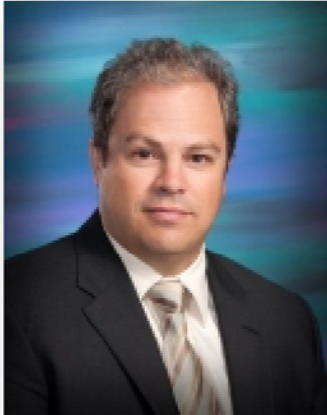




# Canada's Resource Champion



## Al Thorne

Chief Forester for Tembec in Ontario

*Background:* Al Thorne is the Chief Forester for Tembec in Ontario and is President of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce. His previous experience was primarily in British Columbia for 16 years as well as stops in Alberta and New Brunswick. While in B.C., his experience included being the manager of an Innovative Forest Practices Agreement

where the AAC was increased by 10% and environmental conservation was improved. He also helped pioneer a new approach to ecosystem mapping that was used for growth and yield programs and important wildlife values determination.

*Reason for nomination:* Al is the Chief Forester for Tembec in Ontario. He is constantly drawing attention to the value that all natural resource sectors bring to the Canadian economy. He sits on numerous committees from Caribou conservation to First Nations relations and brings that working knowledge to every business through his participation with the Timmins Chamber. One of his more recent successes came at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's AGM where he successfully lobbied business representatives from across the province to fight against the proposed increase in mining tax rates.

Nominated by the Timmins Chamber of Commerce