

ROOTS & SHOOTS



A Newsletter About the People and Activities in the Port Hawkesbury Paper Woodlands Unit

Thank You & Happy Retirement to Marven Hudson

Marven started his career in the summer of '78 working with a manual crew cutting wood. Over the next 15 years, he spent time in various roles, from training other saw operators to operating harvesters.

He attended the Maritime Forest Ranger School in 1993 and worked term positions with DNR and other industry mills until 1996. From there, he joined the mill and worked in various roles, from planning and harvesting supervisor to operations superintendent. In 2012, when the mill restarted as Port Hawkesbury Paper, Marven assisted in the role and became the Woodlands Manager, where he has been since his retirement this year.

Marven plans to spend more time with family and friends, play a larger role in family businesses and start a small forestry consulting business to assist landowners with their forest properties while enjoying the great outdoors.

“Will always be found in the woods.”

Thank you, Marven!



Get to Know the Employees of the Woodlands Unit



Rod Higgins

Superintendent of Forest Resources

Dennis Boulet

Woodlands Manager

Lea Young

Operations Superintendent, 1 West

Rod grew up in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland. He studied forestry at West Viking College in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. After working with Abitibi-Price for 6 years in Newfoundland, he moved to BC and worked in forestry for 10 years. Following a return to school for GIS training, Rod moved to Saskatchewan for a brief period before returning to BC and spending 16 years with Canfor in Fort St John. Rod joined our team earlier this year.

Dennis started with PHP (Stora Enso) in 1999 as a planner in Antigonish and Pictou counties. In 2002, he became a Planner & Supervisor in Cape Breton for 8 years. From there, Dennis moved to Superintendent of Operations and Planning. Dennis helped develop the 5-year plan for PHP upon its startup and was in the Superintendent role until he recently stepped in as Woodlands Manager. Dennis has been with the company for 23 years.

After graduating from the Maritime Forest Ranger School in 1983 as a Forest Technician and working in various forestry positions throughout Nova Scotia, Lea began his career with Woodlands in July 1986 as a Management Planner. In 1992, Lea assumed the role of Operations Supervisor on Mainland Nova Scotia, transferred to Cape Breton in 2012, and was promoted to Operations Superintendent in July 2022.

More Stories from the Forests



Learn more about the Reginatos, who own and operate Mira Forestry Development Ltd.

For over 35 years, they have grown their business on a foundation of family, community, and sustainable forestry practices. Their multi-generational dedication to sustainable forestry is evidenced in all they do.

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Field day for members of the Atlantic Coastal Action Program

Earlier this spring, PHP hosted a riparian zone management field day for members of the Atlantic Coastal Action Program (ACAP). We spent most of our time visiting a variety of riparian management zones on MacIntyre Mountain in Cape Breton.

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Species at Risk Management Fact Sheets from the Woodlands Unit

Port Hawkesbury Paper is dedicated to ensuring that the practices performed by the company adhere to the principles of sustainable forest management. Our goal is to provide long-term sustainability and natural biodiversity for many ecological, social and cultural values while providing a stable and long-term economic viability for Port Hawkesbury Paper, local wood suppliers and sawmills. With this in mind, the Woodland's unit has generated a series of fact sheets providing information about the species within the region and the steps to protect their habitat. To learn more about these species and other forestry practices, [Please visit our Forestry Practices Page](#)



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