



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 7:30 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Robert Black, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Black, Martin, McBean, McNair, Miville-Dechêne, Sorensen and Varone (7).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Lewis and Muggli (2).

*Participating in the meeting:* Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst, Parliamentary, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, the committee continued its study on the growing issue of wildfires in Canada and the consequential effects that wildfires have on forestry and agriculture industries, as well as rural and Indigenous communities, throughout the country.

*WITNESSES:*

*R.W. Gray Consulting Ltd.:*

Robert W. Gray, Wildland Fire Ecologist.

*As an individual:*

John Pomeroy, Distinguished Professor of Geography, Director of the Centre for Hydrology, University of Saskatchewan.

Robert W. Gray and John Pomeroy each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:27 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Catlin Seibel-Kamél

*Clerk of the Committee*