

AGENDA

8:30-9:00	Registration	12:10-12:35	Private Woodlot Service Group Updates- NSLFFPA & CBPP Peter Burchill, RPF, Program Forester NS Landowners and Forest Fibre Producers Association
9:00-9:10	Opening Remarks Simon Mutabazi, Extension Forester NS Dept. of Natural Resources	12:35-1:30	Lunch Break
9:10-9:25	Welcoming Remarks and Department Update Kyle MacQuarrie, MLA for Inverness	1:30-1:55	Knowing the Legal Landscape: Woodlands and the Law Jamie Simpson Lawyer, Forester, and Author
9:25-9:45	2025 Eastern Woodland Owner of the Year Brian MacEachern, Woodland Owner	1:55-2:20	Forest Soil Health Assessment & Extension Program (ForestSHARE) for Private Woodland Owners in NS Kevin Keys, PhD, RPF, Project Scientist Family Forest Network
9:45-10:10	ASF Programs and Biodiversity Ben Hennigar, RPF Association for Sustainable Forestry	2:20-2:40	Stretch & Networking Break
10:10-10:35	2025 Drought Impacts to Forests Gleaned through the Acadian Phenocam Network Lynsay Spafford, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher Forestry and Environmental Management, UNB	2:40-3:05	Loupra Extend: A new web application for woodlot owner support Kari Easthouse, Forest Analyst Kari Easthouse Resource Consulting Jesse Moura, Innovation and Technology Lead ACFOR Inc.
10:35-10:55	Nutritional & Stretch Break	3:05-3:30	FireSmart Ken Cox, Wildfire Prevention Officer NS Dept. of Natural Resources
10:55-11:20	Nova Scotia's Thriving Forests: Provincial Tree Planting Program Updates & Path Forward Cara Gillis, Program Coordinator for the Provincial 2 Billion Trees Program, NS Department of Natural Resources	3:30	Wrap up & Prize Draws
11:20-11:45	Bird Nesting Season Operational Protocol Ryan Dickie, Forest Operations Coordinator Family Forest Network		
11:45-12:10	Unama'ki-Cape Breton's Private Land Legacy Partnership Erica Anderson, Land Conservation Liaison Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources		

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