



# 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

**2022-2024:** Lauren Tonelli

**2024-Present:** Tyler Epp

## Support Staff

**1995-1996:** Sharon Gervais

**1997-present:** Lisa Ouellette

**2013-present:** Mackenzie LaRoche



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



# 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

- 2024-Present : Ray Gall
- 2019-2024 : 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

