

Media Release

## The OFIA and Premier Doug Ford Celebrate Herb Shaw & Sons' 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**December 12, 2022** – Today, the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) joins Premier Doug Ford, Minister Graydon Smith, Minister Todd Smith, and Parliamentary Assistants, John Yakabuski and Ric Bresee, in Pembroke, Ontario, to celebrate Herb Shaw & Sons' 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

OFIA's President and CEO, Ian Dunn, stated, "The OFIA is very proud of its members and their longstanding commitment to the sustainable management of Ontario's forests." He continued, "Herb Shaw & Sons is one of Canada's best examples of sustainable development, operating on the same land base for 175 years. Grown and made in Ontario, utility poles are critical to improving provincial infrastructure, broadband, 5G roll-out, and increased electrification of Ontario's grid."

For nearly two centuries, Herb Shaw & Sons Ltd. has distinguished itself as an innovator and a pioneer in the lumber manufacturing industry. The company has built its foundation and led the industry by manufacturing lumber and poles with timber procured from certified managed forests, including Ontario's Algonquin Park. Herb Shaw & Sons has been a member of the OFIA for over 50 years and remain a key contributor to the Association initiatives.

Dan Bowes, Chair of the OFIA and Ontario Woodlands Manager for Columbia Forest Products, said, "It's an honour to be here today celebrating the Shaw family's incredible accomplishments with Premier Ford and the Ontario government, who have been strong and visionary supporters of our industry for many years. We are proud of our sector's contributions to the fabric of Ontario communities and excited about future economic development opportunities for all regions of the province."

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*For nearly 80 years, the OFIA has represented forestry companies ranging from multinational corporations to family-owned businesses across Ontario. OFIA's member companies produce a variety of renewable forest products, including dimensional lumber, pulp and paper, packaging, clean energy, and engineered wood products. OFIA members invest heavily into advanced research, development, and innovative technologies, supporting a transition towards net-zero. Today, Ontario's forest industry generates over \$18 billion in revenue and supports over 149,000 direct and indirect jobs in communities across the province.*

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