



# The Azimuth



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## SYLVICON – NBFTA AGM 2001

**R**eflecting on the event, one wonders if the bottle is “half-full or half-empty”. It was supposed to be the greatest AGM, the “coming-of-age” event for NBFTA, and for the most part it was. We received valuable recognition by Industry, Government and the co-organizers of Sylvicon. In fact, there were comments that NBFTA’s participation and enthusiasm may save this annual event from a slow death. By working together on this event with the RPF Association and the NBFPA we have established ourselves as a credible and reliable organization, and



**Blair DeGrace receives  
Technician of the Year Award  
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the members who helped organize the event on behalf of NBFTA deserve great recognition. On the downside, we realize that we had the lowest attendance at an AGM in our

short history. At the same time, we have to recognize that Sylvicon represented a major change in the format of our AGM. We stand to learn a lot from the reaction of our members, those who attended and those who for various reasons, did not. Plans are already underway for next year’s Sylvicon, and much will be done to better accommodate the needs of our members. Please contact your District rep with your comments, suggestions etc. and let us know what you think will improve the event.

## RECIPROCITY A REALITY

During the annual general meeting of February 2001, the NBFTA members present, ratified a reciprocity agreement with the NSFTA regarding CFT’s from New Brunswick working in Nova Scotia. The NSFTA ratified the reciprocity agreement during their annual general meeting of March 2001. This means that a CFT from either province can use the CFT distinction no matter which province they are working in. Any CFT working outside the province of their origin, must become familiar with the reciprocity agreement and follow the conditions of the agreement to use the CFT distinction in the other province. The reciprocity agreement can be found in section 17 of the NBFTA By-Laws. Some of the highlights of the agreement are; (Cont. on P. 13 Reciprocity)

## NBFTA SPONSORED ENVIROTHON 2001

The Tree House and several partners brought an exciting high school environmental education program called Envirothon to New Brunswick. There was a two-day competition during which teams of five high school students were tested on their field and theoretical knowledge of five different aspects of the environment. These are: aquatics, wildlife, soils, forestry and a current environmental issue, which, in the 2000-2001 academic year, is Non-Point-Source Pollution, which is defined as pollution whose source cannot be traced to an exact point of

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Walter Bidlake, NBFTA President



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**W**ith our AGM behind us, most of us will be sitting back and watch spring poke it's head out of the snow. I wish it were that easy. In today's world we never seem to get a break. For those who got to Sylvicon and our AGM, I am sure you got your money's worth. I think we had our best yet AGM, covering all the association's business in the morning and then four real good speakers in the afternoon. This was a great chance to pick up a number of CFE credits at one meeting. The highlight of the business meeting was the 'Technician of the Year' award going to one of the hardest working members we have, Blair DeGrace. Blair has been there from the start putting in his hours of labor for something he believes in, The NBFTA. He has certainly made the class '80 proud with his accomplishments.

In the afternoon Steve Tulle gave a very eye opening talk on the Montana fires of last summer. They have a different approach to forest fire fighting, for good reason. The area and terrain they work in dictates how they have to approach these massive fires. Byron Johnson, log buyer from Columbia Forest Products, gave a detailed description of the process of making hardwood plywood. Byron spent a good deal of time on what to look for when grading hardwood logs and what happens to that grade of log when it goes through the mill. Blair DeGrace gave an overview of what certification means to a forest technician and to the industry we work.

John Sweeny, from the Canadian Forest Service, gave an update on the Halifax

Beetle Invasion. The Asian Brown Beetle has been in Princess Park on the Halifax shoreline for at least ten years. This winter after a lengthy court battle, permission to log Princess Park to try to control the spread of the beetle was given. Only large spruce that showed presence of the beetle were cut. The trees were limbed and squared with all debris including bark, limbs and sawdust burnt. From John's report they believe they may have the beetle under control but only time will tell.

In closing I would like to invite all the membership to the next AGM 2002. We have set the date to be the Saturday following Sylvicon 2002. We are hoping we will be able to have the Sylvicon committee change their dates by one day so we can stay within the united forest community of Sylvicon. Our attendance numbers were down from years past.

I would like to hear from the membership on what they would have the AGM be. I would challenge every member to contact their Region Representative or a Member of the Executive and make their feelings heard. We are only as good as you make us be.

Walter

## Message du Président

Walter Bidlake, Président de ATFNB

**A**

vec l'hiver qui nous quitte et maintenant que notre A.G.A. est derrière nous, ils nous restent que de s'asseoir et d'attendre que le printemps réapparaisse de dessous la neige. Si c'était si simple ! Malheureusement, dans le monde d'aujourd'hui, il n'y a pas beaucoup de temps pour une pause. Pour ceux qui ont assisté à Sylvicon et à notre A.G.A., je suis convaincu que vous en avez eu pour votre argent. Je pense que c'était la meilleure A.G.A. jamais. Les tâches de l'Association furent complétées le matin et l'après-midi fut préservée aux présentations. Le clou de l'A.G.A. fut la présentation du «Technicien de l'année» à Blair DeGrace. Blair est un des membres fondateurs de l'Association qui a donné plus que de son temps à l'ATFNB, une association qu'il prend à cœur. Il travaille pour (Fraser) Nexfor et est fier d'être un diplômé (1980) du «Maritime Forest Ranger School». La première présentation était un compte rendu de l'expérience acquise par des Gardes Forestiers du MRNE lors de leur travail sur les feux de forêts qui ont eu lieu à Montana E.U. en été 2000. Plusieurs gardes forestiers du N.-B. ont travaillé sur ces feux et l'approche employée en suppression était différente de la nôtre, souvent à cause de la topographie du terrain. Steve

Tulle, coordinateur de l'équipe fut la présentation. Byron Johnson, un acheteur de grumes feuillues de la Compagnie Columbia Forest Products, expliqua le processus de transformation du contre-plaqué de feuillus. Il mit beaucoup d'emphasis sur les qualités des grumes durant l'achat et son importance en vue de la production du placage destiné au contre-plaqué. Blair DeGrace expliqua le rapport entre la certification d'une entreprise forestière et le technicien(e) agréé.

John Sweeny, du Service canadien des Forêts, fut une présentation sur les dommages du Licorne Brun de l'épinette trouvé dans le Parc Point Pleasant situé sur la rive près de Halifax. Il expliqua que l'insecte est présent depuis au moins 10 ans en raison de spécimens trouvés 10 ans subséquents et conservés depuis. Une erreur dans l'identification de l'insecte, qui est semblable à un licorne natif en Nouvelle-Écosse, leur confirma la présence du Licorne Brun depuis 1990. Après une longue bataille dans les cours, ils reçurent la permission d'abattre les grosses épinettes attaquées par le Licorne comme moyen de contrôle. Les arbres une fois abattus, furent ébranchés et équarris après quoi l'on procéda à brûler les branches, l'écorce et

même la sciure provenant de ces arbres. Selon John Sweeny, ils se sentent convaincus d'avoir gagné la bataille mais peut-être pas nécessairement la guerre. En terminant, j'invite les membres à planifier d'assister à l'A.G.A. 2002. La date de la réunion est retournée au samedi, suivant Sylvicon. Nous espérons convaincre les membres de Sylvicon à changer d'une journée la conférence afin de nous permettre de continuer à participer avec les autres associations forestières de la Province à Sylvicon, en même temps d'avoir notre A.G.A. sur un samedi, ce qui permettra à plus de techniciens d'assister.

Je sollicite vos commentaires vis-à-vis l'A.G.A.. C'est votre Association ; dites-nous ce que vous aimeriez. Vous pouvez communiquer avec les membres de l'Exécutif ou votre représentant régional afin de nous faire parvenir vos commentaires.

Walter



## REMISE DES DIPLÔMES À L'ÉCOLE DES GARDES FORESTIERS DES MARITIMES CAMPUS DE BATHURST

Onze finissants ont reçu leurs diplômes de l'École des gardes forestiers à Bathurst, jeudi le 14 décembre 2000. La cérémonie a eu lieu chez Danny's Colonial House lors d'un souper qui regroupait la famille et les amis des finissants, les instructeurs du cours ainsi que les invités de la soirée. Le conférencier de la soirée était M. Rod O'Connell, Instructeur en chef, 1980-2000, retraité, de l'école des gardes forestiers. Les autres invités furent, M. Blair Vessie, représentant L'Institut Forestier du Canada et M. Roger Vienneau, propriétaire du lot boisé Vienneau.

Les gagnants des prix étaient les suivants:

Daniel Caissie de Rogersville, NB, le prix de l'Association des Techniciens (nes) Forestiers(ères) du NB pour la plus haute moyenne académique; Andrew Ellis d'Edmunston, N.B., le prix de la Ferme Forestière O'Connell pour la plus haute moyenne en Topométrie Forestière; Daniel Caissie de Rogersville, N.B., le prix de la Corporation Emballages Smurfit-Stone pour la plus haute moyenne en Sylviculture; Christian Maillet de Dieppe, N.B., le prix B.A.P. Forestry Equipment Ltd. pour la plus haute moyenne en Aménagement Forestier; Rino Daigle de Rogersville N.B., le prix de Middle River Wood Contractors pour la plus haute moyenne en Dendrométrie et Daniel Thibodeau de Ste-Anne de Madawaska, N.B., le prix de RCL Arbres Illimités Inc. pour un effort consistant en théorie et en pratique durant toute l'année.

De gauche à droite 1<sup>ère</sup> rangée : Christian Thibeault, St-Arthur, NB; Karl Branch, instructeur; Rod O'Connell, Instructeur en chef; Christian Maillet, Président de la Classe 2000, Dieppe, NB; Claude Chiasson, Directeur adjoint; Louis Caissie, instructeur. De gauche à droite 2<sup>ème</sup> rangée: Daniel Thibodeau, Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska, NB; Ghislain Fournier, Pointe-Verte, NB; André Haché, Lamèque, NB; Patrick Dobson, Bathurst, NB; Andrew Ellis, Edmundston, NB; René Plourde, Bertrand, NB; Daniel Caissie, Rogersville, NB; Rino Daigle, Rogersville, NB & Marc Blanchette, Dieppe, NB.

## GRADUATION OF FOREST TECHNICIANS FROM THE MARITIME FOREST RANGER SCHOOL BATHURST CAMPUS

Eleven graduates received their diplomas from l'École des gardes forestiers, Bathurst Campus, a branch of the Maritime Forest Ranger School in Fredericton, NB. The graduation was held on Thursday evening, December 14, 2000 at Danny's Colonial House.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Rod O'Connell, retired, Chief Instructor, École des Gardes Forestier, 1980-2000. Other guests included Blair Vessie, representing the Canadian Institute of Forestry and Roger Vienneau, a private woodlot owner.

Awards were presented to the following ;

Daniel Caissie of Rogersville, N.B., the NB Forest Technicians Association prize for the highest academic average; Andrew Ellis of Edmunston, N.B., the O'Connell Forest Farm prize for the highest average in Land Measurements; Daniel Caissie of Rogersville, N.B., the Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. prize for the highest average in Silviculture; Christian Maillet of Dieppe, N.B., the B.A. P. Forestry Equipment Ltd.

prize for the highest average in Woodlot Management; Rino Daigle of Rogersville, N.B., the Middle River Wood Contractors prize for the highest average in Mensuration and Daniel Thibodeau of Ste-Anne de Madawaska, N.B., the RCL Trees Unlimited Inc. prize for his continuous effort during the whole year. 1<sup>st</sup> row from left to right: Christian Thibeault, St-Arthur, NB, Karl Branch, Instructor; Rod O'Connell, Chief Instructor; Christian Maillet Class President for 2000, Dieppe, NB; Claude Chiasson, Associate Director; Louis Caissie, Instructor. 2<sup>nd</sup> row from left to right: Daniel Thibodeau, Ste-Anne-de-Madawaska, NB; Ghislain Fournier, Pointe-Verte, NB; André Haché, Lamèque, NB; Patrick Dobson, Bathurst, NB; Andrew Ellis, Edmundston, NB; René Plourde, Bertrand, NB; Daniel Caissie, Rogersville, NB, Rino Daigle, Rogersville, NB & Marc Blanchette, Dieppe, NB.





## NEW BRUNSWICK FOREST TECHNI- CIANS ASSOCIATION

### TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year's technician of the year award goes to Blair DeGrace. Blair is employed with Fraser Papers Inc in Plaster Rock and is a graduate of the Maritime Forest Ranger School's class of 1980. Blair started working with Fraser's shortly after graduating Ranger School. He started working in the woodlands division doing various types of cruising, and block layout. His next assignment saw him as trucking foreman where he looked after the haul for nearly 4 years. From trucking he took a position as camp foreman where he was responsible for the logging camps as well as the skidder crews working out of that location. Blair's last eight to nine years at Fraser's have been spent in the Information Services Department (IS). This job involves working with harvesting personnel and most all of the operations in the information technology side of things. Most all of Blair's career has been spent in Plaster Rock, with a few years being spent in Edmunston. Perhaps Blair's biggest accomplishment in his nearly 20-year career with Fraser's was being the coordinator for the committee, which successfully obtained ISO 14001 certification for Fraser Papers in 2000. Anyone who has worked in such a process knows the incredible amount of work put into it, and congratulations are in order. Outside of work Blair is quite involved in minor hockey with his two sons, and plays recreational hockey once in a while. Blair has been quite active in the NBFTA, he is currently involved as past president, and he chairs the Advisory Committee. His tireless efforts on behalf of the association are appreciated and applauded throughout the membership. Former classmates, co-workers, and friends of Blair's say that he has always been one to pick up everybody's spirits, and his good humor and friendly attitude have always been noticed and appreciated. Blair is a very hard working Forest Technician who deserves recognition as a professional, and who upholds the image of the Forest Technician in New Brunswick and abroad.

**CONGRATULATIONS BLAIR!**

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## We have a new Mailing Address

As of Friday April 6, 2001, the NBFTA has a new mailing address. It is familiar to most of us. Can you guess where: 1360 Regent Street, Fredericton is located. If you guessed the Ranger school you are correct. The School has made available to the NBFTA a room where we can set up a phone, receive mail and store our reports, papers and other valuable papers. When we get the phone hooked up we will publish it for you. Here is our new address:

**NBFTA  
1360 Regent Street  
Fredericton, NB  
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## CONTINUING FORESTRY EDUCATION SITES

### University of Maine

◆ [www.forest-resources.umaine.edu/opd/workshops](http://www.forest-resources.umaine.edu/opd/workshops)

### York-Sunbury-Charlotte Forest Products Marketing Board

◆ [ysc.nb.ca/courses.htm](http://ysc.nb.ca/courses.htm)

### Fundy Model Forest

◆ [www.fundymodelforest.net/e/wek\\_e/wek\\_fse.html](http://www.fundymodelforest.net/e/wek_e/wek_fse.html)

### Canadian Forest Service

◆ [www.nrcan.gc.ca/cfs-scf/index\\_e.html](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/cfs-scf/index_e.html)

### New Brunswick Forest Technician Association

◆ [www.forest-technicians.com](http://www.forest-technicians.com)

## SYLVICON – February 20-22, 2001

While attending Sylvicon at the Fredericton Motor Inn this year, my initial reaction was one of disappointment. Only about forty members of the NBFTA attended our business meeting.

When I inquired why, I heard many reasons; meeting in the middle of the week, didn't hear about it, too expensive, what's in it for me? After much thought, I offer this opinion in an attempt to address these questions. Two of them have very simple answers. Please read the information the

Association provides. If it hasn't been received, send us your change of address. The Sylvicon information package stated that it was free if you wished to attend only our business meeting.

The time of the week is a little "iffy". We have suggested to the Sylvicon committee that perhaps the event could be moved to the end of the week, but we will have to hear from the other participants before anything is decided for 2002. The last point "what's in it for me", should be changed to "what's in it for us"? This makes a big difference, and it's this difference that has prompted me to write this letter. It has been said that sometimes you have to lose a battle to win a war. That's how I look at Sylvicon. The timing affected some technicians/technologists because it was in the middle of the week. We lost individual attendance due to that fact, BUT the exposure the NBFTA garnered from this meeting was tremendous. Many high ranking members of the forestry community were in at-



**Byron Johnson,  
Columbia Forest Products**

tendance and praised our Association for what we have accomplished to date. At our Wednesday night information session many didn't realize what technicians do for a living, or how technicians/technologists form a vital part of the forestry "team". I find it hard to believe, but it's true. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001 the NBFTA grew up.

### Highlights Of Sylvicon

NBFTA members received 20 CFE Certificates out of 26 awarded for the year.

How long will it be until the technicians form a National body? Will it be CCSET or the NB-NSFTA? CIF indicate their bucks are on the our Associations. Dept. Natural Resources & Energy will be hiring full-time staff soon and a CFT status will be recognized for some of the senior positions. N.S. Forest Technicians Assn. has grown with us. PEI sent a representative to Sylvicon to obtain information re starting their own organization. The CIF National Executive & the NBFTA Executive met to explore areas of mutual benefit (CFE, Technical articles in the Forestry Chronicle, affiliation, etc.)

Continued sponsorship of the NB Forests for Easter Seals Kids in a \$1000.00 presentation at Sylvicon to Easter Seals President June Hooper by NBFTA President Walter Bidlake.

People have learned about us and respect us. With respect comes responsibility. Let's not let ourselves or others down.

Kenneth McGinn, CFT 0003



**NBFTA Executive Council Meeting April 6, 2001**

Kim Mann reported that the New Brunswick Forest Products Association will continue to be a partner in Sylvicon due to the success of the last event

. Kathy Goodwaite, DNR&E director of Human Resources attended the NBFTA social evening and was very impressed with the association. They are about to start a major hiring of technical staff. The format for Lunch Entertainment will be repeated next year, possibly with (brother of DNR Deputy Minister) Don Ferguson and others. Unfortunately, NBFTA had the lowest attendance at an AGM since we started. For this reason, Sylvicon will move to the end of week to accommodate our AGM on Saturday.

Further, advertising of the event need to indicate clearly that there is no charge to attend the AGM. On a positive note, the event broke even and Sylvicon now has a surplus of \$3,758.00 We need to poll the membership for ideas for next years Sylvicon for Theme, Topic and Speakers. Anyone with ideas please contact Kim Mann.

NBFTA will lobby the government for a change to regulation 90-136 under the Clean Water Act. Currently, the regulation states that only RPF's can approve a harvest plan in a watershed. The proposal is to grant this authority to CFT's as well.

Blair Degrace pointed out the potential benefits for CFT,s and it will probably help to raise the profile of NBFTA. Walter Bidlake is going to discuss the matter with ARPFNB to ensure that they understand our intentions.

NBFTA will get a phone line of our own with a voice mail box.

There will be an advertising campaign promoting NBFTA with ads in the Telegraph Journal and Acadie Nouvelle.

Scholarships for C.F.E. is available and an application form is available on our website.

Forest Extension - letter to Honorable Volpe by Blair DeGrace about the recent demise of the Extension branch of DNR&E.

Financial Report: to end of February

The NBFTA has \$18,134.58 in the bank, Paid up CFT members 57/97, Regular members: 146, 203 paid up members in total

Rick Doucette reported that the Treehouse and other organizations are sponsoring an environmental education program for highschools called Envirothon. They are looking for our sponsorship. All logos from sponsor will be on T-Shirts . NBFTA will sponsor a breakfast for the event.

Report from Nova Scotia: The NSFTA has 78 CFT,s 144 members in total. The two organizations, NBFTA and NSFTA will take turns to serve as voting members on the MFRS Board of Governors, two years each.

Reciprocity by-laws have been passed by both organizations, and Certification of Technicians in one province will now be recognized in the other.

Azimuth - Pat Lagerlöf reported that there are problems with getting enough contributions on time. We are especially looking for contributions from the regions. MFRS student column is a definite possibility, depending on interest.

Shawn Farrell - will look into Junior Ranger Program and report back to the Executive.

Graduating students of recognized technical schools may receive a free membership in NBFTA, just like in Nova Scotia.

NBFTA will spend up to \$3,000.00 to bring in one of the speakers for three one-day training sessions on Hardwood management

Second Vice-President Andre Babin - resigned position to do work requirements.

There is some interest among PEI forest Technicians to form an association, possibly connected with NBFTA.

## Continuing Forestry Education

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At our past Annual General Meeting February 21, 2001, a constitutional change was voted on concerning Continuing Forestry Education. This change will affect those certified members who've had their certification expire.

### Old Constitution

12.4-3 *A certified member shall maintain their technical competence through participation in Continuing Forestry Education (CFE).*

### **Proposed Constitution Change :**

12.4-3 *To maintain their certification, a certified member shall, within three years of initial certification receive their certificate in Continuing Forestry Education (CFE). The Continuing Forestry Education certificate must be maintained every three years by its anniversary date to maintain certification.*

Because this change was passed, certified technicians who have expired certifications by February 21, 2001 will now have to meet this criteria by the Annual general Meeting 2002 which will take place during Silvicon 2001 (third week of February). Any certified technicians whose CFE date expires after the 2001 AGM will follow the guidelines set forth in the NBFTA constitution. Presently, we have twenty CFT's who have expired certifications and we encourage you to send in a CFE form. If you do not have a form, please contact one of the committee members and the form will be made available to you. We've been in the process of addressing Category 1 hours (structured learning). Two ideas we have put in place are:

1) scholarship grant has been established to assist CFT's in need of financial assistance

2. A video library has been made available for us to use. Videos can be signed out and viewed. Upon completion, the CFT is required to write a ½ page summary on the viewed video. A copy of the Grant application and video library listing will be made available on the NBFTA website in the near future.

Also for the first time, we held an afternoon technical session with three speakers and due to these presentations; this year's AGM was worth 4.5 Category 1 hours instead of the usual 2 hours as in the past. The overall response to the presentations was good and will be an anticipated session of future AGM's. We are trying to establish some regional technical talks possibly in conjunction with the ARPFB and CIF. If you or another technician has an idea about a possible technical talk or knows of any upcoming talks or workshops, could you please contact the committee and we will attempt to pass the information on.

Shawn Farrell, CFT  
CFE Committee Chair

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you are interested in becoming **Certified** you must have completed thirty-six (36) months of post graduate forestry experience and you must return the following information at least one month (whenever applicable) prior to the writing date in order to be eligible to write the exam on the announced date.

1. The appropriate application form, well completed.
2. A copy of your Forest Technician School Diploma.
3. Letters of recommendation from 2 CFT's who are members of this Association.
4. \$30.00 examination fee.

Once the application is received, you will be notified as to the time and place the exam will be held. Whenever possible, the exams are held in each of the 5 DNRE regions of the province.

**Note:** The exam shall last 4 hours and you must attain a minimum passmark of 75%.

Send the above information to:

Rick Doucett

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**There will be a certification exam held on September 05, 2001. The location(s) are not set, as it will depend on where the interested members are from. If any members have any questions regarding the certification process, I would ask that they contact myself or any other member of the Certification Committee. Thank You. Rick Doucett**



**2001 Schedule of Forestry Courses****CFE Credits**

Introduction to GIS Data Maintenance with GPS	June 20, 21, 22	TBA
Hardwood Tree Investment	August 25	TBA
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	September 5, 6, 7	19
Silviculture II: Stand Development	September 17 – 21	TBA
Introduction to Horse Logging Systems	September 20, 21, 22	TBA
Introduction to Hardwood Log Quality	September 27 & 28	14
Forest Mushroom Identification	September 28 & 29	TBA
Advanced Hardwood Management	October 1 – 5	35
Practical Planning for Partial Cuts	November 5 – 8	TBA
GEO III GPS Training	November 21, 22, 23	21
Pro XR, XL, & GEO II GPS Training	November 26, 27, & 28	21
Advanced GPS Mapping Seminar	November 29	7
Supervisory Development for Forestry Personnel	December 3 - 7	31.5

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## **Avis Important**

**Si vous désirez tenter l'examen d'agrément vous devrez posséder trente-six mois d'expérience pertinente acceptable suivant l'obtention de votre diplôme. Vous devrez aussi retourner l'information suivante un mois (lorsqu'applicable) à l'avance de la date d'examen pour nous permettre de vous préparer ; L'application, bien complétée.**

1. Une copie de votre diplôme de l'école de foresterie dont vous êtes diplômé.
2. Deux lettres de recommandations de membres agréés de cette Association.
3. Un frais administratif de \$30.00.

**Lorsque votre application aura été reçu, vous serez informé du lieu et l'heure de l'examen. Lorsque possible, les examens ont lieu dans chacune des régions administratives du MRNE.**

**Notez:** L'examen est d'une durée de quatre heures et la note de réussite est 75%.

Veuillez poster-le tout à:

Rick Doucett

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# NBFTA Membership Application/Demande d'adhésion à L'ATFNB

New member  
Membre nouveau

Renewal  
Renouvellement

Other  
Autre

First Name Prénom :: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: *Nom*: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Forest Technical Education / Éducation Forestière**

Please attach copy of diploma / Veuillez inclure une copie de votre diplôme  
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**Note: Please send 2 letters of recommendations from Certified Forest Technicians**  
**Noter: S.V.P. inclure deux lettres de recommandation de Techniciens (ne) Forestiers(ère) Agréés.**

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**Selected relevant sections of Legislation pertaining to the Certification exam.**

# **Sections des lois faisant objet à l'examen de certification**

1. **Crown Lands and Forests Act** (Valeur/Value 17%)  
*Loi sur les terres et forêts de la Couronne*  
  - Definitions, pages 5-8
  - Sections 28, 29(1) -(9), 30(1) (2), 31, 32, 39, 41(1) - (3), 48, 49(1) - (3), 56(1), 67(1), 67.1(1) - (3), 68(1) - (2), 68.1, 73, 74, 75(1).
  
2. **Occupational Health and Safety Act** (Valeur/Value 15%)  
*Loi sur l'hygiène et la sécurité au travail*  
  - Definitions
  - Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19
  - Reg. 92 - 133 1 - 8
  - Reg. 88 - 221 5 - 6(4)
  
3. **Forest Fires Act / Loi sur les incendies de forêts** (Valeur/Value 11%)  
  - Definitions, pages 2-4
  - Entire Act/ Loi entière
  - Reg. 84-204 1-16(3)
  
4. **Pesticides Control Act** (Valeur/Value 8%)  
*Loi sur le contrôle des pesticides*  
  - Definitions, pages 1-3
  - Sections 4, 6(1), 6(2), 9, 14, 15, 16(2), 18(1)-(2), 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 24.1
  
5. **Clean Water Act / Loi sur l'assainissement de l'eau** (Valeur/Value 5%)  
  - Definitions, pages 3-10
  - Sections 3(1) - (3), 9, 10(1), 10(2) A B, 12(1) ABC
  - Reg. 90-80 1-22(2)
  
6. **Scalers Act / Loi sur les mesureurs** (Valeur/Value 5%)  
  - Sections 1, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13
  
7. **Trespass Act / Loi sur les actes d'intrusion** (Valeur/Value 3%)  
  - Definitions, pages 2-5
  - Sections 2.1(1), 2.2(F-G), 3(1) - (3), 7(1) - (4), 9, 10
  
8. **NBFTA Code of Ethics / Code de déontologie de l'ATFNB** (Valeur/Value 36%)

## Guidelines for application for Continuing Forestry Education Scholarships

1. CFE Scholarship funds are intended to assist Technicians experiencing financial difficulty (e.g. Unemployed and seasonally employed applicants in low paying jobs).  
CFE dollars are not intended for Technicians benefiting from full time or high end seasonal employment.
2. To qualify, each applicant must have a minimum of 100 combined hours in all three categories (as listed on CFE application).
3. Each applicant may only apply during the second and third year as specified in the CFE program guidelines.
4. Each applicant must be able pay fifty percent of the total cost of the course (either dollars or in kind).  
The total cost will include course tuition cost, travel expenses (gas) and living expenses (accommodations and meals).
5. Each applicant may only apply for a total of sixty hours in the one-year period.
6. Application must be received forty-five days before commencement of course.
7. Course information must be attached to application.
8. Proof of course completion must be sent to CFE committee.
9. Please include a brief explanation why you are in need of financial assistance,

The application form is available on the NBFTA website :<http://www.forest-technicians.com>

### ADOPT-A -HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Some of the regional representatives have expressed interest in the Adopt-A-Highway program that is administered by the Tree House. I would like those regional representatives to get a group of NBFTA members in their area together and pick out two or three stretches of provincial highway to adopt. The reason to pick several possible stretches of highway is in case some areas are not available, not so you will have to look after many different stretches of highway. I would like to see at least one stretch of highway per region adopted.

Almost any provincial highway is available to be adopted if it does not already have a sponsor. The stretches have to be a minimum of five kilometers in rural areas and 3 kilometers in urban areas. Clean up along these highways must take place twice a year, in the spring between April 15 and June 30 and in the fall between September 01 and October 31. The Department of Transportation will supply the materials needed for the clean up and will pick up the garbage at roadside.

There will be a sign erected at each end of the stretch of road adopted. The sign will indicate that The New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association has sponsored that highway. If each region has enough members helping with the clean up it would go quite quickly and may allow for a good regional meeting before or after the clean up.

If anyone wants more information on this worthwhile project, you can contact me at 458-6842 or [rdoucett@nbpower.com](mailto:rdoucett@nbpower.com).

Rick Doucett, CFT



**RECIPROCITY (Cont fr. Page 1)**

A NBFTA, CFT must work in Nova Scotia in accordance to the Acts & Regulations pertaining to the Province of Nova Scotia and in accordance with the NSFTA Code of Ethics.

A NBFTA, CFT will notify the First Vice-President of the NSFTA of the location and duration of the work in Nova Scotia.

Any disciplinary measures taken against an NBFTA, CFT are applicable in New Brunswick.

There is more to the agreement than what is written here and any NBFTA, Certified Forest Technician that will be working in Nova Scotia, must become familiar with the entire agreement. This agreement is very timely, as there has been a increase in demand for Certified Forest Technicians in Nova Scotia, because of changes to rules that allow access to Silviculture funds.

Rick Doucett

**ENVIROTHON (Cont. fr. Page 1)**

origin. (A good example is rainwater runoff carrying such things as oil, pesticides, pet dropping, etc.)

The other partners involved in this effort are, The New Brunswick Forest Products Association, The Maritime Forest Ranger School, The Fundy Model Forest, The Departments of Education, Environment and Natural Resources and Energy, Natural Resources Canada, and JD Irving Limited. The competition took place in Fredericton on May 17-19 and was quite tough. A review of the subjects and questions involved in the competition showed that a team had to be well prepared to come out as the winner. The team that won the competition will be the New Brunswick representative at the North American Competition. For more information on Envirothon, you can checkout the Canadian Forestry Association's web site at [www.canadianforestry.com](http://www.canadianforestry.com).

Rick Doucett

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**NOTICE**

If you have any subject that may be of interest or benefit to the membership please submit it to the editor. We are always on the look-out for your submissions.

## **THEFT AND TRESPASS: IMPACT ON LANDOWNERS AND INDUSTRY**



A report with the above title, was released by the Department of Natural Resources and Energy in February 2001. The report was compiled by a working group of many different stakeholders in the forestry and agricultural industry and contains 14 recommendations to try and address the serious problems of wood theft and trespassing. These 14 recommendations are split into 4 sections, enforcement, legislation, education and prevention.

A group of stakeholders has formed New Brunswick's Coalition Against Wood Theft and Trespass and has been charged with implementing the education section of the report. The coalition partners are, YSC Forest Products Marketing Board, New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners, New Brunswick Forest Products Association, The Federation of Agriculture, Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors, RCMP and The Province of New Brunswick.

This group has met many times over the past 3 months and is making good progress with its mandate. It has developed and implemented a 3 day information session for the RCMP . The session was held in early April and was received very well by the members involved. A pamphlet has also been developed to inform the general public of the seriousness of these problems and what they can do to help.

Radio, Newspaper and Television Ads are now being developed.

The focus of the ads will be on a variety of aspects pertaining to the problems of wood theft and trespass. They will focus on reporting suspicious logging activity, the cost of wood theft to landowners and taxpayers, property damage to farms and woodlots by motorized vehicles and respecting landowners rights.

In the areas of enforcement and legislation some of the recommendations are, to assign full market value to wood stolen, increase fines for unlawful harvest of Crown timber, examine the enforceability of the blue, yellow and red disks system and proclaim the Primary Forest Products Act.

More information is available at [www.gnb.ca/0078/reports/woodtheft.htm](http://www.gnb.ca/0078/reports/woodtheft.htm).

## CONTINUING FORESTRY EDUCATION PROGRAM LECTURE SERIES

### Hardwood Management Strategies

Hardwoods comprise 32 percent of the volume in New Brunswick as pure or mixedwood stands. Interest in hardwood management is increasing throughout the Province. As part of the Continuing Forestry Education Program, the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick, the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association, and the Maritime Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry have invited two distinguished hardwood specialists to provide timely information based on their research and experience on selected topics in hardwood management. A local speaker has also been selected to set the stage for the regional history and concerns with hardwood management. The information from this lecture series is not only intended for the membership of these professional organizations, but for anyone interested in the management of the hardwood resource in the northern United States and the Maritime Provinces. The objective of these lectures is to increase awareness of hardwood management alternatives and promote a discussion towards the continual development of hardwood silviculture.

Date	Location	Place
19 June 2001	Fredericton	Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre, 1350 Regent Street South
20 June 2001	Dalhousie	Best Western Manoir, 385 Adelaide Street
21 June 2001	St. Leonard	Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 d'Union Street

**FEE:** \$20 for Members, \$40 for non-members

**CFE CREDITS:** 6.5 Hrs

#### REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

Registration forms and Agenda for the sessions are available on the NBFTA Website: <http://www.forest-technicians.com>

In order to assist the members of organization committee and assure a seat at the lecture presentation, please register as early as possible. Send the form with payment to one of the addresses below:

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