

AGENDA

8:30-9:00	Registration	12:00-1:00	Lunch Break
9:00-9:05	Opening Remarks Stephen Freeman, Regional Forester NS Dept. of Natural Resources	1:00-1:05	Afternoon Welcome Abdella Assaff, Deputy Warden Municipality of Chester
9:05-9:25	Welcoming Remarks and Department Update Danielle Barkhouse MLA Chester- St. Margarets	1:05-1:30	Hemlock Woolly Adelgid & Other Forest Pests Kevin Chen, Forest Technician Albert Alchorn, Forest Technician NS Dept. of Natural Resources
9:25-9:45	2024 Western Woodland Owner of the Year Tom Mailman Woodland Owner	1:30-1:50	Managing Your Woodlot: Be Ready with a Well-Maintained Road Todd Burgess, Executive Director Forest Nova Scotia
9:45-10:25	Wildlife Panel Abby Lewis, Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute Dawson Lake, Western Woodlot Services Cooperative Ali White, NS Dept. of Natural Resources	1:50-2:10	NS Christmas Tree Council Update Mike Harlow, President NS Christmas Tree Council
10:25-10:45	Nutritional & Stretch Break		
10:45-11:10	Silviculture Funding & Biodiversity Dave Sutherland (RPF), Coordinator Association for Sustainable Forestry	2:10-2:30	Stretch & Networking Break
11:10-11:40	Developing a Forest Soil Health Assessment & Extension Program (ForestSHARE) for Private Woodland Owners in NS Caitlin McCavour, PhD student, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture Debbie Reeves, Project Administrator, Woodlot Owner	2:30-2:50	Family Forest Network Ecological Forestry Pilot Project Ryan Dickie, Forest Operations Coordinator Family Forest Network
11:40-12:00	Introducing the Acadian Phenocam Network: Tracking & Anticipating Climate Change Impacts to Forest Growth & Phenology Lynsay Spafford, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher Forestry and Environmental Management, UNB	2:50-3:10	Overview of Legal Considerations for Woodlot Owners Jamie Simpson Lawyer, Forester, and Author
		3:10	Wrap up & Prize Draws

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