

Report of OEWC to EOMF AGM June 17, 2020



Ontario East Wood Centre
& ECO-INDUSTRIAL PARK

The Haudenosaune Naturalized Knowledge System as articulated by advisor Dr. Henry Lickers continues to be our philosophical foundation:

- *The Earth is our Mother*
- *The Spiritual is close to the Earth*
- *Knowledge is powerful but only when it is shared*
- *Responsibility is the best practice*
- *Co-operation is the way to survive*
- *Everything is connected to everything and*
- *“Place is important.”*

A bioeconomy within a sustainable environment requires many workers: foresters, technicians, business people, loggers, farmers, tree planters, biologists, truckers, operators and more.

The need to reassemble these distributed bits of knowledge has been dramatically sharpened by the obvious impacts of a pandemic, a changing climate and an unsettled economy. Harvard’s *Atlas of Economic Complexity, Mapping Paths to Prosperity* states – we need “complex webs of interaction and a diversity of knowledge embedded in our society.” This is because “as individuals we are not much more capable than our ancestors!” As spin off of the EOMF, many years ago, we press on and maintain our status with Industry Canada as a not-for-profit corporation.



In the past months the Ontario East Wood Centre and its directors and advisors attended and participated at meetings in Brockville, Spencerville, Sarnia, Pembroke, the Port of Johnstown, Cornwall, Kemptville and Ottawa.



1. The attraction of BIC Canada to an office in Brockville was the happy result of our 2018 symposium in Maitland.

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There are two engineers now in place at APEX Logistics at 100 Strowger Blvd. in Brockville: Joe Hendricks and Ben George. And finally they are able to go out and see bioeconomy clients!

2. Everything is connected to everything else and Henry Lickers and Sandra were pleased to participate in the 25 anniversary



3. The 2020 Queen's University TEAM project resulted in the "Seven Generations - Sustainable Housing for Indigenous Housing"

The May 12 2017 "Meeting of the Minds" at Carleton University has been followed up by our 2020 Queen's TEAM. They did a great deal of research and focused on historical injustice, Indigenous concerns, building materials (primarily wood), nature, passive houses and mental and physical health, sustainable heating systems (they recommended pellets!) and drinking water purification and wastewater treatment. FPIinnovations was especially helpful. The TEAM report will be most useful in presentations and promotions of this important initiative. For a copy please connect with Sandra or Brian.

Maple Processing and Refining for the Bioeconomy of Eastern Ontario was completed in 2018 and the OEWC is now seeking to get this moving again. Key folks such as Ray Bonenberg and Brian Barkley have been very helpful as have notes from Ray Fortune. The report was circulated to The Corridor Group to no avail so far and the OEWC is hoping to advance this opportunity more vigorously in the months ahead in collaboration with key directors and advisors.

Queen's has also produced several other reports for us that will be useful in the future.

4. At the Ontario East Economic Development Commission

conference in September 2019, in Cornwall, our panel on the bioeconomy for Eastern Ontario was Brian Barkley, Sandy Marshall, Joe Hendricks, Jeff Passmore and Sandra Lawn. Henry Lickers is now a Commissioner with the IJC would also have been there but he was called to Washington.



5. **Attendance at: Scaling Up 2019**, Christmas Forest Seminar, the Leeds-Grenville Economic Development Summit, the St. Lawrence Corridor Economic Development Commission's event and other interactions also kept us busy. Look for Scaling-Up 2020 – Harnessing Bio-based Resources for a low-carbon economy.



6. The OEWC participated in the **Roundtable on the Forest Industry** lead by Minister John Yakabuski in Pembroke on April 12, 2019. Our three key points were: the bioeconomy of Eastern Ontario, a focus on key clusters of industries and an eFRI and mapping of Eastern Ontario.



7. In 2019 former mayor of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal passed away. Larry was a founding director of the OEWC and his wise and steadfast counsel is sorely missed.



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