



OFMF

OUR GOVERNANCE

HISTORY, MISSION, OFFICE STAFF, PRESIDENTS

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OFMF HISTORY

At one time, Ontario had 3 associations that represented trappers.

1947: TA = Trappers Association was formed in Sudbury

1959: OTA = Ontario Trappers Council established

1992: OFMC = Ontario Fur Managers Corporation incorporated

1995: Renamed the Ontario Fur Managers Federation (OFMF) which was recognized by Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Mandate & Mission

- **Mandate:** Managing Ontario's Furbearers for today and tomorrow.
- **Our Mission:**
 - To promote the conservation and sustainability of fur bearers & the ecosystem.
 - To promote the general welfare of the trappers of Ontario.
 - To promote the humane harvest of fur bearers on a continual basis.
 - To promote and participate in the continuing education of fur harvesters.
 - To promote and participate in public education and awareness.
 - To represent the trappers of Ontario in any and all resource management issues.

OFMF Office

- The OFMF office is located in Sault Ste. Marie, a central place for all trappers to gather.
- The office staff consists of a general manager and office support.



Office in 1995



Office in 2022

OFMF Staff

- Since it's inception, the following people have been overseeing the day-to-day operations of the OFMF.

General Managers

1965-1997: Ron Lessard was loaned by MNR in Sault Ste Marie to be an interim GM.

1997-2008: Howard Noseworthy

2009: Barry Cordingley

2010: Brett Rob

2011-2022: Robin Horwath

2022-present: Lauren Tonelli

Support Staff

1995-1996: Sharon Gervais

1997-present: Lisa Ouellette

2013-present: Mackenzie LaRochelle



LtoR: Ron Lessard, Howard Noseworthy, Barry Cordingley, Brett Rob, Robin Horwath, Lauren Tonelli



PRESIDENTS

Every organization needs a strong leader to help provide guidance and direction. At the OFMF, we have Presidents who chair meetings, represent the Federation at various functions, and liaise with government officials all on a volunteer basis.

Presidents

- 2019-Present : Scott Sears



*See next slide for Presidents before 2019!

Presidents

- 2017-2019 : Willis Deline
- 2016-2017 : Carmen Cotnoir
- 2014-2016 : John Fitchett
- 2010-2014 : Karl Lindstrom



Presidents

- 2007-2010 : Robin Horwath
- 2003-2007 : Conrad Morin
- 2000-2003 : Laurie Whyte
- 1995-2000 : Murray Monk

