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## The Way it Was

2022 was a year of challenges on the forest policy front that saw great change and steady progress for Canadian Forest Owners. We brought industry veteran Jean-Pierre Martel on board as our executive director to lead us through our new strategic plan, which took us to Ottawa for our AGM in June with a slight name change and renewed purpose. At a time when climate change took centre stage around the world, we introduced Canadian Forest Owners to more than 25 government officials on the Hill as stewards of Local Forests for a Healthy Climate.

In the fall, we returned to Ottawa to continue our dialogue with federal MPs, senators, deputy ministers, political advisors and senior government officials in a two-day program of face-to-face meetings. Canadian Forest Owners continued the discussions about the important role private forest owners play in helping Canada develop its low-carbon economy and meet its climate change targets.

Our Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan was well received on the Hill. Subsequently, our recommendations were submitted to the Ministry of Finance as part of its 2023 pre-budget consultation and to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources' Study of Federal Assistance for Various Natural Resources Industries.

Our members are directly involved in developing and communicating Canadian Forest Owners' unique positions and have helped us establish the organization as an important part of the solution to the challenges our sector faces and to Canada's climate goals. With limited resources, we have worked hard to deliver our positions on key issues. We developed a membership strategy and we will continue to work with all our means to demonstrate value in membership.

## The Way Forward

Looking ahead, in 2023 we will continue to increase awareness of Canadian Forest Owners as thought leaders for local forests and a healthy climate, not just in Ottawa but at all levels of government, including the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers, to generate support for private forestland owners.

Working together, we will keep strengthening our partnerships with industry to present a united voice that addresses key issues such as the implementation of the 2 Billion Trees Program, Species at Risk implementation and amendments to the Migratory Birds Regulations. We will also keep the pressure on at the federal level for the implementation of a Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan in order to correct the tax inequity suffered by private forest producers.

With a revamped website and electronic newsletter delivered twice a year, Canadian Forest Owners will continue to communicate in both official languages to create clear, concise content that supports our positions on critical issues and our commitment to long-term, resilient forests and a healthy climate.

At this time, we wish to thank you for your dedicated involvement and valued membership. We extend our heartiest wishes to you for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!