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# In Memory of Ross Koppenaal

In May 2016, we lost Ross Koppenaal, a dear friend and member of our Canadian Wood Fibre Centre-Pacific team. Ross passed away at his home in Victoria after a brief illness.

Ross was a Forest Research Biologist with the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre since its inception, and before that, with the Pacific Forestry Centre (PFC). He was a Registered Professional Biologist (RPBio) with the College of Applied Biology and had an MSc in Forest Science from the University of Toronto. Ross researched the evaluation and application of acoustic velocity tools and other non-destructive technologies to characterize variation in fibre quality in standing and harvested trees. His work examined how fibre quality characteristics in different species related to silvicultural practices and ecological factors. Ross also researched the challenges of forest regeneration in coastal montane areas through the long-term research program Montane Alternative Silvicultural Systems (MASS).

Ross will be remembered for his kindness, his keen sense of humour, and his passion for baseball and the outdoors. He was soft-spoken but had a sharp wit. He is missed by his friends and colleagues at the PFC, especially within the Fibre Centre team. 

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