

Ross and Carla Pentz and family, of Camperdown, Nova Scotia have received the Woodland Owner of the Year for 2026. (photo courtest the government of NS)

Provincial Woodland Owner of the Year

A Lunenburg County family with a 50-year tradition of managing their woodlot sustainably is the provincial Woodland Owner of the Year for 2026. Ross and Carla Pentz of Camperdown also received the award for the western region, while Bill Angevine and his family of Antigonish received the eastern region award. There were no candidates for the central region this year. The award recognizes private landowners for outstanding stewardship of their woodlands.

"Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all the candidates nominated this year," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources. "Private woodlot owners play an essential role in the sustainability and productivity of the province's forests. Their important economic contributions and protection of ecologically rich woodlands benefit all Nova Scotians."

Mr. Pentz has owned the family woodlot for 50 years and proudly does all the silviculture work himself. The family welcomes neighbours and friends to spend time on the land horseback riding, bird-watching and hiking.

Mr. Angevine purchased his woodlot in 2006 and has put significant effort into improving the overall health and productivity of his land. His approach focuses on continuous learning and a strong ethic of sustainable resource management, including using horses to haul logs.



Tory Rushton

Nominations were assessed based on integrated resource management practices, employing environmental standards, meeting sustainability goals, protection of wildlife habitats, enhancement of woodlots and understanding of forestry and woodlot management.

RCMP Arrests Four People After Home Invasion

Three people are facing charges after the Colchester County District RCMP arrested them in relation to a home invasion in Truro Heights. On October 3, at approximately 3:30 a.m., RCMP officers responded to a report of an assault at a residence on Parkwood Dr.

Officers learned that four people had forced their way into the home while the residents were inside. One of the women, armed with a knife, threatened to stab the residents if the two men accompanying her weren't allowed entry.

The women left shortly afterward, leaving the men at the residence. The men then assaulted the residents, a 27-year-old man and a 20-year-old woman, before fleeing in a Hyundai Elantra. Both victims suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Officers with Truro Police Service later located the Elantra and arrested its four occupants.

Lucas Charles Brooks, 31, of Sipekne'katik, has been charged with Assault (two counts), Uttering Threats (two counts), and Mischief. He was remanded into custody and appeared in Truro Provincial Court on October 5.

A 34-year-old man from Bayside and a 19-year-old woman from Truro are also facing charges in relation to the incident and are scheduled to appear in court on Decemb The fourth person was released without charge.





