, Iroquois, Ontario
2001	Henry Atsienhanonne Arquette, Akwesasne
2002	John Kerr-Wilson, Ompah, Ontario
2003	Ray & Ruth Fortune, Almonte, Ontario
2004	Wayne D. Young, Cornwall, Ontario
2005	Peter M. Murray, Gananoque, Ontario
2006	F. Henry Lickers, Akwesasne
2007	Edwin H. White, Marcellus, New York
2007	Brian A. Barkley, Elma, Ontario
2008	Richard David, Akwesasne
2009	Dave Chapeskie, Spencerville, Ontario
2010	Dave Neave, Nepean, Ontario
2011	William (Bill) Hall, Renfrew, Ontario
2012	Jim Hendry, South Stormont, Ontario
2012	Martin Streit, Morrisburg, Ontario
2013	Jim McCready, Carleton Place, Ontario
2014	Laird Nelson, Codrington, Ontario
2015	Eric Boysen, Maberly, Ontario
2015	Cathy Nielsen, Peterborough, Ontario
2016	Margaret George, Akwesasne

The Heartwood Award

Recipients of the Heartwood Award include:

The Heartwood Award is presented in recognition of an individual or group who has made an exceptional volunteer contribution to the Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

2005

Sally Hamilton, Kemptville, Ontario

2006

John P. Wilson, Kemptville, Ontario

2007

Tony Bull, Ottawa, Ontario

2008

Alf Campbell, Kemptville, Ontario

2008

Jim Gilmour, Watson's Corners, Ontario

2009

Hans Ottens, Maberly, Ontario

2010

Achille Drouin, Casselman, Ontario

2011

Don Schell, Tatlock, Ontario

2012

Kerry Coleman, Oxford Mills, Ontario

2013

J. Peter Hall, Gloucester, Ontario

2014

Dorothy Hamilton, Cornwall, Ontario

2015

Pieter Leenhouts, Kars, Ontario

2016

Fred Huszarik, Almonte, Ontario

Partners & Supporters

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Algonquin First Nation of Golden Lake
Boises Est
Canadian Food Inspection Agency Canadian
Canadian Institute of Forestry
Canadian Model Forest Network
Catarauqui River Conservation Authority
City of Ottawa
Stewardship Council of Lanark County
Conservation Ontario
County of Lanark
Ferguson Forest Centre
Forest Gene Conservation Association
Forest Stewardship Council of Canada
Forests Ontario
Fortune Farms
Friends of Limerick Forest
Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve
Frontenac Community Futures Development
Corporation
Grenville Economic Futures Development
Corporation
Grey County Forest
Herb Shaw & Sons Ltd.
International Model Forest Network
ITS - International Truck Load Services Inc.
Lands & Forests Consulting
Lanark & District Maple Syrup Producer's
Association
Lavern Heideman & Sons Ltd
Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council
Long Point Conservation Authority
Limerick Forest
Lower Ottawa Valley Chapter of the OWA
Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc.
McCann's Forest Products
McCready Tree & Forestry Consulting
Mississippi Valley Conservation
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Environment
Program
Murray Brothers Lumber
National Capital Commission
Natural Resources Canada
Norampac Inc., Trenton Division
North Grenville Chamber of Commerce
Northumberland County Forest
Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources &
Forestry
Ontario Professional Foresters Association
Ontario Woodlot Association
Ontario Woodlot Association, LOV Chapter
Ontario Woodlot Association, SD&G Chapter
Ontario Woodlot Association, Lanark Chapter
Ontario Woodlot Association, Renfrew Chapter
Ottawa Stewardship Council
Ottawa Valley Section - Canadian Institute of
Forestry
Ottawa Valley Forest Sustainable Forest Licence
Queen's University
Rainforest Alliance
Raisin Region Conservation Authority
Renfrew County
Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
St. Lawrence Islands National Park
Sand Road Sugar Camp
Sandra S. Lawn & Associates Inc.
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
South Nation Conservation
State University of New York, College of
Environmental Science and Forestry
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Certified Forest
Owners Inc.
TD Graham + Associates
Town of Carleton Place
Town of Oakville
Tree Canada Foundation
Trees Ontario
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
United Counties of Prescott and Russell
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas &
Glengarry
Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc.

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March 31, 2016

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board
Eastern Ontario Forest Group

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Eastern Ontario Forest Group, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016 and the statements of operations, statement of changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independent Auditors' Report

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eastern Ontario Forest Group as at March 31, 2016 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'WGP Professional Corporation', written over the printed name of the firm.

WGP Professional Corporation
Chartered Accountants
Authorized to practise public accounting by the
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

Kempville, Ontario
June 08, 2016



Eastern Ontario Forest Group

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2016

	Note	2016	2015
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash		\$ 208,888	\$ 303,314
Short term investments	2.	80,343	-
Trade accounts receivable		180	34,854
HST rebate receivable		1,532	1,297
Prepays		944	1,101
Total Current Assets		291,887	340,566
Capital assets, net of accumulated amortization	3.	2,549	3,186
Total Assets		\$ 294,436	\$ 343,752

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements



Eastern Ontario Forest Group

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2016

	Note	2016	2015
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 6,049	\$ 6,379
Government remittances payable		8,538	1,234
Total Current Liabilities		14,587	7,613
Deferred receipts	4.	86,088	148,745
Total Liabilities		100,675	156,358
Net Assets			
Net assets		193,761	187,394
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$ 294,436	\$ 343,752

Approved on Behalf of the Board:

Elizabeth Holmes

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements



Eastern Ontario Forest Group

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended March 31, 2016

	Note	2016	2015
Receipts			
Contributions from partners	\$	216,426	\$ 294,333
Memberships		3,273	4,974
Donations		3,476	8,716
Interest income		510	542
Other revenue		-	1,329
Total receipts		223,685	309,894
Expenditures			
Supplementary projects (Sch. 2)		112,126	204,706
Non-recoverable HST		5,989	4,969
Interest and bank charges		1,307	851
Office expenses		1,322	1,918
Professional fees		40,191	37,983
Amortization of tangible assets		637	795
Insurance		2,833	3,236
Utilities		-	725
Salaries and wages		49,661	58,068
Meetings		3,252	2,200
Delivery, freight and postage		-	245
Total expenditures		217,318	315,696
Results from operations		6,367	(5,802)
Other direct contributions			
Contributions	5.	108,851	127,400
Expenses	5.	(108,851)	(127,400)
Total other direct contributions			
Excess of receipts over expenditures (expenditures over receipts)	\$	6,367	\$ (5,802)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements



Eastern Ontario Forest Group

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended March 31, 2016

		2016	2015
Net assets, opening	\$	187,394	\$ 193,196
Excess of receipts over expenditures (expenditures over receipts)		6,367	(5,802)
Net assets, closing	\$	193,761	\$ 187,394

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements



Eastern Ontario Forest Group

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended March 31, 2016

	Note	2016		2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Excess of receipts over expenditures (expenditures over receipts)	\$	6,367	\$	(5,802)
Amortization expense		637		795
Decrease in accounts receivable		34,441		56,470
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses		157		(1,101)
(Decrease) in accounts payable		(332)		(3,224)
(Decrease) in deferred revenue		(62,657)		(75,583)
Increase (decrease) in government remittances payable		7,304		(20,907)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(14,083)		(49,352)
Net cash (decreases) in cash and cash equivalents		(14,083)		(49,352)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		303,314		352,666
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	289,231	\$	303,314

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

Cash	\$	208,888	\$	303,314
Short term investments		80,343		-
	\$	289,231	\$	303,314

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended March 31, 2016

1. Significant Accounting Policies

a. Nature of business/basis of preparation

i. Place of incorporation and principal business

The group was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, without share capital on October 13, 1992, under the laws of Ontario. The organization received its charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency on April 1, 1999. The group is dedicated to championing the concept and practice of sustainable forestry for all it values in Eastern Ontario and beyond through the cooperative efforts of its residents and supporters. The Eastern Ontario Forest Group belongs to the Canadian Model Forest Network with over 11 sites located across Canada.

ii. Consistent Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations

The accounting policies of the company are in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year. Outlined below are those policies considered particularly significant.

b. Capital assets

Amortization is provided for using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives as follows for the major classes of assets:

	Rate
Equipment	5 years

c. Financial instruments

Measurement of financial instruments

The entity initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions. Non-arm's length transactions are measured at the exchange amount of consideration paid or received as established and agreed to by the related parties.

The entity subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments that are quoted at active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.



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1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

c. Financial instruments continued

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include the accounts payable, and accrued liabilities

Risks and concentrations

The entity is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the entity's risk exposure and concentrations at the statement of financial position date of March 31, 2016.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The entity is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The entity's main credit risk relates to its accounts receivable.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instruments or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.



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1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

d. Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNFPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the March 31, 2015 financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and may have impact on future periods.

e. Revenue recognition

The Eastern Ontario Forest Group follows the deferral method for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount is to be received can be reasonably estimated and collections is reasonably assured.

2. Short term investments

	2016	2015
Redeemable GIC, due July 15, 2016, 0.6%	\$ 80,343	\$ -

3. Capital assets

Capital assets consist of the following:

	2016		2015	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Equipment	\$ 31,331	\$ 28,782	\$ 2,549	\$ 3,186

4. Deferred receipts

	2016	2015
Beginning balance, related to supplementary funding	\$ 148,745	\$ 224,328
Less: Amounts recognized in the year	(111,350)	(195,454)
Add: Amounts received related to future years	48,693	119,871
Ending balance, related to supplementary funding	\$ 86,088	\$ 148,745



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5. Other Direct Contributions

Included in the statement of operations is \$108,851 (2015 - \$127,400) representing the estimated fair value of contributions of services and materials as declared by the partners. These services and materials are recorded at fair value as if Eastern Ontario Forest Group would normally have to pay for the services donated.



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Schedule 2: Supplementary Projects

	2016	2015
Regional Forest Health Network	\$ 980	\$ 664
EOFG97/22 Christmas Seminar	2,013	3,669
EOFG14-21 FSC Cert Project	10,948	22,287
EOFG13/29 Tree Planting	79,525	148,145
EOFG09/50 EOMF Forest Event Charitable	1,511	5,933
EOFG07/93 Forest Certification Operating Fund	11,079	21,734
EOFG98/39 Woodlot Day	4,278	2,274
EOFG02/62 EOMF Workshops	1,792	-
Total Expense - Supplementary projects	\$ 112,126	\$ 204,706

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*Our vision of forests for seven generation
is a sustainable landscape valued by all communities.*

Acknowledgement

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest gratefully acknowledges the support we have received from our many members, supporters and partners. With your support it has allowed the Eastern Ontario Model Forest to continue its work to champion sustainable forests and healthy, vibrant forest communities.

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