

LP'S DONNA KOPECKY RECEIVES OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD FROM CANADA'S FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR

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Vancouver, BC – Earlier today, Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) hosted its annual *Awards of Excellence* luncheon in Vancouver where LP Building Solutions' Donna Kopecky was presented with FPAC's 2019 *Outstanding Member Award*.

FPAC hosts this annual event to recognize excellence in the sector and to honour the achievements of our workers and community partners. The *Outstanding Member Award* is presented to an individual who has gone above and beyond in advancing the values of environmental stewardship, strengthening forestry communities, and supporting industry



colleagues and partners. "FPAC member companies have some of the best talent in the country," said **FPAC President and CEO** Derek Nighbor. "This year we are proud to recognize the contributions of two women who are forces within our industry -Donna Kopecky from LP and Sandy Ferguson from Conifex Timber. Both Donna and Sandy are active members of multiple FPAC Committees, provide

our team with tremendous insights, and are always prepared to share their knowledge and experience to support the betterment of Canadian forestry," Nighbor added.

"On behalf of the 4800 employees at LP Building Solutions, congratulations to Donna Kopecky for being named FPAC's Outstanding Member of the Year," said Brad Southern, CEO, LP Building Solutions. "Donna has worked tirelessly on behalf of LP and FPAC to support the forest products industry in Canada. It is nice to see her commitment to excellence recognized and honored by FPAC. At LP, we see that commitment every day and are thankful for Donna's many contributions to our organization."



Donna Kopecky joined Louisiana Pacific in 1997 as District Biologist for LP Swan Valley, Manitoba. She was later promoted to Canadian Forestry Environmental Manager in 2015 where she provided technical support to regional operations regarding forest management planning, regulatory compliance, research and conservation partnerships and forest certification. In 2017, Donna was promoted to Corporate Public Policy Manager and relocated to Nashville, TN. This year, Donna's role expanded, and she is now also leading the Sustainability, SFI Certification, Corporate Quality and Warranty Claims functions at LP. Donna is recognized as a strong contributor by the LP Executive Leadership Team to LP's growth and success over the past 22 years.

"I am honoured and humbled to be recognized by FPAC for this award. I feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with such an outstanding, passionate and dedicated team of forest industry professionals for many years. Together, we continue to overcome challenges and persevere in pursuit of that ever-moving bar we call sustainable forest management. This is what I believe truly sets the Canadian forest products sector apart, and for that I am truly proud."

To see the full list of FPAC Award recipients, please visit http://www.fpac.ca/canadas-forest-sector-celebrates-its-best-and-brightest-in-vancouver.

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