

EACOM'S JENNIFER TALLMAN RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 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 EACOM's Jennifer Tallman was presented with FPAC's 2019 *Women in Forestry Award of Excellence*.



FPAC hosts this annual event to recognize leadership in the sector and to honour the achievements of our workers and community partners. The *Women in Forestry Award of Excellence* is presented to a female leader who is making contributions to strengthen our sector and advancing workplace diversity and inclusion. "Canada's forest products sector has opportunities for everyone and we are committed to building a workforce that is inclusive and celebrates success," said FPAC President and CEO Derek Nighbor.

"It's our pleasure to recognize the work that Jennifer Tallman is doing at EACOM. She is highly respected by her Registered Professional Forester colleagues and for years has been a go-to resource on all things forestry in Northern Ontario. Jenny is a champion of the northern way of life. She's a person of great integrity and because of her smarts and her collaborative way of working, she is creating opportunities for other women in her field".

Jennifer Tallman graduated from Lakehead University in Forestry before moving to Cochrane, in Northeastern Ontario. She started her career at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and went on to work directly in woodlands operations, certification and forest management. Jennifer joined EACOM Timber Corporation in 2015 as Forest Planning Coordinator and was promoted to Chief Forester, Ontario in 2017 – the first woman to hold this key position at the company. "The award comes as both a surprise and honour. Over my career, I have had the privilege of being supported by great mentors, most of whom were male. They provided the opportunities and encouragement for me to grow and expand my horizon," recalled Tallman. "As more and more young women enter the field of forestry and natural resource management, I am excited to see a network of female mentors stepping up in the workplace and online to support this next generation of leaders."





EACOM Timber Corporation is a major Canadian wood products company formed in 2008 and owns seven sawmills, a remanufacturing facility and an engineered I-joists plant. As noted by EACOM's President and CEO Kevin Edgson "This distinction is a testament to Jennifer's expertise, determination, collaborative practices as well as the example she sets for the next, more diverse generation of foresters. Her work ethics and leadership elevate our team and foster sustainable, fruitful relationships with our multiple stakeholders, from the forest and our communities to the industry and decision-makers. From everyone on Team EACOM: Congrats Jenny!"

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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