2017 OWA Woodlot Conference & Tours (AGM)
Newmarket Community Centre
200 Doug Duncan Drive
Saturday, April 29, 2017

“Forrests 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, MNRF, Keynote: “Meeting the Challenges Faced by Ontario Forests”

10:00 Coffee Break, visit exhibits, silent auction, draw ticket sales

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