



Canadian Institute of Forestry Designates the Greater Fredericton Area as the 2023 Forest Capital of Canada

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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 Greater Fredericton Area (City of Fredericton), New Brunswick as the Forest Capital of Canada (FCC) for 2023.

“The Forest Capital of Canada designation was established in 1979 and celebrates a community or a region for its connectivity to the forest,” noted Mark Pearson, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

The FCC program focuses on the valuable role forests play in the socio-economic and environmental health of our communities – past, present and future, while also recognizing and celebrating the rich forest heritage and commitment to sustainable forest management practices across Canada. Originally delivered by the Canadian Forestry Association, the CIF-IFC now administers this legacy program, designating a community or region to host a celebration of its forest resources for a period of 12-24 months.

The 2022 CIF-IFC National Awards Ceremony was hosted on September 12, 2022 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. Ed Czerwinski, Director of the CIF-IFC Maritimes Section, was in attendance and provided a few remarks on behalf of the City of Fredericton.

The Greater Fredericton Area (City of Fredericton) is a hub for excellence in the forest profession, home to several leading forest sector companies, as well as boasting a number of forest research, training and advocacy organizations within the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex. The City is also home to several post-secondary academic institutions with forestry and natural resources programs. The City has over 70-years of demonstrated stewardship and management of the urban forest, through the creation of the Fredericton Tree Commission, and the Parks and Trees Division.

“The Forest Capital of Canada Designation helps recognize the valuable role forestry has played in the economic and environmental growth of the Fredericton region,” mentions Brad Epp, Past President, CIF-IFC. “We are excited to see their forestry celebrations unfold next year in 2023.”

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 FCC Designation, visit: cif-ifc.org/what-we-do/national-awards/fcc

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