



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Section of the Year Award to the Vancouver Island Section

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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 the Vancouver Island Section as the recipient of the 2023 Section of the Year Award. 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, British Columbia (BC).

The CIF-IFC is very much a grass-roots organization with a national network of 17 Sections spanning from Newfoundland up to the Klondike and 1 International Section.

“Our Sections are truly the foundation and strength of our organization, giving us a strong local, regional, and provincial network and presence,” explained Mark Pearson, CIF-IFC Executive Director. “The Section of the Year Award recognizes outstanding activity, involvement and support of the Institute as a whole.”

The CIF-IFC Vancouver Island Section is very deserving of this honour for 2023. The Section maintains a strong membership base of around 100 individuals, with about 10% of them being on the Section council. They have two CIF-IFC Silver Ring schools in their region, both of which had Silver Ring ceremonies this year. They hosted several Section-led events including tours, walks, and even a paint night. The Section has shown diligence in membership communications and fiscal responsibility, and it is very apparent that they are working hard to uphold an engaging local presence. In addition to all of these activities and efforts, they also managed to successfully host the CIF-IFC 2023 National Conference and 115th Annual General Meeting in Nanaimo.

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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