

Quinte Chapter

Ontario Woodlot Association



Bringing Indigenous Knowledge to Forest Conservation

Quinte 2022 AGM

Ivanhoe Veterans Hall
Saturday, June 4, 2022

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May 11, 2022

Dear Valued OWA Member,

You are cordially invited to this year's in person 2022 AGM, being held on Saturday, June 4th starting at 9:00 AM in the Huntingdon Veterans Community Hall (Ivanhoe, On62, K0K 2K0). All Covid related regulations and guidelines will be adhered to and masking is encouraged while indoors.

We are fortunate to be joined by special guest, Indigenous forest consultant, Hunter Corbiere who will be discussing ***"Two-Eyed Seeing: understanding the relationship between Western based knowledge and traditional knowledge and how language and tradition will shape seeing science in a spiritual way."***

As an opportunity to learn more about our fellow Quinte members, we will also hear from Quinte chapter board member, journalist, editor, professional forester and MFTIP planner, Peter Kuitenbrouwer.

The presentations will be followed by a brief AGM, and then lunch. There will be an opportunity to view and purchase some of Ms. Corbiere's handmade moccasins, pom poms and mitts, that she markets under the name Noopimiing Fur Creations.

In the afternoon, we'll travel a few km north to Yearwood's Pure 62 Local, where owners, also fellow Quinte members Crystal and Jeremy Yearwood will be joined by Hunter Corbiere, and Peter Kuitenbrouwer for a guided walk through the Yearwood's woodlot. According to Jeremy Yearwood, this was an excellent year for maple syrup. Pure 62 Local: the Yearwood Family Sugar Bush also bottles honey produced from their own bees on the woodlot.

The cost for members is \$10/person and you may invite one family member or guest to join you. Registration for this rain or shine full day event is required no later than June 1st. Please Register and pay here: **[Registration Link](#)** You can also register by emailing your contact information and e-transferring to **quintewoodlotassociation@gmail.com**.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, June 4, 2022 to learn more about the importance and role of Indigenous knowledge to Forest Conservation.

Miigwetch,

From your volunteer Quinte Chapter, Ontario Woodlot Association Board of Directors



**Quinte Chapter, Ontario Woodlot Association
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members of the Quinte Chapter, Ontario Woodlot Association is called for and will be held on the morning of the 4th day of June 2022 at the Huntingdon Veterans Community Hall, On62, K0K 2K0 for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Association including:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of May 15, 2021 AGM Minutes
3. Presentation of REPORTS
 - a. President
 - b. Treasurer
(Any spending motion will be referred to the first board meeting following the AGM)
 - c. Quinte Chapter's Tentative 2022-23 Activities
4. Election of Directors
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

Dated at Shannonville, Ontario this 9th day of May, 2022

Kevin Durkin

Register no later than June 1, 2022. Seating is limited.

Minutes for Quinte Woodlot Association 2021 Annual General Meeting

Call to Order

The Annual General Meeting of the Quinte Woodlot Association was held online, via Zoom, on **Saturday, May 15, 2021**. The meeting started at 9:02 AM and it was presided over by chair Kevin Durkin, and hosted by John Pineau, OWA Executive Director.

Attendees

There were 15 voting members present, including 5 board members. There were also 14 guests in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Marianne Scott to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Greg Bridgwater. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2019 AGM was made by Marian Petelycky. The motion was seconded by Clair Rupnow. The motion carried.

President's Report – Kevin Durkin

Kevin gave an overview of the past year and some of the challenges organizing regular outing with Covid Restrictions. He recapped some of our achievements including the development of the OWA Emergency First Aid Kit. Kevin also paid tribute to David Sexsmith and his many contributions to the OWA.

Financial Report-Marianne Scott

Members received a 2-page financial report approximately two weeks prior to the AGM (see attached).

A motion was made by Marianne Scott to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Greg Bridgwater. The motion was carried.

Activity Report- Clair Rupnow

Clair recapped the activities of the Quinte chapter from 2019 to 2021 and explained how our member interests could be divided between three areas: knowledge, skill and values/appreciation. We strive to make chapter workshops and activities a reflection of our members' interests.

Marian Petelycky spoke briefly about our Quinte chapter designed Emergency First Aid Kits and our seasonal newsletter.

Earth Day Photo Contest- Greg Bridgwater

Greg discussed how he and photojournalist Patti Gower chose the winning photos. First prize was awarded to Peter Allen, Second Prize to Nancy Fox, Third Prize to Luciana Pollock and Honourable mention to Deb Murray.

Election of Directors

The following members in good standing were elected unanimously as directors to the Quinte Woodlot Association board. Greg Bridgwater, Kevin Durkin, Marian Petelycky, Clair Rupnow and Marianne Scott.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Marian Petelycky and seconded by Clair Rupnow to adjourn at 9:45. There were no objections.

Presentation

Sheila Mazur, President of the Toronto Mycological Society gave a very informative 75minute presentation -Welcome to Mushroom Hunting 101. A copy of the presentation is available to OWA members on the OWA website.

Marianne J. Scott

Secretary-Treasurer
Quinte Woodlot Association

Bringing Indigenous Knowledge to Forest Conservation First Nations forest technician and entrepreneur speaks at annual general meeting of Quinte chapter, Ontario Woodlot Association

By Peter Kuitenbrouwer

When Hunter Corbiere's grandmother passed away last fall, she bequeathed to her granddaughter an interesting inheritance: a big bin of bundles of moose hair.

Corbiere understood the importance of the gift. Her grandmother had taught Corbiere, who is an Anishinaabekwe (A-nish-in-aa-be-k-we), how to tuft the thick long moose hairs into artwork.

"My grandmother handed down a lot to me and my mother," says Corbiere, a member of the M'Chigeeng First Nation on the shores of Georgian Bay.

Using ancestral techniques for moose hair tufting and to create moose hide moccasins, beadwork and jewelry are among Corbiere's many passions. The uses that her family makes of ash trees to weave baskets, she says, illustrates her peoples' connection to the forest. An Indigenous forest consultant, she will on June 4 address the annual general meeting of the Quinte chapter, Ontario Woodlot Association.

Corbiere titles her remarks "Two-Eyed Seeing: understanding the relationship between Western based knowledge and traditional knowledge and how language and tradition will shape seeing science in a spiritual way."

Corbiere, a recent forest technician graduate of Sir Sandford Fleming College who lives in Waubaushene, sees value in the scientific approach she learned in school: collecting data to understand the natural world. She also values the Indigenous perspective, which she describes as "spirituality, patience and understanding of Mother Earth."

At Fleming, Corbiere helped the forestry program obtain an Indigenous perspectives designation. This involves land acknowledgment, understanding of Indigenous values, background on treaty rights, learning about Indigenous medicines, and "understanding our spiritual values with land," she said.

"With learning from an Indigenous perspective and a Western eye, each can learn from the other, and we can involve more Indigenous knowledge in our forest management," she said. "For years we have only based our conservation on a Western way of knowledge. The Indigenous way works because people understand the land from a spiritual perspective."

"We have been doing a Western way of conservation for many years," she added. "And there are benefits to it. Tying in the Indigenous way will have a better outcome for future generations."

Corbiere also plans to sell moccasins, pom poms and mitts, which she markets under the name Noopimiing Fur Creations at the Quinte Woodlot Association AGM.

"I grew up on the pow wow trail," she explains, "every weekend travelling to another pow wow. My mom makes jewelry and moccasins. We depended on those gigs to make some extra cash. But with the pandemic everything was cancelled." Now she sells her family's crafts online.

"Noopimiing means in the bush," she said. "Many of our materials come from the bush. A lot of colours of my beadwork are really influenced by the forest."

Hunter Corbiere won the 2020 Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) Skills for Indigenous Youth award. Corbiere, a speaker for the Kawartha Woodlot Association conference, and continues to write, recently published an article in the magazine of the Ontario Woodlot Association. She worked for two years at Georgian Bay Islands National Park for two years, most recently last summer as a member of the resource conservation team where she monitored turtles, species at risk and wetlands.

Speaker and Guide Biographies

Hunter Corbiere pounding Black Ash rings into strips



Hunter Corbiere is a proud Anishinaabekwe (A-nish-in-aa-be-k-we) located on the shores of Georgian Bay, ON. She is the award winner of the 2020 Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC), Skills for Indigenous Youth award and a graduate of the Forestry Technician program from the class of 2020 from Fleming. Hunter has been a speaker for the Kawartha Woodlot Association conference, and continues to write, recently writing an article in the Ontario Woodlot Association.

Hunter has been working at Georgian Bay Islands National Park for 2 years, recently working on the Resource Conservation team this past summer. Hunter was a part of various projects happening within the park such as two-eyed seeing approaches in monitoring species at risk, turtle monitoring, and wetland monitoring. One of her main focused projects this past summer included mapping out and bringing light to Black Ash that is located on the island, for future potential harvesting for Indigenous traditional basket weavers. Hunter likes to spend as much time outdoors, tanning hides, harvesting, hunting, fishing, and woodworking. When she must spend her time indoors, she is crafting, beading, moose hair tufting, or cooking! She finds that doing and learning these traditional skills off the land has helped her identify who she is as an Anishinaabe. (A-nish-in-aa-be).

Peter Kuitenbrouwer and Coco in the Woods



Peter grew up on a forested farm in west Quebec. His career as a journalist took him to Ottawa, Mexico City, Montreal and New York becoming fluent in both French and Spanish. He then worked 20 years in Toronto at the National Post. In 2017 Peter enrolled in the Master of Forest Conservation at the University of Toronto. He later qualified as a Registered Professional Forester. Peter now serves as editor of Our Forest, the magazine of Forests Ontario. He writes for newspapers and magazines, mainly on forest topics. He also writes forest management plans and manages forests. He and his family make maple syrup in their own forest in the Township of Madoc.

Crystal and Jeremy Yearwood in their Sugar Bush



In July 2016 Crystal and Jeremy Yearwood, two young professionals plus their 5 month old son, purchased a home and property just south of Madoc. They were unsure how exactly they were going to use the property, but they knew that it had a tremendous potential. Their first project was building a workshop beside the house (later to become a dedicated sugar shack), and then they began to really explore the property. They decided to have the acreage designated as “Managed Forest” through the Ministry of Natural Resources. An incentive program aimed at land owners who intend to care for and sustainably develop privately-owned woodland, they took the leap from landowners to *stewards of the land*. It was during this initial consultation with our forestry planner that the “Maple Bug” was planted into our heads. Needless to say, with a sugar bush, bee hives with honey production, and a portable sawmill, these young entrepreneurs have a vision and lots of energy.

See you on June 4th!