

2011 - 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

The First Twenty Years: *The Foundation for the Future*



EASTERN ONTARIO
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Forests for Seven Generations

In Tribute

It is with a heavy heart that we note the passing, last November, of

Jim Cayford

*... a dear friend and mentor to the EOMF,
and will be remembered for his enthusiasm for sharing with others
– from all corners of the world – his love of forests.*

We dedicate this annual report in Jim's memory.



*Jim's contributions
– along with those of other recently departed friends of the EOMF –
will be honoured on the new EOMF Memorial Trail at Limerick Forest,
made possible through the James H. Cayford Memorial Fund
established by his wife, Burla, and family.*

*Special thanks are also due to
the United Counties of Leeds-Grenville, Limerick Forest, and
the Friends of Limerick Forest
for bringing the EOMF Memorial Trail to fruition.*

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Message from the President: *Our 20th Anniversary*

In many ways, it is hard to believe that this year we celebrate our 20th anniversary. It is almost impossible to imagine that it has been more than 20 years since ‘model forests’ were merely a kernel of an idea – one championed in eastern Ontario by Ross Silversides and others who believed model forests could be something truly special. Over the course of the past twenty years, so many individuals have contributed to the success that the Eastern Ontario Model Forest has become. A card of thanks is owed to countless individuals – those with us, and equally those who have departed this world but that continue to inspire our work, like Ross Silversides.

This year was our fifth and final under the Forest Communities Program (FCP) initiated by Natural Resources Canada (Canadian Forest Service) back in April of 2007. We have many accomplishments of which we can be proud under the FCP over the course of the past several years, and this year’s roster of successes stacks up as no exception. Many of these successes are elaborated in the pages that follow, but I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few.

Forest certification continued to be a flagship for the EOMF. The ongoing certification of private lands, community forests and Crown lands managed by Sustainable Forest Licences has made accessible a considerable amount of sustainably managed wood for the market. We were also excited to partner with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in delivering a series of chain of custody seminars targeted at primary and secondary wood product manufacturers throughout southern Ontario.

Meanwhile, the Regional Forest Health Network continued to serve a vital function in bringing together some two dozen agencies and organizations spanning eastern Ontario, western Quebec, and northern New York state to ensure a coordinated approach to dealing with threats to forest health – focusing in particular on the threat posed by the emerald ash borer.

We were also active on the species at risk front, pressing for an alternative approach to species at risk protection than currently featured under the Endangered Species Act (a largely rigid, punitive approach that is serving to discourage rather than encourage species at risk stewardship efforts by landowners and land managers). In a related vein, we also continued our work in exploring mechanisms for better recognizing landowners for their role in providing ecological goods and services. With the vital exploratory groundwork now laid through extensive focus group research involving landowners and program

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delivery and policy professionals throughout the EOMF, we will continue to work closely with all in developing the architecture for a community-supported EG&S recognition framework for trial in the EOMF.

Elsewhere, Sandra Lawn continued to serve as the project leader for the Wood Centre effort, and we are indebted to her for her tireless efforts and selfless contributions that go far beyond the call of duty.

While our accomplishments have been many, and we have much to celebrate, this year has brought some bittersweet news as well. In April we learned that Natural Resources Canada would fund a further two years under the Forest Communities Program (extending it through the end of March 2014), not the five years that we had hoped. And, while the funding is significantly reduced from what we've received traditionally, we are nevertheless encouraged at having a two-year window of opportunity to explore some new funding models and to chart the way forward. In short, we are 'open for business,' and we will be working with great fervour to secure funding that will enable us to carry on, in the long-term, with what members and partners have come to view as critical work in eastern Ontario over the past twenty years.

Also bittersweet was the news that General Manager, Mark Richardson, would be moving to a new position with the City of Ottawa come the first of April. We wish Mark all the very best in his new position, and thank him for his several years at the helm – always steadfast in his efforts to bring balance to the sometimes disparate demands placed upon this settled landscape of eastern Ontario, a 'working forest' that so many call home. I would like to welcome Elizabeth Holmes as General Manager. Elizabeth is no stranger to many of you, her history with the EOMF now nineteen years in the making. I call upon you – our cherished members, partners and supporters – to work closely with Elizabeth and the staff team as we navigate some of the challenges before us.

In closing, I would be remiss in not thanking my fellow board members for their commitment and support and the great wisdom they have shared. My sincere thanks to all.

We have much important work to do over the next twenty years . . . indeed for the next seven generations to come. We look forward to the journey ahead.

*Jim McCready, R.P.F.
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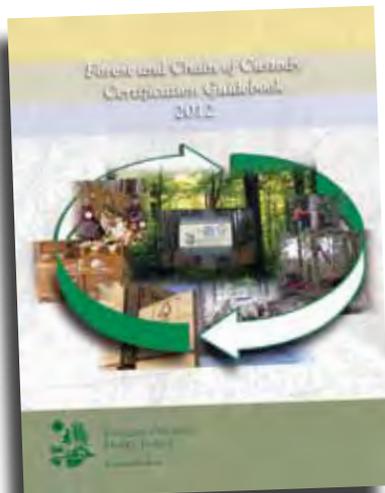
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Activity Reports by Committees & Working Groups

1.0 Report of the Certification Working Group

The area certified under the Forest Certification Program continued to expand this year. The total certified area now surpasses 50,600 hectares, including 40,400 hectares in community forests and 10,200 hectares in private forests. Notably, a new community forest entered the program this year – the EOMF expanding its reach to include Grey County Forest in the Owen Sound area. With the rapid expansion of our Forest Certification Program, we are developing mechanisms to engage independent forest managers throughout southern Ontario in bringing interested forest owners into the EOMF program.

We were successful this year in a funding proposal to the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation that allowed us to expand our work with private woodlot owners in Renfrew County in pursuing Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certification. This funding also supported efforts to assist forest-based businesses in achieving chain of custody certification.

We also secured funding through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) to deliver six chain of custody seminars, targeted at primary and secondary wood manufacturers throughout southern Ontario. The project also enabled us to pursue efforts to engage a broader complement of private landowners and community forest owners in forest certification. In addition, we were able to develop a suite of resource materials for those seeking a better understanding of forest and chain of custody certification. The full suite of resource materials can be found on the EOMF website (www.eomf.on.ca); titles include:

- *Forest and Chain of Custody Certification Guidebook 2012*
- *Forest Management Certification for Forest Practitioners*
- *Private Woodlot Certification: Stories from Eastern Ontario*
- *Profiles of Certified Community Forests in Eastern Ontario*
- *Enhancing Maple Syrup Opportunities through Chain of Custody Certification*

OMNR also provided support to produce an educational video series (elaborated in Section 2.2). In addition, the support from OMNR enabled us to create a web-based data management tool for better tracking and keeping forest certification and chain of custody program information current.

Scott Davis, our Forest Certification Coordinator, continued to share with others our experiences with forest certification and its application

on the ground through various speaking engagements and workshops throughout the EOMF, including a presentation at the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference. Extending our reach well beyond our 'traditional' geography, Scott also delivered presentations on forest certification to Saugeen Valley Conservation and Halton Hills Conservation.

Our current FSC certificate expires in January 2013. The Certification Working Group will be busy over the coming months ensuring that all is in place for a seamless re-issuing of the certificate for another five-year period. A further focus of efforts will be exploring new funding structures/options for our certificate, with a view to ensuring that its management is sustainable in the long-term.

Submitted by Scott Davis, Forest Certification Coordinator on behalf of the Certification Working Group



2.0 Report of the Communications Committee

Communication and outreach efforts are, in many ways, the backbone of what the EOMF does. We continued to reach out to communities throughout the EOMF area, and well beyond in many cases as well. The Communications Committee held meetings quarterly with board member Achille Drouin and past board member, Kerry Coleman, acting as co-chairs. We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our invaluable volunteers whose enthusiastic participation helps make our Committee and our events both possible and successful.

2.1 Events in the Community

As in past years, we played a central role alongside partners in organizing a suite of three 'core' outreach events, including the Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario, the Christmas Forest Seminar and the Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference. These events continued to be well received and attended, demonstrating the need in the community for such opportunities to share knowledge and experiences and the importance of simply taking the time to celebrate our forests and our forest heritage.

In October, we celebrated the 14th Forest Fair of Eastern Ontario alongside our partners: the Ferguson Forest Centre, Friends of the Ferguson Forest Centre, and the North Grenville Chamber of Commerce. Despite the abysmal weather, a hardy crowd turned out – taking in educational displays, watching wood artisans demonstrate their skills, meeting reptiles of the Reptile Rainforest, learning about species at risk, and partaking in host of other activities. The ever-popular Log & Lumber Auction, orchestrated by the EOMF, reported that 80 per cent

Communications Committee

Achille Drouin, Co-Chair

Kerry Coleman, Co-Chair

Mary Humphries

John P. Wilson

Melanie Williams, Communications Coordinator



of the logs provided originated from forests that are a part of the EOMF's Forest Certification Program.



On December 14th, together with the Canadian Institute of Forestry we welcomed a full house at Purvis Hall on Kemptville Campus of the University of Guelph for the Christmas Forest Seminar. This year's theme was 'International Year of Forests . . . global update and Canada's place' – our celebration of the United Nations *International Year of Forests 2011*.

And, in February, the Winter Woodlot Conference marked a major milestone – its 25th anniversary edition! This year's theme was 'Today's Woodlot Threats and Opportunities.' Always well-attended, we look forward to another 25 editions of the Woodlot Conference!

2.2 Information & Tools

YouTube Videos:

This year the EOMF was proud to successfully implement yet another new technology to cost-effectively advance its messaging and communicate to a broad array of audiences. Six new YouTube videos are now available for free viewing on our new EOMF YouTube channel called: eomfvideo. Our thanks to the guidance, creativity and professionalism of Kemptville-based White Bear Media. The first four videos were part of our Forest Certification Video Series:

- *Chain of Custody Certification*
- *Community Forest Certification*
- *Private Woodlot Certification*
- *How Sweet It Is! Maple Syrup Certification*

This series was made possible with funding support from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. These high-production value videos are designed to give the viewer short overviews of specific topics. To view them, visit youtube.com/eomfvideo.

Our second video project provides an overview of who the Eastern Ontario Model Forest is, and the type of work we do. There are both English and French versions. This project was funded in part by Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation, and supported by the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. We are grateful to them for making this project possible.

Website:

The EOMF website (www.eomf.on.ca) worked very hard for us this year – 24/7! Our automated analytics showed consistently high volumes of traffic – often upwards of 1,000 hits per month. The vast majority of



visitors in any given month were new, and they came from all around the world. A consistent proportion of ‘repeat’ visitors also attested to the fact that our site continues to be an important source of timely news on forest-related topics. Our RSS newsfeed kept the homepage fresh as we added new articles every month. New enhancements and tweaks to the site have ensured it remains a hallmark of innovation and smart design. We’ve had much positive and unsolicited feedback about its value and user-friendliness. Our thanks to Kemptville-based Probase Web for continuing to make us look good! Our online Event registration has proven to be an invaluable and cost-effective tool that has improved our administrative efficiency, and our delivery of numerous successful events throughout the calendar year.

EOMF E-News:

Now well into its second year, our monthly E-News continues to spread the news of upcoming and past events and happenings in and around the EOMF. Capturing all the headlines from our various RSS newsfeeds, the E-News enables us to share information with our audiences on a more timely and regular basis. Now, twenty issues later, it continues to fulfill its mandate to give us a low-cost and productive tool enabling us to better keep our members, partners and communities current on all the latest news and events.

2.3 Ambassador for the Forest Communities Program

In cooperation with other Forest Communities Program (FCP) sites across the country, we continued to foster the building of relationships with forest-dependent communities around the globe – sharing how model forest concepts and principles are contributing to sustainable forest communities. We respond to requests from the International Model Forest Network (IMFN) and the Canadian Forest Service, as well as direct requests from foreign representatives – typically hosting a day-long session including field trip highlighting the model forest experience and select EOMF projects of interest to our visitors. This year we hosted delegations from Sweden, Africa and Indonesia.

*Submitted by Melanie Williams, Communications Coordinator
on behalf of the Communications Committee*

3.0 Report of the Forest Science Committee

The Forest Science Committee (FSC) is a standing committee of the EOMF and functions to provide science-based advice to the board, other committees and participants in the EOMF. It reviews publications, proposals and other documents from a science-based view, identifies science-related projects for the annual work plan, and contributes to the science activities of the Canadian Model Forest Network and its



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Elizabeth Holmes, Staff Liaison



external collaborators. Members are volunteers with an interest in forest science issues; they provide a broad spectrum of knowledge and expertise while contributing to the assessment and decision-making process.

Central to the Committee's work over the last many years has been the exploration of complementary approaches to understanding the natural world where the coupling of Naturalized Knowledge Systems (NKS) and western science has enabled a better understanding of issues facing the EOMF. People who live close to the natural world have a different perspective on natural systems than is frequently provided to policymakers through solely deductive science. The reconciliation of these ideas governs a great deal of what we do in our Committee and in the EOMF as a whole. Some highlights of activity from the year follow.

3.1 Exploring Avenues for Enhancing the Provision of Ecological Goods & Services (EG&S)

The Forest Science Committee has provided coordination oversight for a series of nine focus group sessions on ecological goods and services (EG&S) bringing private landowners, program delivery professionals, policy makers, conservation interests, development interests and others to the table. Discussions have focused, in particular, on how a program for better recognizing landowner contributions in protecting EG&S might be implemented in eastern Ontario. What might such a program look like? What elements would best balance the need for ensuring program acceptability, straightforwardness in implementing it, and effectiveness in delivering the desired EG&S? Work is underway to synthesize the information and ideas shared at the focus group sessions, and to produce an early analysis of would-be workable models for an EG&S recognition program in eastern Ontario. In the coming year we will be working closely with landowners and program delivery/policy professionals to further develop, vet and refine the 'architecture' for a such a program. This work represents a great opportunity for the FSC to play a role in advancing the thinking in program and policy development circles in so far as innovative and practical approaches to recognizing landowners for providing EG&S are concerned.

3.2 Habitat Modeling for Species at Risk

The EOMF was successful last fiscal in securing funding from the Species at Risk Stewardship Fund (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources) for a two-year project in support of predictive habitat modeling for nine amphibian and reptile species at risk in southern Ontario. The uncertainty associated with habitat suitability predictions is rarely considered, and yet validation of such predictions is a critical step to ensure the usefulness of models before they are applied. In order to test habitat suitability predictions, field surveys were carried out to ensure that habitat relationships defined in the models and applied to existing data sources translated to useful habitat predictions on the

ground. The validation process identifies both the potential limitations in GIS data and allows for model improvements. This process of validating habitat suitability models is enabling refinements over time, improving decision-making and furthering species at risk stewardship efforts in eastern Ontario.

3.3 A Changing Climate in Eastern Ontario?

FSC members have been discussing climate change and its possible impacts in eastern Ontario through analysis of temperature and precipitation data and a compilation of naturalized knowledge from local sources. Since effects from and changes in climate will affect us at a regional level it is important to understand these changes at that scale, particularly since some changes we are seeing regionally are different from national trends. There are obvious implications here for agriculture and for forestry, where the spring planting season is closely related to precipitation and temperatures.

Changes in weather and climate have also been observed locally and there is a broad base of naturalized knowledge that can be drawn from in managing natural ecosystems. Local information on dates of tapping maple in the region show that tapping now occurs earlier in the season than formerly. First Nations ceremonial activities have been affected by changes in natural events – for example, dates for the first and last thunderstorms of the season have changed within living memory, starting earlier in the calendar year and continuing longer. First Nations communities are now altering tree planting practices to establish species that currently grow a few hundred kilometres to the south; this is especially true for the heavy-seeded species (mostly hardwoods) that cannot respond quickly to warming temperatures. This practice also means that communities further north are doing the same. Changes have been observed on the width of black ash tree rings – the primary species used in traditional basket making. This indicates a long-term trend in increasing temperatures causing wider/thicker rings that are less well suited for basket making.

What are we to make of these findings? It appears that something is happening here in eastern Ontario with respect to a changing climate. Our next task is to get the message out more broadly via our website, newsletter articles, video clips and so on – such will form the focus of efforts in the months ahead. We will also be calling on members and partners to share with us knowledge, personal experiences and anecdotes of how a changing climate is affecting us in eastern Ontario.

3.4 Non-Timber Forest Products

The FSC has also been exploring how it might play a role in broadening awareness about economic opportunities associated with non-timber forest products (NTFPs). Such opportunities are generally not well



Regional Forest Health Network Members

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Arboretum)

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

City of Gatineau

City of Ottawa, Forestry Services

Conservation Authorities:

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

Mississippi Valley Conservation

Raisin Region Conservation Authority

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

South Nation Conservation

County of Renfrew

Ministry of Natural Resources (Kemptville District)

Ministry of Natural Resources (Southern Region)

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

National Capital Commission

Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service

New York State, Department of Environmental Conservation

Ontario Parks

St. Lawrence County, New York State

St. Lawrence Islands National Park

Stewardship Councils:

Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council.

Lanark County Community Stewardship Council

Ottawa Stewardship Council

Prescott-Russell Stewardship

Resource Stewardship SD&G

Town of Carleton Place

Tree Canada

United Counties of Leeds & Grenville

understood and there is no coordinated effort in eastern Ontario at present to create awareness about NTFPs or assist landowners in understanding the opportunities that exist. In the coming year, the FSC hopes to secure funding that would enable us to deliver, with partners, a workshop on NTFPs – serving to enhance awareness about NTFPs and their market potential.

Submitted by Peter Hall, Chair, Forest Science Committee

4.0 Report of the Regional Forest Health Network

The EOMF continued to play a lead role in facilitating efforts of the Regional Forest Health Network (RFHN) this past year. The RFHN is a partnership of more than two dozen regional organizations spanning eastern Ontario, western Quebec and northern New York State. All members are active in championing forest health and believe strongly in the merits of working together to implement strategic actions to achieve these ends.

Jim McCready, President of the EOMF, continued to serve as the chair of the RFHN this year. As part of our facilitating role for the RFHN, we host meetings, act as a central repository for the distribution of relevant materials to partners, and help to coordinate the development of communications and outreach products and activities.

The emerald ash borer (EAB) continued to dominate the discussions around the RFHN table as it continued its relentless advance into our region. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued several new Ministerial Orders that affected several new counties within the EOMF region including: the entire City of Ottawa; the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville; the United Counties of Prescott-Russell; and the whole of the City of Gatineau.

The RFHN offered assistance to these newly affected municipalities, and continued to coordinate detection training for EAB as well as information workshops for landowners and practitioners alike. While the City of Ottawa took a lead role in sharing messaging about EAB with urban residents, other RFHN partners delivered messaging to rural residents. The RFHN helped again to coordinate ‘EAB Awareness Week’ from May 16-23, recognized formally in the City of Ottawa. Considerable publicity helped to raise awareness about EAB and associated threats to our forests and our communities. Dr. Taylor Scarr from OMNR was interviewed for a second time by Rita Celli and Ed Lawrence of Ontario Today, and updated a million plus CBC radio listeners on developments with respect to EAB since last year at this time. The City of Ottawa and Ontario Parks featured a number of EAB-oriented activities to draw attention to the pest and the all-important “Don’t Move Firewood” message in advance of the May long weekend.

In partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR), the RFHN is in the process of having a 16-page publication on management practices for woodlot owners printed and released in 2012. The contents were presented by Martin Streit at the 2012 Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference, where EAB was also a major panel topic with updates and information delivered by Margaret Mais of the CFIA and Jason Pollard from the City of Ottawa.

A funding grant was secured from the Invasive Species Centre to establish permanent plots throughout eastern Ontario to study the effects of this insect in woodlots over long periods of time; this builds on research efforts in southern Ontario, where the advance of EAB has been widespread and devastating. The RFHN partnered with the Canadian Forest Service and OMNR to establish these plots in our area. We are now working on establishing plots in riparian areas to study the long-term effects of EAB at the forest-water interface.

A white pine management workshop for landowners was delivered by the OMNR in partnership with the EOMF and the RFHN. It was geared towards landowners interested in learning how to identify and reduce the impact of white pine blister rust and other pests in their forests. Two beech bark disease workshops were also delivered to practitioners in partnership with Dr. Richard Wilson of OMNR.

5.0 Report of the Species at Risk Working Group

Recently-enacted legislation by the province of Ontario under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) features an essentially ‘zero risk,’ species-specific, punitive approach to protecting species at risk and their habitats.

The reaction by private landowners and forest business owners has ranged from anger, to dismay, to fear – as evidenced, for example, at a focus group on the ESA convened by the EOMF last May with private landowners and land managers.

The EOMF continued to work away at this issue. The Species at Risk Working Group developed several discussion pieces and associated analyses (guided by the input of a broad range of landowners, land managers, and partners). These suggest an alternative approach featuring education, encouragement, and positive reinforcement through recognition and rewards for good stewardship – argued to be much more effective and less costly ways of enlisting support for protecting species at risk. In keeping with our role as an honest broker and go-between of sorts, we will continue to share these views on an alternative approach to species at risk protection with the policy community (senior decision makers within the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources particularly) and those developing and delivering species at risk programs.



Species at Risk Working Group

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Tom Richardson

George Sheffield

Martin Streit



Postscript

In August of this year, members of the Species at Risk Working Group were invited to meet with the Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy Division) for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. We presented a case for the need for change to the ESA that engages private landowners and land managers as partners in species at risk conservation, and that gives greater effect to the many conservation tools already in existence (e.g., forest certification, environmental farm plans). We will continue to provide constructive advice on this issue. It is our hope that our appeal for much-needed change, along with the large body of critical feedback that OMNR is receiving from landowners, will, in time, lead to productive changes to the Act and its implementation.

Submitted by Tony Bull, Chair, Species at Risk Working Group and Elizabeth Holmes, Staff Liaison, Species at Risk Working Group

6.0 Report from the Ontario East Wood Centre

Incorporated in 2010, the Ontario East Wood Centre (OEWCC) continues to garner attention and interest as a platform for a biomass-based (and innovation-inspired) cluster of industrial, business and production projects in an eco-industrial. The key is the geographic advantage of a deep-sea port, rail and four-lane highways within the widespread mixed hardwood forests of eastern Ontario and beyond. The EOMF has continued to serve as a catalyst for Wood Centre efforts, lending support to the OEWCC board of directors as they pursue the development and establishment of pilot and demonstration plants and commercialization projects at the Wood Centre – all based on sustainable forest management practices and FSC® certification. The OEWCC does this by maintaining partnerships with the University of Toronto Faculty of Forestry, Queen's University Faculty of Chemical Engineering and the Monieson Centre, forest industry, economic development officers in Renfrew County, numerous private companies, municipal, provincial and federal officials, and several not-for-profit organizations. The EOMF also lends technical expertise through participation on the OEWCC board, co-presentations and sharing of expertise on forest certification.

Highlights this year included the completion of two business plans on biorefining and furfural production and the commissioning of a feasibility study of a “Greenhouse at GreenField” operation that will use waste heat and carbon dioxide from GreenField Ethanol. These three studies were all achieved by fourth year Queen's University Technology, Engineering & Management (TEAM) students. The Wood Centre facilitated the business planning and site selection phases in Northern Biofuels' goal to construct a state-of-the-art engineered biomass solid fuel plant, producing



the highest-quality torrefied biomass products. The OEWC also participated on the Eastern Ontario Transformation Council, at the Ontario East Municipal Conference, at the Leeds-Grenville Economic Development Summit and at various other conferences, and held semi-annual Board of directors meetings. In 2012, we will continue to seek support for the development of the bio-economy in eastern Ontario through the development of the greenhouse project, furtherance of the commercialization projects, as well as support for the use of value-added wood products from sustainably grown forests.

Submitted by Sandra Lawn, Wood Centre Project Leader

Glimpses of our Annual General Meeting





A gathering of some Silversides award recipients past and present: Peter Murray; Burla Cayford for Jim Cayford; Brian Barkley; Sandra Lawn; Leo Hall for Bill Hall; Ray Fortune; Henry Lickers; Martin Streit.

Eastern Ontario Forest Group 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*

**Eastern Ontario Forest Group
Recipients of the Heartwood Award**

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



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 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
 Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario
 ALBA Wilderness School
 Albert Larocque Lumber Ltd.
 Alf's Forest Service
 Algonquin College, Forestry Technician Program
 Algonquin First Nation of Golden Lake
 Algonquin to Adirondack Conservation Association
 Amis de la Forêt La Blanche
 Arbex Forest Development Ltd.
 Barbara Heck Foundation (Landon Bay Environmental Learning Centre)
 Barr Lumber Ltd.
 Baxter Conservation Area
 BIOCAP Canada Foundation
 Biological Checklist of the Kemptville Creek Drainage Basin
 Bishops Mills Natural History Centre
 Bluebird Acres
 Boisés Est
 Canada Science and Technology Museum
 Canadian Biodiversity Institute
 Canadian Ecology Centre
 Canadian Federation of Nature
 Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners
 Canadian Food Inspection Agency
 Canadian Forest Service
 Canadian Forestry Association
 Canadian Institute of Forestry
 Canadian Lumbermen's Association
 Canadian Model Forest Network
 Clayoquot Forest Communities Program
 Resources North Association
 Weberville Model Forest
 Prince Albert Model Forest
 Manitoba Model Forest
 Northeast Superior Forest Community
 Lake Abitibi Model Forest
 Association des intervenants forestiers des Hautes-Laurentides
 Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest
 Cree Research and Development Institute
 Fundy Model Forest
 PEI Model Forest Network Partnership
 Nova Forest Alliance
 Model Forest of Newfoundland & Labrador
 Canadian Museum of Nature
 Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
 Canadian Wildlife Service
 Canadian Wood Fibre Centre
 Carleton Place Forest Advisory Committee
 Carleton Place Secondary High School
 Carleton University
 Cataragui River Conservation Authority
 Centre for Sustainable Watersheds
 Charleston Lake Environmental Association
 Charleston Lake Provincial Park
 City of Brockville
 City of Ottawa
 Cobjon Nutculture Services
 Commonwealth Plywood Co. Ltd.
 Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County
 Conservation Ontario
 Cooper Marsh Conservation Area
 Country Lane Fine Wood Products
 County of Lanark
 Coyncrest Farms
 Dalkeith Lumber
 David Black Ash Consulting
 Delcan Engineers Planners
 Dendron Resource Surveys Inc.
 D.I.A.M.O.N.D.S. Conservation Land Trust
 DM Solutions
 Doyletech Corporation
 Drentex Field Services
 Drummond's Sugarbush
 Ducks Unlimited
 Dundas Soil & Crop Improvement Association
 DuPont Canada
 Eastern Chapter of the Society of Ontario Nut Growers
 Eastern Counties Local, Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association
 Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners
 Eastern Ontario Development Program
 Eastern Ontario Urban Forest Network
 Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network
 Eco-Think
 ELORIN
 Ensyn
 Environment Canada
 Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario
 FedNor
 Ferguson Forest Centre
 FERIC
 Finnish Forest Research Institute (METLA)
 Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 Foreign Affairs & International Trade Canada
 Forest Gene Conservation Association
 Forest Products Association of Canada
 Forest Stewardship Council of Canada
 Forestry Research Partnership
 Forintek Canada Corporation
 Fortune Farms
 Fowler Tree Farms
 FP Innovations
 Friends of Limerick Forest
 Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve
 Frontenac Community Futures Development Corporation
 Frontenac Stewardship Council
 Fulton's Pancake House and Sugar Bush
 Gananoque Forestry Advisory Committee
 GeoConnections
 Gesner and Associates

GKR Consulting
 Goodfellow Agricola Consultants Inc.
 Great Lakes Forest Alliance
 Great Lakes Forestry Centre
 GreenField Ethanol
 Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation
 Grey County Forest
 Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Ltd.
 Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council
 Halifax Global Management Consultants
 Hardy Stevenson and Associates
 Hastings Stewardship Council
 Herb Shaw & Sons Ltd.
 Home Depot Foundation
 Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
 International Centre for Research in Agroforestry
 International Joint Commission
 International Model Forest Network
 Invista, Maitland, ON, site
 Iroquois Enterprises
 King's Forestry Service
 La Cité Collégiale
 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
 Lakehead University
 Lanark Cedar
 Lanark & District Fish and Game Club
 Lanark & District Maple Syrup Producer's Association
 Lanark & Leeds Green Community Program
 LandOwner Resource Centre
 Larose Forest Advisory Committee
 Lavern Heideman & Sons Ltd.
 Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council
 Lennox & Addington Stewardship Council
 Leo André Ltd.
 Limerick Forest
 L.R. McVeigh Lumber Ltd.
 Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc.
 McCann's Forest Products
 McCready Tree & Forestry Consulting
 McGill University
 Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute
 Metcalf Foundation
 Mississippi Valley Conservation
 Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists
 M.J. Umpherson Lumber Co. Ltd.
 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of the Environment
 Municipality of North Grenville
 Murray Brothers Lumber
 National Aboriginal Forestry Association
 National Capital Commission
 National Forest Strategy Coalition
 National Research Council
 National Wildlife Research Centre
 Natural Heritage Information Centre
 Natural Resources Canada
 Nature Conservancy of Canada (Ontario)
 Neave Resource Management
 Norampac Inc., Trenton Division
 North American Maple Syrup Council
 North Grenville Chamber of Commerce
 North Grenville District High School
 North Leeds Community Development Corporation
 Northumberland Stewardship Council
 Northumberland County Forest
 Ontario East Economic Development Commission
 Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
 Ontario Forest Research Institute
 Ontario Forestry Association
 Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association
 Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Ontario Ministry of the Environment
 Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
 Ontario Model Forest Network
 Ontario Nature
 Ontario Power Generation
 Ontario Professional Foresters Association
 Ontario Stewardship
 Ontario Woodlot Association
 Lower Ottawa Valley Chapter
 Renfrew County Chapter
 Opeongo Forestry Service
 Ottawa Cleantech Initiative
 Ottawa Field Naturalists
 Ottawa Forests & Greenspace Advisory Committee
 Ottawa Stewardship Council
 Ottawa Valley Section - Canadian Institute of Forestry
 Ottawa Valley Forest Sustainable Forest Licence
 Parks Canada
 Parks Ontario
 Petawawa National Research Forest
 Pinegrove Biotechnical
 Pinegrove Productions
 Policy Research Initiative
 Popkie Lumber Ltd.
 Poplar Council of Canada
 Port of Prescott
 Prescott-Russell Economic Development Office
 Prescott-Russell Stewardship Council
 Prince Edward Stewardship Council
 Queen's University
 Queen's University, School of Business, Monieson Centre
 Queen's University, Sustainable Bioeconomy Centre
 Queen's University Biological Station
 Rainforest Alliance
 Raisin Region Conservation Authority
 Renfrew County Stewardship Council
 Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation
 Resource Efficient Agricultural Production Canada
 Resource Stewardship S.D. & G.

Richard Ivey Foundation
 Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
 Rideau Valley Field Naturalist Club
 St. Lawrence Islands National Park
 St. Lawrence Parks Commission
 St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences
 St. Michael Catholic High School
 St. Regis Tribal Council
 Sand Road Sugar Camp
 Sandra S. Lawn & Associates Inc.
 Seburn Ecological Services
 Sierra Club of Canada
 SmartWood
 Smurfit-Stone Forest Resources, Pontiac
 South Nation Conservation
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 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Community Futures Corporation
 Stormont Soil and Crop Improvement Association
 Sugarbush Cabinet Company Ltd.
 Superior Forestry Consulting
 Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
 Temples Sugar Camp
 TD Graham + Associates
 The Agricola Group
 The Old Field Garden & Wildflower Nursery
 The Ontario Trillium Foundation
 1000 Islands Field Naturalists
 1000 Islands Forest Farm
 Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy
 Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust
 TMR Consulting
 Toronto Zoo
 Town of Carleton Place
 Town of Gananoque

Town of Oakville
 Town of Perth
 Town of Prescott
 Town of Smiths Falls
 Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal
 Township of Front of Yonge
 Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands
 Township of South Dundas
 Tree Canada Foundation
 Tree of Peace Society
 Trees Ontario Foundation
 Treeworks and Resource Management
 Trent University
 United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 United Counties of Prescott and Russell
 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry
 University of Guelph
 University of Guelph, Kemptville Campus
 University of Guelph, Alfred Campus
 University of Ottawa
 University of Toronto, Faculty of Forestry
 University of Waterloo
 Upper Canada District School Board
 Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary
 VA Designs
 Valley Heartland Community Futures Economic Development Corporation
 Vankleek Hill Nature Society
 Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council
 V.J. Nordin and Associates Ltd.
 Wanakena Ranger School
 Westport and Area Outdoor Association
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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members
EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP** which comprise the balance sheet as at March 31, 2012, 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 generally accepted accounting principals, 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of 2011 as at March 31, 2012, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'WGP Professional Corporation'.

WGP PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Authorized to practise public accounting by The
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario

Kemptville, Ontario
June 11, 2012

EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 2012

ASSETS

	2012	2011
CURRENT	\$ 24,204	\$ 46,439
Cash	192,433	398,710
Funding receivable	92,027	96,648
Term deposits	1,043	1,043
Interest receivable	-	37,060
Due to from CMFN	<u>14,798</u>	<u>21,688</u>
GST receivable	324,505	601,588
	<u>2,849</u>	<u>3,564</u>
CAPITAL (Note 3)	<u>\$ 327,354</u>	<u>\$ 605,152</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT	\$ 39,972	\$ 328,637
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>97,884</u>	<u>73,156</u>
Deferred contributions (Note 4)	137,856	401,793
NET ASSETS	<u>189,498</u>	<u>203,359</u>
Unrestricted net assets	<u>\$ 327,354</u>	<u>\$ 605,152</u>

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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, 2012

	Unrestricted	Total 2012	Total 2011
Balance beginning of the year	\$ 203,359	\$ 203,359	\$ 199,122
(Shortfall) excess of revenues over expenses	<u>(13,861)</u>	<u>(13,861)</u>	<u>4,237</u>
Balance, end of the year	<u>\$ 189,498</u>	<u>\$ 189,498</u>	<u>\$ 203,359</u>

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 For the year ended March 31, 2012

	2012	2011	
REVENUES			
Contributions from partners			
Provincial	\$ 109,712	\$ 523,478	
Federal contribution funding	317,231	49,654	
Memberships	325,000	325,000	
Other income	3,414	4,400	
Interest income	3,575	1,476	
Charitable donations	2,266	2,184	
	596	6,338	
	761,794	912,530	
EXPENDITURES			
EOFG Projects (Sch. 1)			
Supplementary Projects (Sch. 2)	\$ 172,788	133,912	
Salaries and benefits	409,377	585,286	
	110,058	157,791	
Directors travel and other costs	1,330	2,509	
Office and other	68,259	18,926	
Staff travel	2,594	167	
Meetings	4,884	2,992	
Professional fees	5,650	5,318	
Amortization	715	1,392	
	775,655	908,293	
OTHER DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 5)	(13,861)	4,237	
Contributions	463,906	577,892	
Expenses	(463,906)	(577,892)	
	-	-	
(SHORTFALL) EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (13,861)	\$ 4,237	

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP
SCHEDULE OF EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST PROJECTS
 (Schedule 1)
 For the year ended March 31, 2012

			2012 Budget (unaudited)			
Project	Title			2012	2011	
FCP/07-1.1	Transitioning to Bio-based community	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 15,000	
FCP/07-1.2	Advancing Forest Cert in Communities	25,000	25,000	25,000	30,000	
FCP/07-2.2	EG&S pilot	34,000	34,000	34,000	20,000	
FCP/07-3.1	Comm Mentoring & Equity Dev	22,000	22,000	22,000	15,000	
FCP/07-3.2	Capacity to communicate	21,000	21,000	21,000	38,000	
FCP/07-3.3	FCP Ambassador	16,000	16,000	16,000	10,000	
FCP/10-1.3	Ottawa And Seaway Valley Forestry	17,500	17,500	17,500	12,000	
FCP/10-1.4	OPG Partnership	7,000	7,000	7,000	2,000	
FCP/10-1.5	Bioenergy Handbook	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,000	
FCP/10-2.3	Science Needs Program	9,500	9,500	9,500	2,000	
FCP/10-2.4	Regional Forest Health Network	4,500	4,500	4,500	5,000	
FCP/10-2.5	Bus. Case for Fine Scale Veg. Inv	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,500	
FCP/10-2.6	Sustainability and Growth of EOWPI	10,500	10,500	10,500	8,000	
FCP/10-2.7	EIS Guidelines for Sign. Woodlands	-	-	-	2,500	
		196,000	196,000	196,000	163,000	
	Less: GST/HST recoverable	-	-	(23,212)	(29,088)	
	TOTAL EXPENSE - EOFG PROJECTS	\$ 196,000	\$ 172,788	\$ 133,912	\$ 133,912	

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP
SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS

(Schedule 2)

For the year ended March 31, 2012

Project	Title	2012 Budget (unaudited)	2012	2011
EOFG10/9	Certification in Renfrew County	\$ 3,698	\$ 3,698	\$ 82,048
EOFG96/18	GEO Info	581	581	535
EOFG97/22	Christmas Seminar	2,174	2,174	1,575
EOFG10/06	EOMF Website	-	-	4,125
EOFG09/10	GEO Connections ILM	-	-	700
EOFG09/14	Eastern Ontario Dev. Com. Cap	-	-	18,059
EOFG09/50	EOMF Forest Event Charitable	98	98	438
EOFG98/39	Woodlot Day	7,359	7,359	7,227
EOFG98/41	Forestry Fair	3,427	3,427	16,056
EOFG10/23	EG&S Workshop	-	-	400
EOFG10/16	Species at Risk	30,392	32,215	48,113
EOFG10/27	CAF Project	7,439	7,439	171,970
EOFG11/28	Market Access - FSC	-	-	131,659
EOFG07/93	Cert Renewal fund	54,084	54,084	36,551
EOFG11/07	CoC Cert Project	257,181	266,425	-
EOFG10/4	Comart Found Intern	-	-	11,020
EOFG07/20	East Prairie Orchid	-	-	886
EOFG03/36	EOFG Event	1,732	1,732	740
EOFG02/62	EOFG Workshops	233	233	266
EOFG10/17	NSMCIS IMSIO OMSPA	-	-	2,000
EOFG03/71	Forest Health Workshops	10,641	10,641	34,980
EOFG03/78	EOFG Publications	3,335	3,335	10,938
EOFG12/15	EODP Youtube video	8,123	9,049	-
EOFG12/19	North Cntral Pest Workshop	848	848	-
EOFG12/24	Metadata collection	6,039	6,039	-
EOFG09/46	Trees for Peace	-	-	5,000
TOTAL EXPENSE - SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS		\$ 397,384	\$ 409,377	\$ 585,280

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended March 31, 2012

1. GENERAL

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Because a precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of financial statements for a period necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations which have been made using careful judgment. The more significant accounting policies are as follows:

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. FAIR MARKET VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The group's financial instruments consist of cash, term deposits, amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the corporation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair market value of the current financial instruments approximate their carrying value because of the relatively short period to maturity of the instruments.

b. 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 to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

c. CAPITAL ASSETS

Eastern Ontario Forest Group capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized in the accounts on the diminishing balance basis. Capital assets purchased with project funds amounted to \$nil in 2012 (\$nil in 2011) and are recorded at cost and amortized straight line over two (2) years for computer hardware and over five (5) years for furniture and equipment.

d. NATURE OF 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 its 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. The Canadian Forest Service has approved the strategic plan associated funding for up to 1.475 million dollars to support the organization for a five year period ending in 2012 under the Forest Communities Program. The organization has recently submitted a proposal to The Canadian Forest Services for contributions of \$250,000 over the next 2 years while the organization re-organizes their funding sources.

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EASTERN ONTARIO FOREST GROUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended March 31, 2012

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net 2012</u>	<u>Net 2011</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ <u>27,959</u>	\$ <u>25,110</u>	\$ <u>2,849</u>	\$ <u>3,564</u>

4. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions represent unspent resources restricted by agreement for specific purposes received in the current period that is related to a subsequent period. Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Beginning balance, related to supplementary funding	\$ 73,156	\$ 85,836
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(73,156)	(85,836)
Add: Amount received related to the following year	<u>97,884</u>	<u>73,156</u>
Ending balance, related to supplementary funding	\$ <u>97,884</u>	\$ <u>73,156</u>

5. OTHER DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS

Included in the statement of operations is \$463,906 (2011 - \$577,892) representing the estimated fair value of contribution of services and materials as declared by the partners. These services and materials are recorded at fair value as if the Eastern Ontario Forest Group would normally have to pay for the services donated.

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2012 Marks 20th Anniversary for IMFN, CMFN and EOMF

The year 2012 marks the 20th anniversary of the announcement of the International Model Forest Network (IMFN), and the 20th anniversary of both the Canadian Model Forest Network and the Eastern Ontario Model Forest. The IMFN was first brought to the world's attention at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992.

At this Rio Earth Summit, Canada dedicated \$10 million to pilot a small number of Model Forests outside of Canada based upon an innovative domestic program that was showing promise across the country. It has proven to be a good news story for Canada and an international forest contribution and legacy of which we can all be proud. A twenty-year anniversary of this summit took place in June 2012 at the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

The IMFN is based on a solid foundation of knowledge sharing and networking. Through the Network, Model Forests, stakeholders and international partners successfully work together towards the sustainable management of large landscapes and ecosystems.

What started as 10 Model Forests across Canada has now grown into a global network of 60 Model Forests in 30 countries on five continents, which encompasses 100 million hectares of a wide variety of forest ecosystems and landscapes. Today, while the strength of the IMFN is certainly visible in its numbers, its value is in the working relationships and friendships that reach across borders, languages, time zones and ecosystems. Over the past 20 years, this collaborative approach has contributed significantly to our knowledge base of natural resource management and demonstrated the on-the-ground application of the principles of sustainable development. For more information visit: www.imfn.net

The Canadian Model Forest Network has 15 members, including the Eastern Ontario Model Forest. Each Model Forest represents and brings together the diversity of forest interests and values in its own respective region in Canada. Each is a non-profit organization that has built partnerships representing Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, industry (forestry and other land uses), government (municipal, provincial, and federal), non-government organizations, schools (elementary through university) and researchers. For more information visit: www.modelforest.net





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

Acknowledgement

*The Eastern Ontario Model Forest gratefully
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