

Forests Ontario Annual Conference to Feature Forest Fire Experts

What: Forests Ontario's Annual Conference is the largest forestry conference in Ontario. After last year's unprecedented forest fires, this year's conference will feature two sessions focusing on forest fires.

The first features a photographic journey with a Parks Canada firefighter and the second features a panel of experts discussing the historical role of fire suppression, how to reduce the incidence and intensity of fires including learning from Indigenous cultural practices, the importance of restoration in the aftermath, and the economic implications of forest fires.

The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and MPP for Parry–Sound Muskoka is also scheduled to speak briefly between the two forest fire sessions.

When: Wednesday February 28, 2024, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (The full conference runs from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with the fire sessions starting at 3:00 p.m. The conference agenda is [available online.](#))

Where: Universal EventSpace (6250 Highway 7, Vaughan, ON L4H 4G3)

Who:

- Jabee Wu, Fire Crew Leader, Parks Canada
([full speaker biography and session overview](#))
- Toby Heaps, CEO, Corporate Knights
- Emily S. Hope, University of Toronto / Canadian Forest Service
- Phil Green, CEO, First Resource Management Group Inc.
- Joshua Mitchell, Technical Advisor & Operations Lead for Disaster and Emergency Management, Partnering 4 Resilience, ATCO Frontec
([full speaker biographies and session overview](#))
- The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and MPP for Parry–Sound Muskoka

To RSVP to attend the Annual Conference or arrange an interview, please contact:

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About Forests Ontario

Forests Ontario is the province's leading charity dedicated to the creation, preservation, and maintenance of forest and grassland habitats. Our ambitious, large-scale tree planting initiatives, extensive educational programs, and decades of community outreach result in millions of trees being planted each year.

Together with our national division, **Forest Recovery Canada**, we work with our many partners across the country to plant native trees and ensure our efforts today thrive and grow into tomorrow's diverse, healthy, and resilient forests.

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