

# WOOD N YOU LIKE TO KNOW

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## Notes from the Editor

Here are some recommendations for your binge viewing enjoyment.

I would recommend the limited series “Undoing”. This series follows Grace Fraser (Nicole Kidman) and Jonathan Fraser (Hugh Grant), who are living the only lives they ever wanted for themselves. Overnight, a violent death and a chain of terrible revelations impact the near perfect family. Left behind in the wake of a spreading and very public disaster and horrified by the way in which she has failed to heed her own advice, Grace must dismantle one life and create another for her child and family. I changed my mind several times throughout this series as I tried to solve the mystery of “whodunit”.

Angie recommends “Your Friends and Neighbours” starring Jon Hamm and Olivia Munn. When a financial titan (Jon Hamm) suddenly finds himself divorced and homeless, he starts robbing his wealthy neighbours to stay afloat. Stealing from his own social circle strangely exhilarates him but he gradually gets tangled in a deadly web.

Pam recommends The Waterfront. It is a Netflix drama series that is inspired by true events and follows the fictional Buckley family and their battle to protect their fishing business legacy.

Rob recommends Stick, a sports comedy series. Stick has the vibes of Happy Gilmore and Ted Lasso, but it also feels more mature and grounded, perfectly blending humour with a story about trauma and redemption. The show sees Owen Wilson as a washed-up golfer who finds a new purpose in life when he begins coaching a young prodigy.

Until next month, happy viewing. Gennie

## Notes from the Safety Committee

A provincewide burn ban is now in effect in Nova Scotia as soaring temperatures and dry conditions has the Minister of Natural Resources warning that “nobody wants a repeat of the devastation we experienced in 2023”. The ban, which carries a \$25,000 fine, was put in place on July 30 and will remain in place until October 15<sup>th</sup> or until conditions improve. We urge everyone to respect and obey this burn ban.

It is time once again to hold safety committee elections. You are encouraged to think about nominating someone you think would serve the committee well. We will be posting nomination sheets before the end of August.

Unfortunately, our safety performance this year was not stellar. In this safety year we earned 20 points, and we had 10 points in the bank from last year. Each point carries a value of one dollar. We would encourage you to let Craig Isenor or Angie know if you have any suggestions for a group safety award in the value of \$30. Our safety year begins on August 1 and ends on July 31 each year. Please keep in mind, you must be employed for 6 months during this period to qualify for this award.

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

## Notes from the Chairman

### Milestones



We all have milestones in our lifetime. This month, I would like to share 3 milestones with you. The first one – our grandson Tristan turns 16 on January 12, 2026. We are assuming a driver's license will shortly follow. We can keep our young people safer if they become good drivers. On Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, I brought Tristan up to our mill yard for his first driving lesson.

I fully expected our stops and starts to be rougher, corners that are too sharp or not sharp enough, and backing up to be an issue for sure. Guess what, I was wrong. He surpassed all my expectations. He started perfectly, came to stops properly, and made all turns accurately. We drove up to a row of lumber and I asked him to stop and back up. He started to look out the rearview mirror. I instructed him to watch both side mirrors and not to pay attention to that damn camera. I told him to find his wheel tracks in the side mirrors and to keep his wheels in them. I anticipated he would back up like a snake might, but I was once again wrong. He backed up perfectly. Our lessons will continue throughout the rest of the summer and fall. Great job Tristan.

As most of you know, towards the end of 2024, Ty suffered a stroke due to an aneurysm at the base of his brain. The aneurysm is shrinking nicely, and he is engaged in a very intense exercise program getting back into shape and ready for the Canada Games in Newfoundland starting August 18<sup>th</sup>. He and his Canada Games' team have been playing ball tournaments every weekend.



## Notes from the Chairman, con't

We are all very happy to report he is doing great and even hitting a few home runs! Leslie, Tristan, Chris and I will be in St. John's cheering the team on and proudly wearing Nova Scotia t-shirts and ball caps.

In January of 2024, our sawmill crew completed a major facelift, completing yet another milestone for the sawmill. This month, the planer mill will shut down at noon on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> as we begin the installation of our new Gilbert planer complete with a new Gilbert slow down belt at the outfeed end and a TS Manufacturing new tilt hoist. The concrete work to receive the new planer was completed last weekend. Bergman Electric have been very busy for the last few weeks installing a lot of new electrical equipment and running wires and new wire trays and some in the new concrete. This time next month, I am hoping to have a very positive report on yet another milestone for the planer mill.



Until next month, Robin

### Notes from Eacan Timber

We have had our fair share of warm weather over the past couple of weeks. The ideal spot for most is near water; whether that's a local beach, a nearby pool or a sprinkler in the front yard. I feel Canadians embrace summer more than others as it feels so short.

To say the lumber market is facing uncertain times is an understatement. The long-standing softwood lumber duties are poised to increase over the next few months to a range of between 16.50% to 41.67%. The "Coles Notes" version is the US lumber industry feels Canada has been "dumping" lumber into the USA below production costs. The mills mentioned below all have a different rate depending on their own situations. The "All Others" rate is what is used for every other producer and is an average of the four mills percentages. Luckily, Nova Scotia is exempt from paying these duties which is a blessing.

FINAL RESULTS of the ANTI-DUMPING SIXTH ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW				
Company	AR6 AD Rates	AR5 CVD Rates (in force until the AR6 CVD rates are issued)	AR6 CVD Rates (expected Aug 8)	Combined AR6 AD + AR5 CVD Rates
<b>Canfor Corporation</b>	35.53%	6.14%	TBD	41.67%
<b>West Fraser Mills Ltd.</b>	9.65%	6.85%	TBD	16.50%
<b>J.D. Irving Ltd.</b>	20.56% (All others)	3.88%	TBD (All Others)	24.44%
<b>Tolko Industries Ltd.</b>	20.56% (All Others)	9.61%	TBD (All Others)	30.17%
<b>All Others</b>	20.56%	6.74%	TBD	27.30%

The other factor facing us today is the potential tariffs imposed by the White House. These tariffs are supposed to hit in August, but the exact percentage and timeline are to be determined. The speculation is 15% tariff imposed at the first of August, but we have seen this one play out before. We will have to wait and see if the goal posts will be moved. There is a strong belief that lumber will be excluded from such tariffs but again we will have to wait to be certain.

In the end, the lumber buyers are confused as they don't know what to do. Tariffs will increase the cost of goods consumed by Americans and household budgets will tighten. This could be a negative effect as lumber consumptions slows. On the other hand, they see price increases coming with increased duties. They are so confused that most have decided to slow purchases and reduce inventory. Doing nothing is their current mindset. Hopefully, there will be clarity in the near future. Until then, enjoy the beautiful summer weather and stay safe.

Joel MacLaggan

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### Notes from Woodlands

Earlier this spring, the forestry community in Nova Scotia lost one of its greatest advocates and a true pioneer in sustainable forestry practices in Nova Scotia, Jim Bremner. Jim, who I had the privilege of meeting around 10 years ago, was a long-time silviculture contractor and woodlot manager. Jim first reached out looking for a partnership of sorts to help manage woodlots he was involved with, most notably, the Spence Managed Forest. That sparked a long-standing relationship with Elmsdale Lumber and a true friendship and mentor for me. Jim and I worked on multiple projects throughout the years, and I greatly respected his vision and knowledge. One highlight was the Spence Managed Forest winning the Provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year honors in 2019 – a tribute to the decades of management on the woodlot he provided.

Along with other private woodlots, Jim also managed his own Castle Frederick Farm and the historic property's associated woodlot. Jim's own family woodlot was no exception to the outcomes of Jim's vision for sustainable forestry practices. Having been on the woodlot during multiple silviculture and harvest operations, I can verify it was an exemplary example of what a multi-use land base can be. Prior to Jim's passing, the Castle Frederick Farm woodlot was nominated for Woodlot Owner of the Year honor. He was quite excited to have his name thrown in the hat for this award even though his humble nature did not allow for him to have any expectation of winning. Fast forward to now, and the woodlot indeed received the honors of the award. This is a great tribute to a man who spent most of his life dedicated to forestry. His legacy, continued by his daughters, will be felt on the woodlot for years to come and it is wonderful to have the opportunity to celebrate him and his family on this special day coming up this fall. I will keep you posted on the details.

Jason Casey and the Woodlands Team

### Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

#### I Saw God Today

Earlier this month during a Sunday morning visit to Costco I ran into God (Derek Prest). We had a chance to catch up. He told me he bought a sailboat and was heading to the MAGDALEN Islands. Retirement really seems to be agreeing with him.

#### 2+5+2=9

It has been a very busy month here at the planing mill but not as busy as it's going to get as we are preparing for a shutdown at 4:30 on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to install a new planer among other things. This has been in the works for a while. It is a major undertaking considering both cost and time. As soon as we stop on August 1<sup>st</sup> they will begin the process of removing all the old gear and installing the new stuff. Mark feels confident this can be done in 9 days. Time will tell.

If I was a betting man, which by the way I am, I wouldn't bet against Mark. On the other hand, I wouldn't bet on him either. I just don't know enough about it to say one way or the other. But what I do know is, I am looking forward to having that week off!

Hopefully everything goes smooth for you guys. If you should encounter any snags along the way, you are more than equipped to solve an issue with the people you have around. In the meantime, I have my golf clubs in the trunk and fingers crossed for good weather.



**Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't****People Come and People go!**

As some of you know, Bubba went west last year accepting a new job offer he just could not pass up. Well, recently he was in for a visit, and we had a chance to catch up. He loves his new job. The money is really good and the only downside (which he knew ahead of time) was missing his family. Things are going well for Bubba and that's great to hear. You lose one and then you get one as we have a summer student with us. Owen started the first week of July and is doing good. As I write this, his true test will come tomorrow morning as we will be running 6x6 and he is working the floor. Better keep your fingers crossed for all good lumber (LOL).

**August Birthdays**

Jason Isenor	August 14
Jon Molnar	August 08
Ronald Murray	August 03
Stephen Thompson	August 24

**July Anniversaries**

Ty Campbell	2 years
Wendell Henley	1 year
Chris Myers	23 years
Mark Wilber	24 years

**July 50/50 Winners**

July 4	Phillip Isenor
July 11	Greg Grant
July 18	Stephen Thompson
July 25	Matthew Works
Aug 1	Ron Miller

