



## **FOREST NOVA SCOTIA STRENGTHENS CANADIAN FOREST OWNERS NETWORK**

**OTTAWA, ON, April 9, 2026**—Canadian Forest Owners (CFO) is pleased to welcome Forest Nova Scotia to its membership, expanding its national network in Nova Scotia, home to Canada’s largest private forest region. The province has the highest proportion of privately owned forest land in the country, supported by a diverse ownership base and a highly integrated forest sector.

“Forest Nova Scotia represents a strong diversity of interests within its membership and is a valuable complement to our existing Nova Scotia members, including the Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners and several large corporate members,” said Andrew de Vries, CEO of Canadian Forest Owners. “Forest Nova Scotia will further strengthen our national policy efforts and help raise awareness of the important role private forests play across Canada.”

CFO represents approximately 480,000 private forest owners nationwide. Collectively, they manage 10% of Canada’s forest land base, contribute 20% of forest production, and play a vital role in sustainable forest management across the country.

Forest Nova Scotia has been actively advocating for its members by working to strengthen the support, benefits, sustainability, and resilience of Nova Scotia’s forestry sector.

Last month, CFO, along with its provincial associations across the country, appointed BrokerLink as its exclusive insurance broker to provide access to a full suite of insurance products tailored specifically to protect the assets of family and commercial forest owners. This initiative reflects CFO’s broader commitment to strengthening risk protection and financial security for private forest owners, while supporting sustainable forest management across Canada. Together, CFO and Forest Nova Scotia are pleased to extend [this insurance program](#) to forest owners in Nova Scotia.

“Woodlot owners are a vital pillar of this industry. As stewards of their land, they supply the logs and fibre for our supply chain. Recognizing that these owners are at the forefront of the economic health of our province and communities, we believe their investments and assets must be protected,” added Todd Burgess, Executive Director, Forest Nova Scotia. “This

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woodlot insurance program is designed to safeguard standing timber value and silviculture investments against damage. By insuring these assets, we are providing the security and confidence necessary for the future of forestry in Nova Scotia.”

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