MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Spiros Papastergiou

ASFP Council Member

Spiros graduated with a B.S.F. (Bachelor of Science in Forestry) from U of T in 1995. He started his career as a Canadian Project Forester for a CIDA project in South East Asia. From there, he moved to the Interior of British Columbia to work for the British Columbia Forest Service as a Silviculture Audits Forester, where he met his wife Elizabeth. In 1999, Spiros became a management systems auditor for QMI –Division of CSA Group and travelled extensively in Western Canada auditing forest practices. Starting in 2005, to present Spiros has been working for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment Forest Service Branch as the Internal Performance Coordinator.

Spiros became an ASFP Council member in 2017 and is on his third term.

Spiros, his wife and two children recently moved onto a small acreage south of Prince Albert where he has started to transform the grass fields into forest.

NEW ARTICLE ON ASFP.CA

A new article was published on ASFP’s website. Check it out by clicking on the image below or by going to http://www.asfp.ca/15-general/84-asfp
2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

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Your Executive Council has discussed the option of holding the AGM via web meeting in conjunction with the CIF later in June but we have opted to wait until later, in the hope of having a face-to-face meeting before too long. We will keep you advised. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Councilors who are continuing to serve past their terms.

CIF – SK Section

CIF – SK Section will hold their 2020 Annual General Meeting virtually on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. To get an invite or for more information, contact vicki.gauthier@gov.sk.ca
STURGEON LAKE LUMBER COMPANY

In 1902 the Sturgeon Lake Lumber Company was formed by Prince Albert businessmen Dan Shannon and A. J. Bell. They built a modern mill at Bell’s Lake within Timber Berth #848 about 12 miles northwest of Sturgeon Lake. They also established an office and lumber storage yard in Prince Albert, which was some 35 miles to the south.

A. J. Bell was the President and organizer of the company, and Dan Shannon was hired as the mill superintendent. The mill included a saw and planing mill, utilizing both steam and electrical power sources. It was a moderately sized mill capable of producing seven million board feet of lumber a year.

A small town grew up around the sawmill and planer with married men’s houses, bunkhouses, barns, a cookshack and a company store. There was electricity produced by the mill and there was even a post office, Omega (the last letter of the Greek alphabet), named by Bell, who thought that this was the farthest that anyone would move north of Prince Albert. This area is now known as the Deer Ridge area.

Bell and company soon found that transporting lumber using horses and sleighs on the winter ice road was an expensive proposition. There were no roads usable in the summer, and the Spruce/Little Red and Sturgeon/Shell Rivers were too small to float barges.

In a bold move, the Sturgeon Lake Lumber Company bought the first Phoenix Centipede Log Hauler to be used in the territory. This was a high-tech option at the time, as these steam haulers had only been in production since 1903.

The log hauler was delivered to Prince Albert during the brutal winter of 1906-07. The train on which the engine was being transported became stuck in a snow drift, and the manager of the company went out, towards Saskatoon, with a crew to help dig out the train and retrieve his new engine.

The Phoenix Centipede was officially known as the “Pioneer Limited” but locals often referred to it as a “Dinky Engine”. The Phoenix Centipedes were designed to haul trains of logs or lumber loaded in sleighs running on iced ruts. This machine, with a crew of three men, could haul about 150,000 board
feet of lumber and make the trip to Prince Albert and back in one day under good conditions. The success of this machine led to several more being purchased by logging companies in the area.

The Sturgeon Lake Lumber Company’s wood supply initially came from Timber Berth #848 which was located immediately north of Timber Berth #598 and west of I.R. 106A. During its tenure, the company also harvested wood on the Sturgeon Lake Indian Reserve and on the Little Red River Reserve. This was not without controversy, with claims by the bands that timber had been removed without proper compensation.

The company did not immediately pay the timber dues, ground fees, and rent owed for wood harvested on the Sturgeon Lake Reserve, and considerable correspondence was sent by the Indian Department
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... attempting to settle the issue. Some payments were made but the loss of timber revenue issues simmered for many decades after the demise of the company. In 2001 the federal government settled a claim with the Sturgeon Lake Reserve #101 for the loss of wood revenue.

As of 2020, the Little Red River Band #106A is pursuing a similar claim. Records indicate that a certain amount of harvesting took place on the Little Red Reserve and that several attempts were made to have the land and the timber surrendered for exploitation by loggers and settlers. At dispute is the question of how much timber was harvested, and whether or not the Band was properly compensated.

Competition from the Prince Albert Lumber Company was intense, with that company striving to gain control of all of the timber berths in the area. The Sturgeon Lake Lumber Company sawmill apparently ceased operation in 1911, but the company’s office and timber yard were maintained in Prince Albert until about 1920, as their business focus shifted from milling to the retail/wholesale distribution of lumber and related products.

Source information from “Forest Prairie Edge” by Merle Massie

This article is from the first edition of “Echoes in the Forest – Saskatchewan Forest Tales”. If you liked this article and would like to read more like it, email John Daisly at j.daisley@xplornet.ca to subscribe. Subscription is free for members of The Forest History Society of Saskatchewan, and $10 for non-members.

Members of The Forest History Society of Saskatchewan also get to receive a copy of A History of Forestry in Canada by Gilbert Paille for only $5. Non-members can purchase this book for $42. Membership to the Historical Society is only $25, so this is a real bargain. So join now!
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For a small charge, the ASFP distributes forestry or resource-based Job Opportunities via email to our members. In addition to this email, we are now posting job opportunities on our website. Check it out: http://asfp.ca/job-centre. If your company has a job opportunity and wants it viewed by our entire membership, contact the ASFP office at registrar@asfp.ca.

Domtar is looking for an Operations Forester - Silviculture!

Here is another exciting opportunity for you!

Are you interested in an opportunity to be a key team member in an exemplary organization that provides career growth opportunities, consider joining our Team? If so, consider joining Domtar’s Team.

They are currently looking to hire an Operations Forester - Silviculture to provide leadership in the implementation of Domtar’s safety, forest stewardship, production, and quality standards for Domtar’s Silviculture responsibilities on the Trout Lake Forest.

Please open the attachment for the detailed posting. If you are interested in applying, forward your resume, to the link below by Thursday, June 11th at 3:00 p.m. CDT

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Jump Start Your Career with Carrier!

Carrier Forest Products Ltd., a family-owned company with a corporate culture built on hard work, ingenuity and collaboration is looking for a Woodlands Assistant.

Based out of the Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, office, the Woodlands Assistant will provide administrative support to all members of the woodlands team in an efficient and professional manner

Interested candidates are asked to submit their resume and cover letter to resumes@carrierforestproducts.ca or fax to 250 563-9371.

Click on the link below for more information.

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Looking for the perfect Permanent Full-Time Opportunity?

Carrier Forest Products Ltd. a family-owned company with a corporate culture built on hard work, ingenuity and collaboration is looking for a **Woodlands Supervisor**.

Based out of **Prince Albert, Saskatchewan**, and under the direct supervision of the Harvesting Superintendent, the Woodlands Supervisor is responsible for the supervision of the harvesting and field operations for operations in Saskatchewan.

Interested candidates are asked to submit their resume and cover letter to resumes@carrierforestproducts.ca or fax to 250 563-9371.

Click on the link below for more information.

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Immediate opening for a Harvesting Superintendent

Carrier Forest Products Ltd. a family-owned company with a corporate culture built on hard work, ingenuity and collaboration is looking for a **Harvesting Superintendent**.

Based out of **Prince Albert, Saskatchewan**, the Harvesting Superintendent is responsible for the supervision of the harvesting and field operations for operations in Saskatchewan.

Interested candidates are asked to submit their resume and cover letter to resumes@carrierforestproducts.ca or fax to 250 563-9371.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION, WORKSHOPS, PRESENTATIONS, EVENTS

Virtual Campfire

SFI and PLT Canada Offering Webinars on Key Sustainability Issues

SFI and PLT Canada are offering numerous engaging and informative virtual events in the coming months. SFI's webinars include Conservation Impact Sounding Board E-Workshops, as well as webinars focusing on the SFI standard revision process on topics including climate change, biodiversity, Indigenous perspectives, and urban forestry. PLT Canada is hosting webinars that focus on diversity and inclusion in green jobs, broadening your talent pool with diversity and creating an inclusive workforce.

Each of these virtual events are open to all attendees. More details and instructions for registration are below.

SFI INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE

June 8, 2020: 1:00 – 4:00 EDT (10:00 – 1:00 PDT)

This webinar will focus on receiving input on how SFI addresses Indigenous Peoples’ rights in the SFI standards. Enhancements to the SFI standards were made to ensure meaningful relationship-building and rights recognition processes.
SFI URBAN FORESTRY

Urban and community forests are a significant resource in Canada and the U.S. and are likely to continue to increase in significance based upon demographic, economic, and environmental trends. This webinar will explore the potential value of collaborating to develop a customized urban forest certification standard.

June 9, 2020: 1:00 – 3:00 EDT (10:00 – 12:00 PDT)

PLT CANADA BROADEN YOUR TALENT POOL AND DIVERSITY OF GREEN JOB CANDIDATES

Explore how to design a recruitment strategy that reaches the right candidates, removes barriers to belonging, and motivates a diverse talent pool to apply.

June 10, 2020: 11:00 – 11:45 AM EDT

SFI CONSERVATION IMPACT SOUNDING BOARD E-WORKSHOP: DEVELOPING WATER METRICS

Focused on Conservation Impact projects intended to measure the value of SFI’s certification outcomes relative to water quantity and quality, this webinar will review select projects and discuss links to water-related provisions of the SFI Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing Standards.

June 23, 2020: 1:00 – 4:00 EDT (10:00 – 1:00 PDT)

SFI STANDARDS RECAP WEBINAR

This webinar will recap all discussions and conversations from the previous webinars and allow anyone to comment on other parts of the SFI standards revision that may not have been discussed.

June 25, 2020: 1:00 – 3:00 EDT (10:00 – 12:00 PDT)
PLT CANADA MAKE BETTER HIRING DECISIONS WHEN STAFFING YOUR GREEN JOB

Join us in this webinar as we explore how to design a recruitment strategy that reaches the right candidates, removes barriers to belonging, and motivates a diverse talent pool to apply.

July 8, 2020:
11:00 – 11:45 AM EDT

PLT CANADA CREATE AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE FOR YOUR GREEN WORKPLACE

Explore how to create a culture of inclusion based on essential psychological needs, and learn how to create a welcoming environment for young workers of all backgrounds.

August 12, 2020:
11:00 – 11:45 AM EDT

CIF E-Lectures – What’s scheduled in the next few weeks? Missed a Lecture? Just visit https://www.cif-ifc.org/e-lectures/
Please note that previous CIF e-lectures are only available to CIF members.
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E-LECTURE SERIES: Partnerships through Citizen Science: Success Stories and Solutions

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Citizen Science and Invasive Species
Lauren Bell
Education and Community Outreach Coordinator
Invasive Species Centre

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
EDDMapS 2020: 15 Years of Tracking Invasive Species in North America
Chuck Barter
Director, University of Georgia Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health

Thursday, May 28, 2020
Citizen Science Solving Invasive Species Issues through Early Detection and Management
Angela Gupta
Extension Professor
University of Minnesota

Wednesday, June 3, 2020
TreeSnap: A Citizen Science App Connecting Tree Enthusiasts and Forest Scientists
Ellen Crocker
Assistant Professor
Forest Health Extension
University of Kentucky

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Citizen Science in a Regulatory Context
Erin Appleton
Plant Health Survey Biologist
Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Wednesday, June 17, 2020
The Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative: Who we are and what we do
Marie Zimmer
Knowledge Mobilization Officer
Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative

Lectures take place from:
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET / 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. PT

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada
To register: https://www.cif-ifc.org/e-lectures/ | For technical issues: electures@cif-ifc.org

All electronic lectures are free. Your consideration of CIF/IFC membership would be appreciated.

To become a CIF/IFC member: www.cif-ifc.org/register/ | Tel: (705) 744-1715 ext. 585
FORESTRY ARTICLES

Here are some forestry articles that may interest you. Click on the title to access the full article.

- UBC researchers develop biodegradable medical mask for COVID-19
- COVID-19 pandemic adds risk to wildfire season: B.C. forests minister
- Province expects Northern Pulp to follow latest order, despite company’s concerns
- B.C.-based organizations partner to improve forest fibre utilization and forest resilience
- Halifax researchers working to turn wood pulp into N95 masks
- Canada’s wildfire season expected to be ‘well above average’: Natural Resources Canada
- Sask. petition calls on government to hit pause on logging
- U.S. Lumber Coalition Statement on Announced New Aid Measures to Canadian Lumber Industry
- North American softwood lumber prices bounce off lows of two weeks ago
- UBC Forestry professor receives ‘Nobel Prize of Forest Research’
- Forestry Steps Up to Help Neighbours in Need
- SFI Community Grants Strengthen Connections Between Forests and Communities to Advance Local Sustainability Solutions

You can also click below to access ADDITIONAL NEWSLETTERS

- Insights
- Northern Notes
- Sustainable Forest Initiative
- The Working Forest

LOOKING AHEAD

If you have links to fascinating articles or videos or information about a job opportunity or continuing education seminar, please email us and indicate “NEWSEM” on the subject and I will add it on the next issue.

This monthly publication provides information of interest to our members from the CIF and ASFP about upcoming workshops, meetings, field tours, continuing education opportunities, and forestry news.

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