



CANADA'S FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR HONOURS NCASI'S KIRSTEN VICE WITH 2019 PARTNERSHIP AWARD

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Vancouver, BC – Earlier today, Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) hosted its annual *Awards of Excellence* luncheon in Vancouver where Kirsten Vice, the Vice President of the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI), was presented with a 2019 *Partnership Award*.

FPAC hosts this annual event to recognize excellence in the sector and to honour the achievements of our workers and community partners. The *Partnership Award* is presented to a non-government organization or individual that has demonstrated leadership in working in partnership with Canada's forest products sector. "While we have some 230,000 committed people working directly in our sector, there are so many more – people like Kirsten Vice and the team at NCASI – whose work in collaboration with us is so critical to our success," said FPAC President and CEO Derek Nighbor. "The research work that Kirsten and her team undertake provides our sector with some incredible insights and allows us to better assess and address complex matters. We have the privilege of being able to leverage NCASI's work to identify solutions to many of the issues we face in our forests and at our mills," he added.

"We are honoured to accept this award from FPAC. We take great pride in being able to contribute strong science to the industry in a manner that helps illuminate effective opportunities to cost-effectively enhance their sustainability performance," said Vice. "Working with an organization such as FPAC, which seeks to harness that science and move it out onto the world, is a great pleasure for all of us at NCASI in Canada. We look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship in the future."

NCASI is an independent, non-profit, member-driven research institute that seeks to create credible scientific information required to address the environmental information needs of the forest products industry in North America. Kirsten Vice leads sustainable manufacturing & Canadian operations. Throughout her career, Vice has been involved with environmental regulatory-related analyses, process engineering, and strategic management of a broad array of forest products industry sustainability issues. In 2002, she was hired by NCASI to launch their operations in Canada, which has grown from a one-member company to now representing roughly half of the Canadian forest products industry.



To see the full list of FPAC Award recipients, please visit <http://www.fpac.ca/canadas-forest-sector-celebrates-its-best-and-brightest-in-vancouver>.

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FPAC provides a voice for Canada's wood, pulp, and paper producers nationally and internationally in government, trade, and environmental affairs. The \$69-billion-a-year forest products industry represents 2% of Canada's GDP and is one of Canada's largest employers operating in more than 600 communities and providing 230,000 direct jobs across the country.

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