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Friends, the Forest Co-op exists to serve you. Directing projects through the Forest Co-op could give you feedback on the question and design (reality checks from experts and practitioners), more partners (larger sample size, more cash and in-kind support), more broadly applicable results, and timely deliverables, all through one window. If a project or an idea comes to you, please fill in the Project Proposals Form which can be found on the Forest Co-op web-site and call our General Manager, Dianne Miller. History shows the Forest Co-op works—let it work for you!

Kandyd Szuba—Chair, Board of Directors

A TIME OF TRANSITION ~ NEW BEGINNINGS

This year has been, and will continue to be, a time of great challenges and transition for the Forest Co-op. We enjoyed great success in 2001 through 2004 building on the financial and administration management strengths of the Forest Co-op office, the support of our member partners in developing collaborative project partnerships, and the leverage opportunities offered by Living Legacy Trust. Then, heading into 2005, the strategic direction of our organization focused on corporate re-structuring for purposes of becoming the granting agency for the Enhanced Forest Productivity Science Program (EFPSP). However, by early January of this year, it was recognized, with great disappointment, that the Forest Co-op would have to define alternative courses of activity to provide our organization with operational revenue.

At the Annual General Meeting in May, the Forest Co-op membership endorsed the revised Vision, Mission and Objectives for the Forest Co-op. With a focus of rebuilding the program / project partnership activity base, we have been meeting with members and potential new members to discuss the development of new collaborative opportunities. Our meeting at the end of July with members and friends from the south-central and eastern part of the province was held at the Canadian Ecology Centre at Mattawa. This information exchange was very productive and we are pleased that the southern SFLs have expressed interest in joining our membership. A meeting with our CFS members in Sault Ste. Marie in early August was also most informative. Meetings are currently being scheduled in Timmins and Thunder Bay in September.

We shall continue our calls through August and into the fall. We look forward to working with you to meet your collective needs as we develop and operationalize our new strategic direction. With this in mind, don't forget that a Call for Proposals from the EFPSP is anticipated in early fall and we welcome the opportunity to help our members develop collaborative project submissions through the Forest Co-op.

Dianne Miller—General Manager



FOREST CO-OP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Forest Co-op Annual General Meeting was held Tuesday, May 10, 2005 in Sault Ste. Marie. Members and guests were updated on a variety of Forest Co-op programs including:

Forest Co-op Growth & Yield Business Unit Activities and the Permanent Growth Plot Programs (presentation by Janet Lane, Weyerhaeuser Company Limited)

Forest Co-op ES11&12 Shallow Soils Program (presentation by Dave Morris, OMNR—CNFER)

Forest Co-op Shoreline Forestry Project (presentation by Dave Morris, OMNR—CNFER)

Forest Co-op Marten Habitat Program and the Marten Cores Project (presentation by Jim Baker, OMNR—OFRI)

Kandyd Szuba also made a presentation regarding a new Business Unit—the **Forest Co-op Fish & Wildlife Business Unit (FWBU)**. More information about the Forest Co-op FWBU can be seen on page 3.

A key agenda item was the Election of the Forest Co-op Board of Directors. Two Forest Co-op Board Members were re-elected for a two-year term: **Frank Kennedy** (OMNR) and **Paul Poschmann** (Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada). Three Forest Co-op Members were newly elected to the Board — **Kandyd Szuba** (Domtar Inc.) for a two-year term; **John Lawson** (Bowater Canadian Forest Products Inc.) and **Pardeep Ahluwalia** (Canadian Forest Services), both for one-year terms. The sixth Member of the Forest Co-op Board of Directors is **George Bruemmer** (Tembec Industries Inc.) who is in his second year of a two-year term.

Following the election of the Board of Directors, the Directors held a meeting to elect the officers as follows:

Kandyd Szuba	- Chair
Frank Kennedy	- Vice-Chair
Paul Poschmann	- Secretary-Treasurer

Paul Poschmann, the out-going Chair, extended gratitude to the three Directors who were leaving the Board noting their significant contributions

to the Forest Co-op. **Brian Nicks**, a Board member since the incorporation of the Forest Co-op in 1997, was not standing for re-election. **Murray Ferguson** and **Geoff Munro** had each completed one of their on-going two-year terms and had submitted their resignations. Murray and Geoff both joined the Board of Directors in 2002. All three Directors had cited current work related priorities as the reason for their departure.

Another key business item was the Members' endorsement of the Mission, Vision and Objectives of the Forest Co-op's Strategic Plan which are highlighted below.

FOREST CO-OP VISION, MISSION & OBJECTIVES

VISION

The Forest Ecosystem Science Co-operative Inc. will be recognized as a leader of science partnerships supporting sustainable forest management in Ontario.

MISSION

The Forest Co-op will co-ordinate the delivery of timely relevant forest science, networking forest practitioners and the science community.

OBJECTIVES

1. Enhance Dialogue in Science Priority Setting
 - improving linkages between forest policy makers, forest practitioners and science providers
 - ensuring relevancy
 - supporting timely products
 - developing practical solutions
 - working across all agencies

2. Foster Forest Science that Supports a Sustainable, Predictable and Affordable Wood Supply
 - science that supports enhanced forest productivity (ie. volume & quality) (eg. growth & yield, tree improvement, development of new silvicultural practices)
 - science that reduces uncertainty relating to the application of forest management guides (eg. research projects that will improve knowledge base relating to forest management guides—reduce the 'precautionary principle')

3. Grow in Accordance with Partner Needs and Sector Opportunities Seeking an Annual Project Target Level of \$2 Million
 - support Forest Co-op objectives through strategic partnerships of membership
 - seek leverage opportunities to enhance core funding
4. Maintain a Broad Representation of Membership (Intent: A membership that represents forest resource stakeholders in Ontario)
 - enhancing membership, strategic alliances and collaborative partnerships (Strength of the Forest Co-op—the development of partnerships that:
 - build trust and respect
 - promote shared accountability
 - produce economies of scale)
5. Focus on Forest Science which will Reduce Uncertainties Associated with Forest Management Decisions. (To improve the quality of forest management decisions through the increased understanding of forest values and their appropriate protection and / or sustainable management)
 - science that improves basic knowledge concerning a specific forest value
 - science that improves forecasting, modeling and scenario analysis capabilities
 - science that determines, or credibly estimates, the impact of forest management activities on particular forest values
6. Enhance Forest Technology / Knowledge Transfer & Implementation
 - to promote the use of new science to effect change in forest policy & practice
 - to ensure research is relevant and the investment is justified
 - to promote best practices on the ground
 - to build social credibility

FOREST CO-OP FISH & WILDLIFE BUSINESS UNIT (FWBU)

At the Forest Co-op Annual General Meeting in May, the idea of a new Forest Co-op Business Unit focusing on fish & wildlife was discussed and met with significant member interest. The Forest Co-op's accomplished Growth & Yield Business Unit was used as a model. Kandyd Szuba (Domtar Inc.) presented the initial concepts of the Forest Co-op FWBU as they had been developed in collaboration with Ed Iwachewski (OMNR- CNFER) and Dianne Miller (Forest Co-op General Manager). In June, with the assistance of Kandyd and Bob Watt (OMNR- NESI), a very successful inaugural meeting of the Forest Co-op FWBU was held via conference call. Business Unit Participants were Jim Baker (OMNR-OFRI), Brian Batchelor (OMNR-SCS), Glen Brown (Tembec Inc.), Bill Davidson for Hector Vincent (Neenah Paper), Chris Davies (OMNR—Fish & Wildlife), Murray Ferguson (Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.), Wayne Fiset (OMNR—OFRI), Brian Hillier (OMNR- FMB), Ed Iwachewski (OMNR—CNFER), John Lawson (Bowater), Cheryl Lewis (OMNR), Derrick Romain (Abitibi-Consolidated-I.F.), Kandyd Szuba (Domtar Inc.), Ian Thompson (CFS), Bob Watt (OMNR- NESI), and Dianne Miller (Forest Co-op). The Terms of Reference were agreed to in principal. The Objective of the Forest Co-op FWBU is to facilitate the evaluation, co-ordination and delivery of high quality fish and wildlife science / research projects that would be of value to Forest Co-op members. Areas of focus include:

- conservation of biological diversity
- guideline effectiveness and efficiency
- development, testing, or calibration of new technology of technical tools related to forest management planning or operations in the Ontario context
- tools or techniques for habitat or population monitoring
- a forum for information exchange

The Participants engaged in a preliminary discussion regarding science priorities and agreed to submit project ideas that they may be interested in pursuing. The Forest Co-op Project Proposals Form can be found on the Forest Co-op web-site. The General Manager will follow-up with all participants regarding the development of project partnerships. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the fall.



Forest Co-op Membership

Active Members

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada— Paul Poschmann

Bowater Canadian Forest Products Inc.— John Lawson

Canadian Forest Service—
Pardeep Ahluwalia / Wendy Beilhartz / Dr. William Meades / Rod Smith

Domtar Inc.—
Kandyd Szuba / * Brian Nicks

FERIC— Mark Ryans

Forintek Canada Corporation—
Yves Levesque / * Tony Zhang

Lake Abitibi Model Forest—
Wayne Young

Neenah Paper Company of Canada—
Ken Lennon / *Bob Forbes

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources—
Rob MacAlpine / *Eric Doidge
Ed Iwachewski / *Wayne Fiset
Al King / *Taylor Scarr
Joe Kapron / *Scott Jones
Mary-Ellen Stoll / *Bob Watt
Tricia Greer / *Bill Towill
Wayne Fiset / *Vivienne Scott
Tim Sullivan
Frank Kennedy
Alex Gardner / *Brian Batchelor

Tembec Industries Inc.—
George Bruemmer / *Jeff Leach

Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd—
Murray Ferguson

Associate Members

Confederation College of Applied Arts & Technology—
Brian Kurikka / *Dave Archibald

Sumac Forest Information Services Ltd.—
Dave Carr / *Todd Domney

* Denotes—Alternate

FOREST CO-OP GROWTH & YIELD BUSINESS UNIT (GYBU)

The Forest Co-op Growth & Yield Business Unit (GYBU) has had a very busy year thus far. Leveraged funding from the Forestry Futures Trust was confirmed in the fall of 2004, pressing the 2004-2005 Forest Co-op GYBU Permanent Growth Plot (PGP) Program into high gear to complete the necessary field work by the end of the winter. As a result, the plot data were not available for processing until early spring 2005. The \$634,000 program saw the re-measurement of approximately 200 PGPs including 80 from 1999, the first year of the program. In addition, in excess of 350 new PGPs were established across the boreal region and another 22 plots in the south-central region. A few components on a small number of plots were not completed due to winter working conditions; these are scheduled for completion this summer in conjunction with the 2005-2006 PGP program. A final report for the one-year program has been submitted to the Forestry Futures Trust. Their support in this endeavour is greatly appreciated.

The spring of 2005 was marked by the announcement of the Forestry Futures Trust Enhanced Forest Productivity Science Program (EFPSP), a three-year initiative with annual allocations of \$2.3 million. The Forest Co-op GYBU PGP program was successful in securing EFPSP funding of \$576,000 over three years (\$192,000 per year). With Forest Co-op member contributions and the leveraged EFPSP funding, the Forest Co-op GYBU PGP 2005-2006 program has an operating budget of \$512,000. Field work is well underway and this year will see the re-measurement of approximately 250 PGPs, established in 2000 during the second year of the Forest Co-op GYBU PGP program, and a minimum of 200 new boreal PGPs and 24 south-central PGPs.

On other fronts, the Forest Co-op GYBU has completed 40 pre-harvest and post-harvest Logging Damage assessment plots in south-central region as part of the 2004-2005 program. An additional 16 Logging Damage plots are scheduled for re-measurement during the 2005-2006 program year. Work is continuing on a number of other projects within the Forest Co-op GYBU including jack pine forest succession modeling and NW yield curve development. Recently it was announced that the Forest Co-op backed proposal to the Lakehead University Living Legacy Research Program for the "Development of growth intercept models for black spruce and jack pine plantations in Ontario" has also been successful.

The fall meeting of the Forest Co-op GYBU has been scheduled for September 28, 2005 in Fort Frances. The Forest Co-op GYBU looks forward to the completion of another successful year as well as preparing for the fast approaching 2005-2006 program year.



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