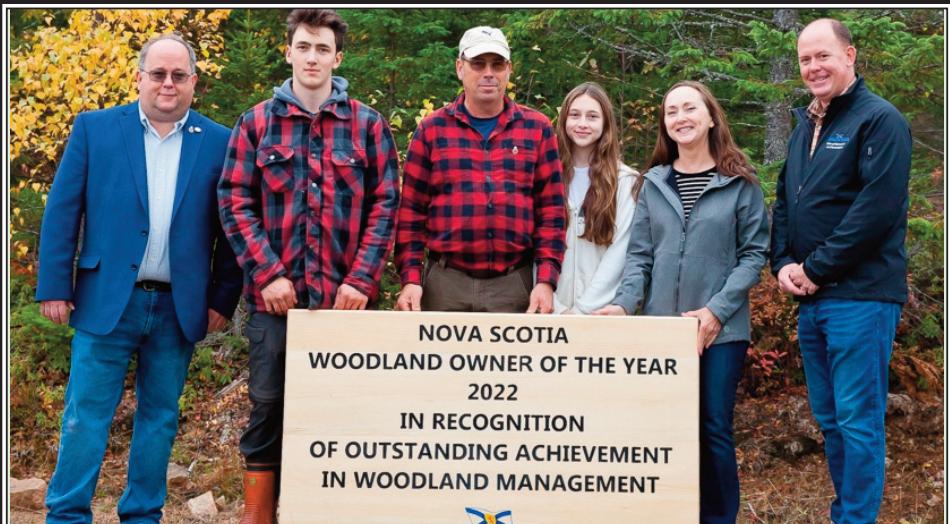


James Leggate Forestry Named Woodland Owner of the Year



James Leggate, centre, flanked by family members pose with the large 2022 WOYA sign, which will adorn the Five Mill River property. The Leggates, were joined by John A. MacDonald, MLA, Hants East, left, and Hon Tory Ruston, Minister Natural Resources & Renewables and MLA Cumberland South. (Communications Nova Scotia Photo)

By Maurice Rees

It took several years for James Leggate to improve his 600 acre woodlot in Five Mile River, Hants County to the point he was chosen as the provincial 2022 Woodland Owner of the Year. After checking his property for possible damage inflicted by FIONA, he didn't mind waiting a week, from September 25th to Saturday, October 1 to host the WOYA festivities in Five Mile River. Owners James Leggate and Christina Millar are silviculture contractors and have a 243-hectare (600-acre) woodlot. They have done several silvicultural treatments on the property, including tree planting, appropriate selection-harvest methods, commercial thinning and pre-commercial thinning.

"Private woodlot owners play an important role in Nova Scotia's future. This year's winners

show how sustainable woodland ownership and biodiversity go hand in hand," said Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton. "It's wonderful to have private woodlot owners working with us to foster biodiversity as we advance ecological forestry on Crown land in Nova Scotia."

The Woodland Owner of the Year Award recognizes private landowners for outstanding stewardship of their woodlands and excellence in forestry techniques on private land. It encourages sustainable stewardship and increases public awareness of the importance of private woodlands in Nova Scotia.

There are also regional awards. The western regional winners are Peter and Angela Kennedy, Lunenburg County, and the eastern regional winners are Ron and Johanna Melchiore, Guysborough County.

Nominations were evaluated using several criteria including the quality of integrated resource management practices; employing environmental standards; meeting sustainable goals; protecting wildlife habitats; improving woodlots in general and for recreation; and how nominees developed and grew their knowledge of the field of forestry and woodlot management.

Quick WOYA Facts: The award has recognized private woodlot owners for outstanding stewardship for more than 30 years; Nova Scotians who own between 20 and 2,000 hectares of woodland are eligible to be nominated and about 60 per cent of Nova Scotia's woodlands are privately owned.

Mr. Leggate and Ms. Millar were recognized with a prize and a field day on October 1, at their woodlot for the local community to learn more about sustainable forestry.

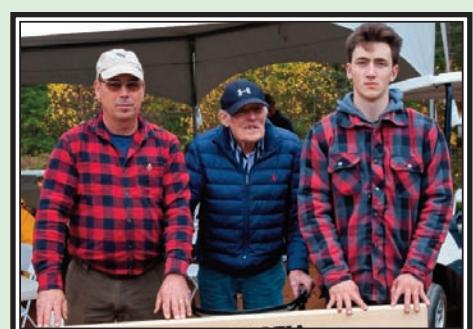
More information on the Woodland Owner of the Year Award is available at: <https://novascotia.ca/natr/woodlot/woya/>



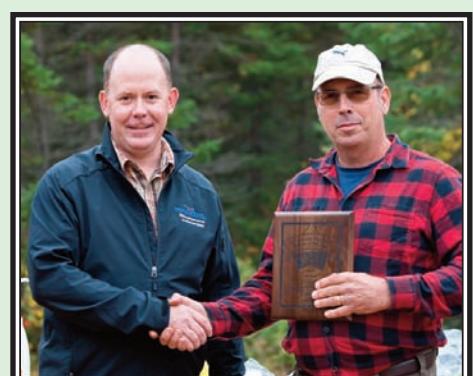
James Leggate and Christina Millar, Five Mile River, East Hants have been selected as 2022 Woodlot Owners of the year. Shown above the October 1, field day is Jim Leggate, his mother – Mary and father Jim Leggate, Glenholme and son, James. (Donald Cameron Photo)



Elementary School students from nearby, Hants North Elementary School, Kennetcook, attended the forestry open house. Shown above is Forester Lizz Cogan speaking to the students regarding forest management. (Donald Cameron Photo)



At the Woodlot Owner of the Year celebrations, if you hollered, "Jim, come here" three of them might have shown up. Shown above with the WOYA large sign is James Leggate, WOYA, his father Jim, Glenholme, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and son/grandson, James. (Communications Nova Scotia Photo)



Tory Rushton, Minister Natural Resources & Renewables presents Jim Leggate, with the 2022 Woodlot Owner of the Year Award plaque. James Leggate and Christina Millar are silviculture contractors and have a 243-hectare (600-acre) woodlot in Five Mile River, Hants County. (Communications Nova Scotia Photo)



Natural Resources & Renewables minister, Tory Rushton, listens to Lizz Cogan tell the students about a small turtle found on the Jim Leggate property in Five Mile River, Hants County. (Communications Nova Scotia Photo)

WENTWORTH VALLEY OF SNOW OPEN HOUSE

**Ski/Snowboard Swap,
Equipment Sale, Craft Sale, Ducky's Open
Saturday, November 12, 10 am - 2 pm**



CSP Ski Swap in the Lodge



The Canadian Ski Patrol - Nova Scotia Zone is hosting the **WENTWORTH SKI & SNOWBOARD SWAP & SALE** at the Ski Wentworth Open House! Clear out your closets of new or used snow-sports equipment, clothing, and more that you or the kids have outgrown. We will sell it for you!

SALE TIMES: Saturday, November 12, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
We accept Debit, Visa, MasterCard, and cash.

EQUIPMENT DROP OFF TIMES: Friday, November 11, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 12, 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Want to sell your equipment? You pick a price you are comfortable with. We charge a 25% commission and you receive a check for 75%. We will continue to accept equipment drop offs during sale hours. Dropping off equipment during the drop off times before the sale increases the chance your equipment will sell.

*Due to safety concerns hockey gear, used helmets, and skis older than 10 years can not be accepted.

UNSOLED EQUIPMENT PICK UP TIMES: Saturday, November 12, 1 pm - 3 pm
All unsold equipment not picked up Saturday, November 12, between 1pm and 3pm will be donated to charity. The Canadian Ski Patrol is a volunteer organization and registered charity. Proceeds from the swap fund patroller training, first aid supplies, and rescue equipment.

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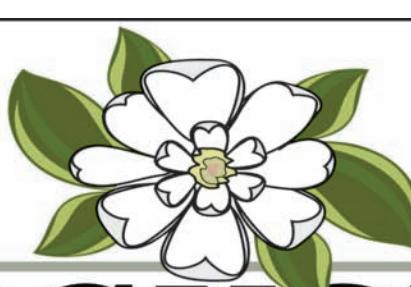
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