

NEW BRUNSWICK FOREST TECHNICIAN'S ASSOCIATION

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NBFTA NEWS

2017 NBFTA AGM

The 2017 AGM was held at the Beausejour Hotel in Moncton, in conjunction with the spring CWF meeting, and attendance was excellent. Riley led an informative meeting with a variety of topics covered during the three hour session. Gerry Redmond gave an update on the status of MCFT Fredericton, and informed us that he would be retiring in late April and a new director would be taking over. Todd MacPherson gave an update on continuing education at MCFT. Executive and Committee chair reports were given, and a few ongoing initiatives regarding email contact, online dues payment options and membership concerns were discussed.

Continuing education certificates were handed out at the end of the meeting. There was consensus that the 2018 AGM would be held in Moncton again, in conjunction with the 2018 CWF spring meeting. Full meeting minutes can be viewed at www.nbfta.org.

NBFTA June Executive Meeting

A conference call was held on June 5, 2017. Various items were discussed during the call, but as usual membership numbers were a hot topic. A challenge was issued for each member to bring a new technician into the fold in 2017/18. A few initiatives over the summer will include arranging a meeting with the new MCFT director, Tim Marshall, and confirming the NBFTA's involvement with the Canadian Woodlands Forum fall meeting. The next executive meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2017.

Complete minutes of the meeting are available and can be viewed on the NBFTA website, www.nbfta.org.

2017 CWF Fall Meeting

The Canadian Woodlands Forum 2017 fall meeting is being held in Woodstock NB on October 4th and 5th at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center. Watch for program and registration details at www.cwfcf.org.



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi Folks,

It is nice that summer has finally arrived, but the weather has certainly been hairy so far, it's wet, then it's dry, then it's quite wet again!

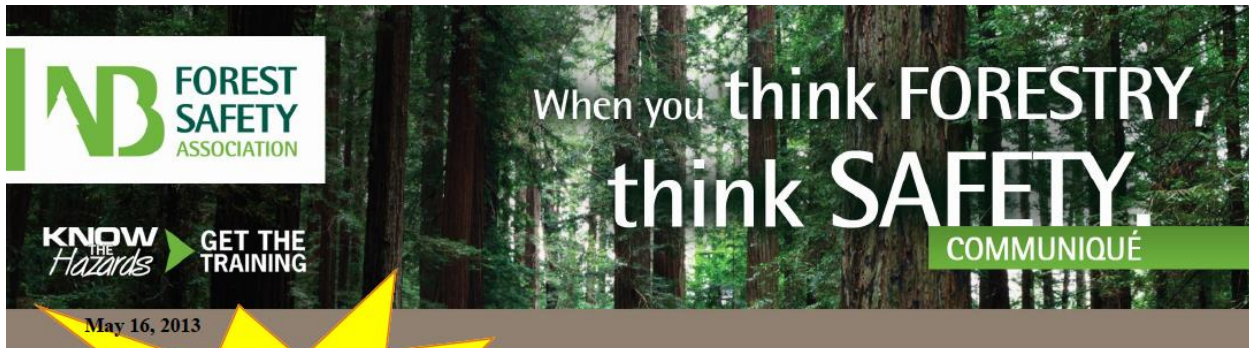
The NBFTA held another successful AGM in Moncton in conjunction with the CWF Spring Meeting in April. There was good attendance at the meeting and a broad range of NBFTA matters were discussed. Gerry Redmond Director of the Maritime College of Forest Technology provided an update on the College, however, Gerry has decided to retire and move on to other adventures. I would like to express my thanks to Gerry for the support he has given the Association during his time as Director at the College.

On June 5th the Executive Committee had the first Executive meeting of the 2017-18 year. The meeting was very productive and our action items were decided for the summer of 2017. At both the AGM and the first executive meeting membership was identified as the most important priority for the association at this time. We have a healthy contingent of regular members and CFT's, but we should always be looking to grow this group. At the AGM, Blair challenged everyone there to find another member; I would like to extend that invitation to everyone reading this newsletter. The NBFTA does many good things for forestry and technicians in the province. We support the Atlantic Teachers Tour, provide scholarships and awards to students at the MCFT campuses, and this year we shared the cost with the Nova Scotia Forest Technicians Association for the after-party band for the MCFT 2017 graduating class. As an association, we have to be prudent with our funds to ensure it is good value for the membership.

On June 16th, Blair DeGrace, Chris Finnamore, Paul Gilmore and I met with Tim Marshall, the new Executive Director at MCFT. Mr. Marshall has considerable experience in post-secondary education and should help to bring a fresh set of eyes to one of the best forestry education institutions in Canada (if I say the best I may be questioned on it). On behalf of the NBFTA I would like to wish Mr. Marshall the best of luck in his new role and we look forward to continuing our great relationship with the MCFT and building a new one with Mr. Marshall!

I hope everyone has a good summer, and that everyone gets the vacation time they deserve and for those that don't work in the woods each day, hopefully you get time to get out.

Best Regards,
Riley Côté-DeMerchant
CFT 139
President, NBFTA



HAZARD ALERT!

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is here in New Brunswick. Know about it, prepare for it and protect against it!



Figure 1: Blacklegged tick on foliage.

Photo: Public Health Agency of Canada



Figure 2: Adult female blacklegged ticks in various stages of feeding.

Photo: Public Health Agency of Canada

What can you do?

If your employees work outside they need to be informed about Lyme Disease and the importance of preventing and reporting tick bites. While Lyme Disease can be effectively treated with antibiotics in the early stages, if left untreated it can become a serious and debilitating disease with symptoms lasting years. To monitor this **potential occupational disease**, the NB Forest Safety Association recommends companies adopt a procedure for tick screening, documenting and reporting tick bites. Employees should be instructed on how to properly store and record any ticks removed so that the tick will be available for testing in the event that the individual develops symptoms of Lyme Disease.

How to protect against Lyme Disease?

- Wear long sleeved shirt
- Tuck pant legs into boots or duct tape boot legs
- Wear light clothing so ticks will be more visible
- Use insect repellent containing **DEET**
- Screen yourself daily upon returning from the woods

For more information:

www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/lyme-fs-eng.php

www.canlyme.com/

www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/CDC/LymeDiseaseBrochure.pdf

www.tickencounter.org





Alerte de Danger

Maladie de Lyme

La maladie de Lyme est ici dans Nouveau Brunswick. Soyez informé, préparez-vous et protégez-vous contre cela!



Figure 1 : Tique à pattes noires sur du feuillage

Photo : Agence de la santé publique du Canada



Figure 2 : Femelles adultes de la tique à pattes noires, à divers stades d'engorgement

Photo : Agence de la santé publique du Canada

Que pouvez-vous faire ?

Si vos employés travaillent à l'extérieur, ils doivent être informés sur la maladie de Lyme et sur l'importance de prévenir et de rapporter les piqûres de tiques. Même si la maladie de Lyme peut être traitée de façon efficace avec des antibiotiques au tout début, sachez que si elle n'est pas traitée, la maladie peut devenir sérieuse et être composée de symptômes qui peuvent se manifester pendant des années. Pour surveiller cette **maladie potentiellement professionnelle**, l'Association de sécurité de forêt du NB recommande que les compagnies adoptent une procédure pour le dépistage des tiques, la documentation ainsi que le rapport des piqûres de tiques. Les employés devraient être informés sur la façon appropriée de documenter et de garder les tiques retirées de la personne pour que celles-ci soient disponibles à tester dans l'éventualité que la personne développe des symptômes reliés à la maladie de Lyme.

Comment protéger contre la Maladie de Lyme ?

- Protegez des chandails à manches longues ajusté aux poignets
- Portez des pantalons longs tout en enfilant leurs extrémités dans vos chaussettes ou vos bottes,
- Portez des vêtements de couleur pâle; il sera plus facile de détecter les tiques.
- Appliquez des insectifuges contenant du DEET
- Vérifiez attentivement si des tiques se sont agrippées à vous après avoir travaillé dans le bois

SOURCES DE FORMATION ET D'ÉDUCATION:

www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/lyme-fs-eng.php
www.canlyme.com/
www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/CDC/LymeDiseaseBrochure.pdf
www.tickencounter.org



NBFTA TECH OF THE YEAR AWARD

If you know a good candidate, please submit a nomination!

NBFTA TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association (NBFTA) will annually recognize a member of the Association for outstanding achievement. The award will recognize the achievements or contributions of a forest technician / technologist to forestry. The award shall be awarded only once to an individual.

Selection Committee

A committee of three, including a member of the Executive who will act as chair of this committee, a former recipient of the award, and a non-member of the association shall have the responsibility of collecting nominations and determining the winner of this award. They shall also have the responsibility of making sure that the winner is present at the AGM to receive the award.

Nominations

Any member of the NBFTA may be nominated for this award. A member of the Association or a member of the public may make a nomination for this award, nominations shall be sent to the chair of the publicity committee by December 31, prior to the AGM of the association. In order for a nomination to be accepted it must be signed by two members of the NBFTA. A resume of the individual being nominated must accompany the nomination.

Promotion

A picture of the winner shall be published in the Azimuth. A suitable permanent location has been established at the Maritime College of Forest Technology to display award winners.

Evaluation Criteria

A nominee for the Technician of the Year Award shall exhibit the following:

- Is a member in good standing of the NBFTA
- Demonstrate adherence to the code of ethics of the NBFTA
- Demonstrate initiative in progressing forest technical/technological field
- Be recognized by her/his peers as a leader in forestry
- Demonstrate a commitment to continuing education
- Demonstrate a commitment to the NBFTA

Recognition

The recognition will consist of a plaque and the personal award to be presented at the AGM of the NBFTA.

Nomination Report Forms should be forwarded to:

NBFTA, c/o Secretary

Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex

Fredericton NB, 1350 Regent Street, E3C 2G6

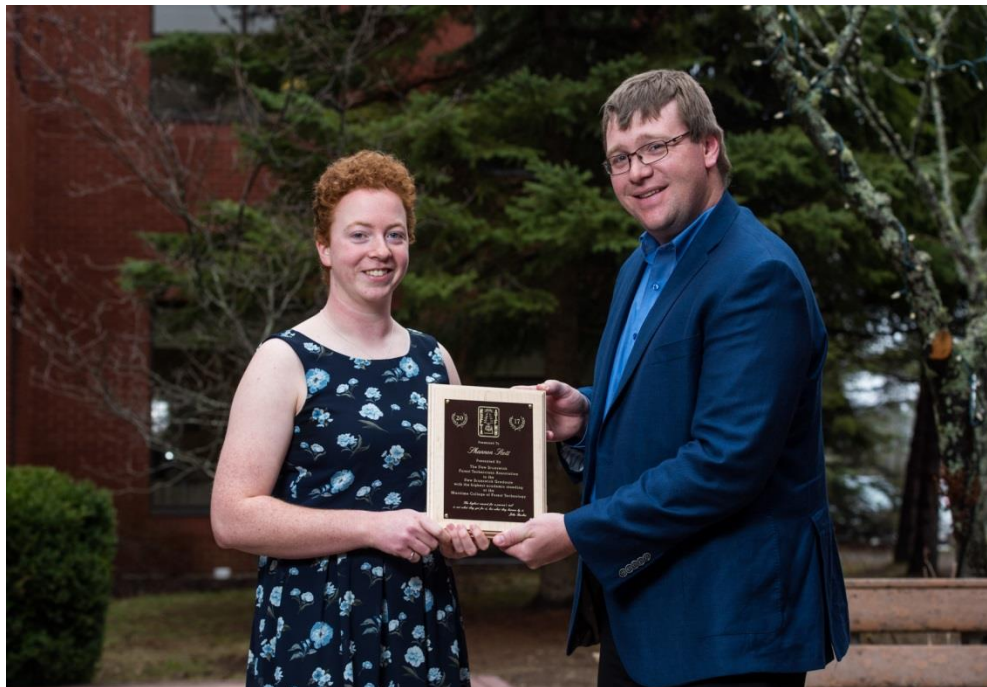
Or E-mailed to: contact@nbfta.org

Or fax to: 356-4281 (Attention Blair DeGrace)

NBFTA AWARD 2017



Pictured above is Alexis Savoie, winner of the NBFTA award for the highest academic standing for a New Brunswick student at MCFT Bathurst. Jonathan DeGrace was on hand at the April graduation ceremony to present the award (photo courtesy of Jonathan DeGrace)



Shannon Scott, winner of the NBFTA award for the highest academic standing for a New Brunswick student at MCFT Fredericton campus, receives her award from NBFTA president Riley Côté-DeMerchant (photo courtesy of MCFT)

NBFTA SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the 2017 NBFTA scholarship recipients Morgan Doucett (MCFT Fredericton) and Jason Brideau-Chiasson (MCFT Bathurst). Editor's apology, at the time of publishing there was no photo available of the Bathurst presentation to Jason. Well done guys, and best of luck in the future!



Morgan Doucett receives the 2017 NBFTA Scholarship for the MCFT Fredericton campus from NBFTA president Riley Côté-DeMerchant (photo courtesy of Adrian Pearson, MCFT).

Continuing Education Certificates



Continuing Education certificates were handed out at the 2017 AGM. (Left to right – Riley Côté-DeMerchant, John Green, Fred Harris, Dustin Corey, Rick Doucett) Absent–Tim Wirtanen, Sebastian Roy, Gilles Gallant, Marcel Manuel.

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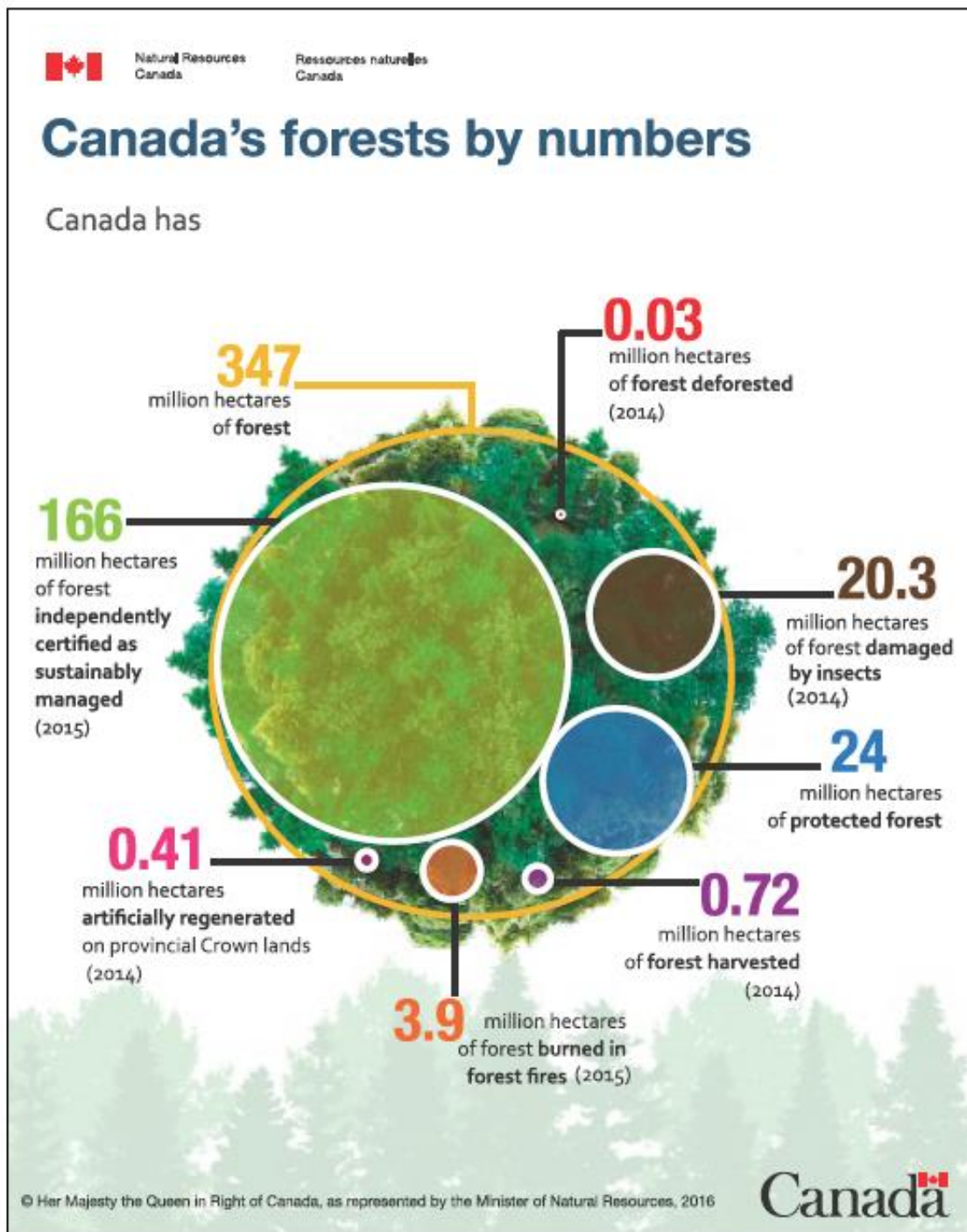
Acadian Timber Student Planters

Acadian Timber was pleased to recently host a group of eager tree planters from the Grade 1 and 2 classes at Donald Fraser Memorial School in Plaster Rock. On June 15, a group of 28 students and 3 teachers visited a tree planting operation in the Plaster Rock area and planted 200 seedlings, and learned a little bit about forestry. They did a great job (of course we bribed them with pizza!). Great day enjoyed by all.



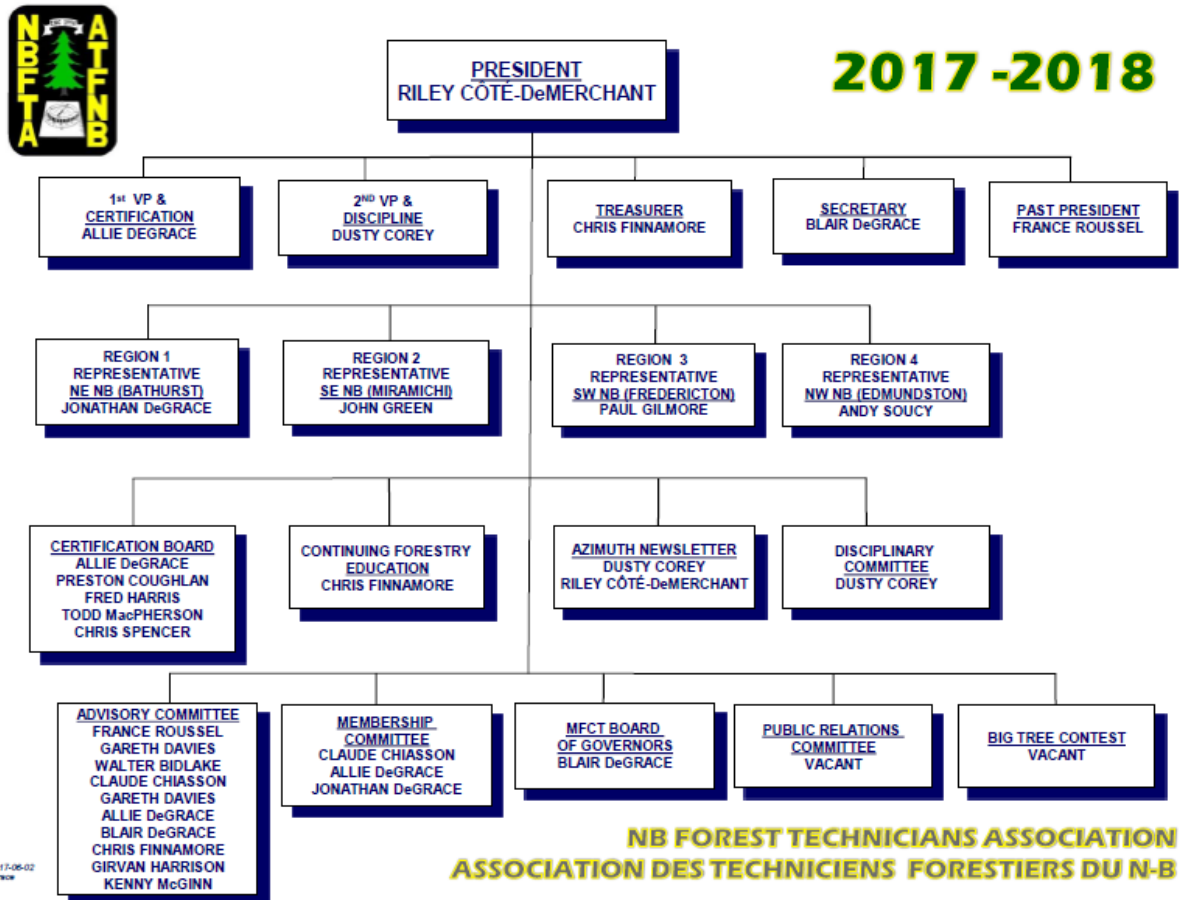
Future forest technicians from DFMS in Plaster Rock (photo D Corey).

Canadian Forests at a Glance



The chart above was excerpted from the CWF Spring 2017 newsletter.

NBFTA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



"Don't count the days, make the days count."

Muhammad Ali

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PARTING WORDS

Summer is finally here – the busy season for forest technicians is underway! I wish everyone a safe and productive summer/fall season, and hope that everyone finds this issue of the Azimuth to be informative and interesting. We added in interesting alert on Lyme disease at the suggestion of Andy Soucy, Region #4 representative. This is a relatively new concern to us in this part of the world, but certainly something to be taken serious. Instances of tick bites have been increasing in the southern part of the province for the last several years, and are now being reported in northern reaches as well.

Thanks to all who contributed to make this issue come together. If you have ideas on material for future issues, or have articles or pictures to contribute, please contact me or Riley.

Cheers

Dustin Corey, CFT #106



A white spruce seedling has found a home in Northern NB, spring 2017 (photo D Corey).