



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Canadian Forest Management Group Achievement Award to the Petawawa Research Forest

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Mattawa, ON – Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce the Petawawa Research Forest staff (Elizabeth Cobb, Melissa Vekeman, Heidi Erdle, and Kyle Harbin) as the 2022 recipients of the Canadian Forest Management Group Achievement Award. The Award was presented at the 2022 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony on September 12, 2022 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront in Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

“The Canadian Forest Management Group Achievement Award was established in 1998, and exists to recognize outstanding achievements by teams or groups of natural resource managers, researchers, or non-government-organizations in the field of forest resource related activity in Canada,” mentioned Mark Pearson, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

The Petawawa Research Forest (PRF) is located in Chalk River, ON and managed by the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre. The PRF was established in 1918 and contributes to the protection, sustainability, innovation and economic development of Canada’s forests by informing forest research and forest management practices in Canada and around the world.

The staff at the PRF (Elizabeth Cobb, Melissa Vekeman, Heidi Erdle, and Kyle Harbin) are a dedicated team that have consistently demonstrated a high degree of forest management professionalism in managing Canada’s oldest research forest. By maintaining historic trials, partnering with scientists to conduct new research, using and testing leading edge technologies, and facilitating technology transfer and education, the staff at the PRF have helped maintain this exceptional working forest for scientific research and the advancement of sustainable forest management.

Formed in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with an interest in forestry and forests. The Institute strives to provide national leadership, promote competence, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry/forest issues. To learn more about the CIF-IFC National Awards Program, visit: cif-ifc.org/what-we-do/national-awards

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