

# WOOD N YOU LIKE TO KNOW

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## Notes from the Editor

Once again, full disclosure, I am one month late for this newsletter. For those of you who sent in your last month's article, my apologies. They will be included in this newsletter.

On Wednesday, June 25, we hosted our annual BBQ. At our last BBQ, we had plenty of leftovers, so we cut back on our quantities for this BBQ. Once again, we had a significant quantity of leftovers. I attribute this to the heat. It was blisteringly hot and, consequently, appetites were down. For our next BBQ, we will adjust accordingly.

After we served up the hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages, Robin presented some 25-year watches to a couple of employees in attendance. These watches are normally presented at our Christmas party, but they were still at the engravers at the time of the party. As I was watching this, I had a flash back to our first company BBQ. I remembered we wanted this to be a surprise for our team so Robin, Derek Prest and I decided the best location would be down in front of our office. In the morning of the BBQ, we sent a message throughout the property advising everyone they were to report to the office at noon sharp. As we watched the crew approaching the office, we noticed they appeared to be a little intimidated. It was revealed that some of them were concerned that they were about to be laid off. They were quite relieved to learn they were about to enjoy a social lunch with their fellow teammates.

This was one of the initiatives we took to begin a new culture of teamwork and comradeship. It pleases me to see the progress we have made throughout the last 30 years.

Until next month, Gennie

## Notes from the Safety Committee

**Here are some signs on how to recognize Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke!**

### Heat Exhaustion

- High body temperature
- Confusion and lack of coordination
- Skin rash
- Muscle cramps
- Dizziness or fainting
- Nausea or vomiting
- Heavy sweating
- Headache
- Rapid breathing and heartbeat
- Extreme thirst
- Dark urine and decreased urination

If you experience any of these symptoms during extreme heat, immediately **move to a cool place and drink water.**

### Heat Stroke

- High body temperature
- Confusion and lack of coordination
- Dizziness/Fainting
- No sweating, but very hot, red skin

**Heat stroke is a medical emergency! Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.** While waiting for help—cool the person right away by:

- moving them to a cool place, if you can;
- applying cold water to large areas of the skin; and
- fanning the person as much as possible.

Until next month, Brian Myers, Matthew Works, Craig Isenor, Angie Kainola, Mark Wilber

## Notes from the Chairman

### In Memory of Brent Delaney

It is with heavy hearts that we must report on the unexpected passing of Brent Delaney on June 16, 2025. Brent had a lifelong career at Portable Welders. Brent was the lead hand at many welding projects here at the mill and, in particular, at our boiler and kiln site. He had a lifelong career at Portable Welders where he wasn't known not for just his skill and reliability but for the relationships along the way. Everyone here at ELCO had the utmost respect for Brent and his knowledge, skills, and humour.



On June 23, Robin, Mark, Craig Isenor, Rob and Warren attended a gathering at the Colchester Community Funeral Home to pay their (our) respects.

Robin attached the following note in a sympathy card to Brent's family:

To Brent's family and friends:

Brent worked on many projects at Elmsdale Lumber Company over numerous years with Portable Welders. As you all know it was not difficult to make friends with Brent. He had an easy way about him and made everyone comfortable with the job at hand. We will miss his work ethic and wisdom but most of all we will miss our friend.

Brent's sudden passing was a shock to all of us. We will miss him and remember him always. Everyone here at Elmsdale Lumber sends our sincerest sympathy and love to all.

On behalf of the ELCO team,

Robin Wilber, Mark Wilber, Warren Hirtle, Rob Himelman, Craig Isenor

## Notes from the Chairman, con't

As everyone can see, there is a lot of working going on at the planer mill getting ready for our new planer. We anticipate it will arrive in mid-July. Some of the electrical components will be arriving in the next week or two. We removed a good portion of the concrete block wall surrounding the existing planer. This will enable us to remove the old planer and install the new one. The planer electrical room is getting a little crowded, so Portable Welders installed a second floor and Bergman Electric lifted a major panel to the second floor. There will be concrete work needed to be done prior to the planer install. This will be completed the week before our first week of August shutdown.

Over the past couple of decades, our ELCO team have completed many successful equipment upgrades. There is always a level of anxiety prior to, during startup, and after the project completion. Mark is extremely busy organizing the many aspects of the work to be done before and during the shutdown. I am sure his level of anxiety is much higher than any of us. Then I think of the guys that are going to be trained to operate this equipment. They are putting on a good face, but I am sure they have a level of anxiety. Don't worry guys, the Gilbert team is slated to be here for the first 2 weeks of training and startup. New equipment is always a bit of a challenge to learn and get used to. Technology adds a level of complication. Mark and I are very confident in the Gilbert team's ability to teach us well. I am also confident in our team's ability to learn. Just remember what Shrek says, "Change is good donkey!"

Until next month, Robin

### Notes from Eacan Timber

I am sure everyone hates talking about it but the weather for the month of May left a little to be desired. Cold and rainy days seemed to be a common theme this past month. It is hard to get excited about the coming summer season when there are overnight frost warnings.

I made my way to the hardware store a couple weeks ago to pick up some pressure treated lumber. It was a Thursday, and I anticipated it to be quite busy; with many people grabbing things for their weekend “honey-do lists”. I was a little surprised that I was one of two people in the entire lumber yard. Of course, I was excited to get in and out quickly. However, I thought to myself this isn’t good for business.

The market price of lumber has come down over the past two months as foot traffic in the hardware stores are slow. I’m not sure if the weather is to blame or if it’s more consumer confidence, or a combination. I do know that most retailers still anticipate a strong building season as North American housing continues to be a talking point as more units are required to meet demand. What does this mean for prices? Only time will tell.

We have been waiting for pressure treaters to re-buy their spring needs and it finally came last week. This allows us to extend an order file through the middle of July on specialty products such as decking and squares.

The long-range forecast shows a few sunny days so be sure to enjoy the sunshine while you can.

Cheers!

Joel MacLaggan  
Eacan Timber

### Notes from Woodlands

As we start into the summer months and begin to see some consistent dry weather, log deliveries are starting to increase slightly. When discussing summer harvest plans with Stephen Thompson this morning and the relation with recent increased deliveries, his response was “Let’s keep our foot on the gas”. So, with the support of our suppliers along with ramping up our own operations as we start moving into our planned summer blocks, we will do our best to continue this trend.

Our silviculture crews are also in full swing. We plan to run a substantial program this year, which will include planting, pre-commercial thinning, mechanical thinning, and commercial thinning. As our young managed stands develop, there is a lot to do to “tend the garden” and we appreciate the workforce that gives us the ability to do so. It is a critical piece for us to maintain a sustainable log supply. It is amazing to me that we are now entering a phase where forest stands I was around for when they were in a regeneration/seedling stage, are now producing sawlogs through commercial thinning treatments. This may be both an indication that our practices are sustainable and that I am in fact not young anymore.

Lastly, I just want to pass along that we have brought on a summer student to help us out in the woodlands. His name is Brayden Watson, and he has been accepted to attend the Maritime College of Forest Technology this September. Some of you may remember Brayden last summer completing a few projects around the mill yard. We are looking forward to Brayden joining us again this year and welcome him to the team.

Until next month, Jason Casey and the Woodlands Team

### Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

#### Go Habs Go

Once again, what started out as "this is our year", has come crashing down for the Toronto Maple Leafs. After winning the first two games against the defending Stanley Cup champions, the Florida Panthers, and leading 3-1 in game number three they found a way to CHOKE. Florida won the next three games to take a 3-2 series lead and were headed home. But wait, the Leafs were able to win game six and force a game seven back in Toronto. The parade is back on!

But it wasn't meant to be as they got blown out of their barn 6-1. I have been asked from time to time why I won't cheer for Toronto (a CANADAIN BASED TEAM) when my team (the Habs) are gone? I have several reasons and as I think about it I will give just one answer that sums it all up for me. CLASS, Toronto doesn't have any whatsoever! From their so-called FANS, players and management. First and foremost, fans throwing jerseys on the ice! Classy. If you tried that in Montreal, I am pretty sure you would get the shit beat out of you before the jersey hit the ice and deservedly so. Then, management took the captaincy away from John Tavares a couple of years ago to give it to Austin Powers. The icing on the cake was when they interviewed Austin Powers following their game seven loss and asked him what he thought went wrong? Without hesitation he said, and I quote, "WE HAD TOO MANY PASSENGERS IN TONIGHT'S GAME". Wow! For those of you that may be reading this and don't follow hockey that much I will tell you what he meant by his comment, and I will read between the lines for you if you will. Basically, what he said was, "I DID EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO WIN AND THE REST OF THESE GUYS SUCKED". That is what your CAPTAIN OR LEADER IF YOU WILL MEANT WHEN HE SAID THAT. So just so you know, a LEADER IS ONLY A LEADER IF YOU ARE WILLING TO FOLLOW HIM. Otherwise, he is just a \_ss! Go HABS go!

### Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

#### Assume Nothing

Maggie and I went to an Italian restaurant while on vacation recently. The hostess escorted us to our table and once we were seated, she said the waiter would be right with us. She then placed a square laminated piece of plastic approximated 3" x 3" on the table between me and Maggie. After she left Maggie looked at me, smiled and asked, "Do you know what that is?" "I do, but I can't remember what it's called." "That's a QR code containing our menu", she responded. I figured as much because it said menu on the bottom of the piece of plastic. No worries, when the waiter came over, he asked if we would like some drinks. Sure, whiskey for me and soda for Maggie. After bringing our drinks, he said he would give us a minute or two and he would be back to take our orders. I suggested we were ready to order right now. "Great, what can I get you sir?". To which I asked, "What do you have?" He smiled and asked if we had an opportunity to look at the menu and gestured toward the QR code menu and instructed I could the scan the code and the menu comes up. "I can't do that because it doesn't come with a phone". He looked puzzled and asked, "You don't have a phone sir?" When I told him we did not, he went and got two menus for us and was very apologetic. We had a great dinner! During our vacation, this was the only restaurant that required a phone to decide on our meal choice as we were always handed printed menus.

**Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't****Too Good to be True**

I was home alone on a Saturday afternoon in April when the phone rang. When I answered a woman asked for me and told me her name, which I cannot say even if she would have told me in English. She said she worked for the government and wanted to know if I still lived on Mader Street in Lantz? "Oh yeah, I am still here", I said (I moved out ten years ago). "Do you still burn oil", she asked? "Oh yeah, I am still burning the oil (there never was oil in the house, it was heated by pellets and electricity). "Great, we will send you someone out on Monday to see if you qualify for a heat pump." "Oh yeah, that would be great", I responded.

I kept waiting for the part where she asked for our credit card number to do a check, but it never came and that was that. When I got home from work Monday, Maggie said I had a voicemail from someone. I listened to it and the guy identified himself as working for the government and to please return his call. I called the number back on Tuesday and got a hold of the guy. Long story short, he does work for the heat rebate program. I apologized saying I thought it was a scam. Who knew the government worked on Saturday, (I didn't). He laughed and said they were contacting seniors who had gotten heat rebates and wanted to know if I had a heat pump to which I said yes. He further asked if I had a backup heat source, to which I replied yes. The call ended with an "Okay, no worries".

**June/July Birthdays**

Jason Casey	June 12
Darren Isenor	June 1
Santhosha Kotian	June 1
Lars Perry	June 5
Mark Wilber	June 30
Gordie Beaman	July 29
Gavin Gilmour	July 19
Darrell Hennigar	July 26
Rob Himelman	July 17
Tara Isenor	July 13
Angela Kainola	July 22
Nick Miller	July 07
Stephen Molnar	July 06

**May/June Anniversaries**

John Ashley	June	45 years
Matt Dillman	May	10 years
James Hennigar	May	11 years
Leslie Isenor	June	35 years
Dwight Isenor	June	26 years
Tim Lohnes	May	2 years
Jason Molnar	May	35 years
Jonathan Molnar	June	16 years
Shawn Preeper	June	37 years
Stephen Thompson	June	52 years
Pam White	May	4 years

**May/June 50/50 Winners**

May 2	Jason Isenor	June 6	Jimmy Sawler
May 9	Stephen Thompson	June 13	Gordie Beaman
May 16	Tim Lohnes	June 20	Jonathan Molnar
May 23	Jason Casey	June 27	Warren Hirtle
May 30	Greg Grant		

