



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Canadian Forestry Achievement Award to Murray Woods of McKellar, Ontario

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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 Murray Woods of McKellar, Ontario and CIF-IFC Algonquin Section as the 2022 recipient of the Canadian Forestry 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 Forestry Achievement Award was created in 1967 and recognizes unique and outstanding forestry achievement by individuals in Canada. This Award encourages excellence in the forestry profession,” noted Mark Pearson, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

During Murray’s 36-year career, he worked at OTIFBI (now known as the Ontario Forest Research Institute), Queen’s Park, Sault Ste Marie - finally moving to his “favorite and final” destination in 1992 – the Science and Technology Development Unit in North Bay Ontario. Murray has been involved in studies focused on silviculture, long-term monitoring, and growth and yield modeling in both boreal and great lakes forest types. During the last 16 years of his career, Murray’s work focused on linking remote sensing and enhanced forest inventory methods. Through a secondment to the Canadian Forest Service, Murray was part of a national network encouraging adoption of new inventory technologies and sharing his philosophy – “LiDAR never lies”. Murray has co-authored over 45 journal and government publications with peers across Canada on remote sensing, silviculture and growth and yield. Murray and Debbie are enjoying retirement in McKellar (near Parry Sound) with their children and grandchildren.

“Murray Woods is deeply deserving of this Award, for his incredible impact to the forestry profession and further, through his dedication as a longstanding CIF-IFC member,” mentioned Pearson.

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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