



## Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents James M. Kitz Award to Lacey Rose of Pembroke, ON

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**Pembroke, ON - Tuesday, October 8, 2019** – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Lacey Rose of Pembroke, ON and the CIF-IFC Algonquin Section as the 2019 recipient of the James M. Kitz Award. The award was presented at the 2019 CIF-IFC Annual Awards Banquet held on October 7, 2019 at the Germania Club in Pembroke, ON.

This award is named the James M. Kitz Award, after a person who was a member of the Institute and the Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association. Jim made several outstanding contributions to forestry early in his career, but suffered a sudden and untimely death at age 36. This award recognizes the contributions made by Jim, both professionally and personally and is awarded to those who exemplify Jim's approach to all aspects of life while making an outstanding contribution to forestry early in their career.

Lacey's work experience has ranged from field work in the Boreal forest, to writing a forest management plan for 250,000 hectares of Crown forest in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence forest, to now the hands-on management of the Renfrew County Forest. Outside of these roles, Lacey is a dedicated member of the CIF-IFC Algonquin Section, and involved in a number of exceptional volunteer initiatives, including co-founding the Women in Wood group – an online community that has grown to over 1000 women, and seeks to inform, share experiences and encourage women in the forest sector. She is also the host of the web-series "Mighty Jobs". Her passion for education and awareness and ability to connect with a wide audience is apparent through her active social media presence. She was among the first to start promoting forestry in Ontario, and was instrumental in helping launch the Ontario Professional Foresters Association's social media platforms to promote the profession in Ontario. She is also a Counsellor for Central East for the Ontario Professional Foresters Association.

Formed in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with a professional interest in forestry. The Institute's 19 sections strive to provide national leadership in forestry, promote competency among forestry professionals, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry issues.

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