


# 2017 OWA Woodlot Conference & Tours (AGM)

Newmarket Community Centre  
200 Doug Duncan Drive

Saturday, April 29, 2017

## “Forests in an Urban Setting”

### Program

- 8:30 Registration and Coffee, visit Exhibits
- 9:00 Welcome by Lorne Smith and Brian Paradoski, Presidents of York Durham and Kawartha Chapters
- 9:15 **Bill Thornton**, RPF, Deputy Minister, MNR, Keynote: “Meeting the Challenges Faced by Ontario Forests”
- 10:00 Coffee Break, visit exhibits, silent auction, draw ticket sales *Coffee break*  *Sponsored by:*
- 10:25 **Pam Veinotte**, Field Unit Superintendent, Rouge National Urban Park, Canada’s first Urban National Park
- 11:05 **Rob Keen**, CEO Forests Ontario “It Takes a Forest”
- 11:20 **Ian Buchanan**: Manager of Natural Heritage and Forestry: York Region Forest Management Plan- Charting the path for trees and forests in York Region
- 12:00 **Hot Buffet Lunch** and visit to exhibits, silent auction, draw ticket sales
- 1:15 **Danijela Puric-Mladenovic**: PhD; M.Sc.F; B.Sc.F  
Southern Ontario Woodlands: What do we know about them, what do we expect from them, what are the risks, their roll in land use planning.  
**Ken Elliott**: RPF: Healthy Woodlands – Just Leave them Alone?? How do we get healthy resilient ecosystems?
- 2:00 **Peter Shields**, RPF: Supervisor, Forestry Operations Department, City of Markham: Emerald Ash Borer—The Benefits of Devastation
- 2:30 Break to visit exhibits, silent auction
- 2:45 **Don Willis**: President, Near North Chapter: Protection from ticks/Lyme disease when working in bush
- 3:15 **Dave Sexsmith**: President of OWA: thank you and update on OWA activities.  
Final Announcements of silent auction and door prize winners
- 3:30 AGM Business Meeting
- 4:30 Closing Remarks of AGM