



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Schlich Memorial Prize to Mackenzie Guild of Pemberton, BC and Ashlynn Moore of Courtenay, BC

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Mattawa, ON – Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Mackenzie Guild of Pemberton, British Columbia (BC) and the CIF-IFC Vancouver Island Section and Ashlynn Moore of Courtenay, BC as the 2023 recipients of the Schlich Memorial Prize. The Award was presented at the 2023 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony on September 25, 2023 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo, BC.

The Schlich Memorial Prize is awarded annually to an outstanding student(s) chosen by the university and technical school(s) represented by the Section hosting the Annual National Conference, this year being the CIF-IFC Vancouver Island Section. The Prize is named after Sir William Schlich, a German forester who became Inspector General of Forests to the Government of India. He also founded the School of Forestry at Oxford in 1905, and was knighted in 1909 for his many achievements. He passed away in 1925 and the Oxford Forestry School sponsored a campaign to create a fitting memorial - the Schlich Memorial Fund.

“Both Ashlynn and Mackenzie are worthy recipients of the Schlich Memorial Prize, showing incredible academic achievements and dedication to advancing forestry,” stated CIF-IFC Executive Director, Mark Pearson.

Mackenzie Guild graduated from the VIU Forest Resources Technology Program from Vancouver Island University in April of 2023 while maintaining the Dean's List for both 2022 & 2023. Upon graduation, he received the CIF-IFC Gold Medal Award. In the summers he works as a Wildland Firefighter with the BC Wildfire Service, and is currently continuing his studies at VIU working towards a BSc with a major in Geoscience. Upon completion of the degree, Mackenzie hopes to work towards registration as both an RPF and P.Geo.

Ashlynn Moore didn't really know what she wanted to do in life and someone suggested forestry. She grew up and lived in a small town where forestry is a large part of it so she figured she should give it a try. She started with Strategic Natural Resource Consultants as an engineer in 2014 with little to no knowledge of what forestry entailed, and slowly learned and moved up and in that time and fell more in love with it. She decided that this is what she wanted to do for her career and it was time to go back to school. She is now a serious engineer and crew lead on wildfires for Strategic working towards her RFT designation and looks forward to what the future brings for her.

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/national-awards

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