



# Canada's Resource Champion



## Roger Barber

Resolute Forest Products

Roger is the General Manager of Ontario Woodlands for Resolute Forest Products in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

He is a past member of the Ontario Provincial Forest Policy Committee, a founding member of the former Northwestern Ontario Forest Council and a former chair and current board member of the Ontario Forest Industries Association.

### Highlights from Roger's nomination:

Roger has committed a significant amount of time and energy to representing the interests and concerns of Resolute Forest Products as well as the Ontario forest industry as a whole. He is also committed to nurturing constructive relationships with First Nations; Roger was instrumental in the construction and operation of the Wabigoon First Nation Tree Nursery, providing a letter of intent to start operations in the late 1990s.

Among other things, Roger also led Resolute's initiative to start the First Nation Ranger Program in partnership with Outland Reforestation. The 8-week First Nation youth training and work experience program in forestry has been running since 1999 and has since grown to include several other companies, universities, colleges and the Ontario government.

Nominated by Charla Robinson, President, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce