



The Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta commemorates Ty Lund

Tyrone Orville Lund (March 31, 1938 – February 28, 2021) was first elected as a Member of the Alberta Legislature in 1989, completing his final term in 2012. He held an impressive six terms representing the Rocky Mountain House constituency. Among the many positions he fulfilled throughout his service career, the most significant for the inception of FRIAA was during his time as the Minister of Environmental Protection. Ty was first appointed to this role in 1994 and was then reappointed in 1997. During these challenging times, a need arose for streamlining and restructuring the department and its programs.

Ty's vision and commitment to sustainable forest management in Alberta led to the creation of the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA). As a delegated administrative organization, FRIAA was to be managed by a board of directors representing government, industry, and the public. FRIAA was (and is) ultimately accountable to the Minister. At its conception, FRIAA was to administer the Forest Resource Improvement Program (FRIP) for the purpose of enhancing forest management activities and increasing the understanding of forest resources in Alberta. Based on the initial successful implementation of FRIAA's governance model and the administration of FRIP, FRIAA has been delivering programs to enhance Alberta's forest resource for nearly 25 years. Ty will be missed, but his legacy lives strong.