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NBFTA NEWS

2018 NBFTA AGM

The 2018 NBFTA AGM was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Moncton on April 5th at 1pm. As in years past, the AGM was held in conjunction with the Canadian Woodlands Forum spring meeting, which took place on April 4th and 5th, at the same location. The AGM was well attended, with many important topics discussed. A highlight of the meeting was when invited guest Tim Marshall, MCFT director, gave us an update of what was going on at the school, including the ongoing curriculum review. Todd MacPherson discussed the continuing education at the school, and Andre Arsenault was on hand to update the membership on the activities of the MCFT/MFRS Alumni Association. Complete minutes of the meeting are available and can be viewed on the NBFTA website, www.nbfta.org.

2018 CWF Spring Meeting

The Canadian Woodlands Forum 2018 spring meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Moncton on April 4th and 5th. Participants were treated to some excellent technical sessions on both days. Keynote speakers Chrystiane Mallaley and Kevin McCann of National Public Relations captured the interest of the audience with a presentation about rebuilding public trust in the forest industry. Other speakers covered a wide range of topics over the two days, from the implications of cannabis legalization on the workplace, forest trucking and harvesting, to LIDAR, Enhanced Forest Inventory, Biomass and Climate change. The event was very well attended, with approximately 355 delegates registered. The fall meeting is scheduled for October 17-18, 2018 in Truro, Nova Scotia. Details about upcoming CWF events can be viewed at www.cwfcf.org.



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello fellow technicians and other readers,

It's hard to believe that July is here already. Spring rolled by very quickly changing from way too wet to way too dry in a matter of days. But it seems we are starting to get a bit of the rain we desperately need.

Over the last several years, the forest industry in the province has faced some significant challenges and I would expect that most of faced them to some degree in our everyday responsibilities. Even though the future is still a bit unsettled, it seems we have overcome some of those challenges thanks to increased demand and prices for our products. Hopefully this demand continues for some time and keeps stability in place. It seems every time we go through a down turn, there are a few more casualties and a few less people returning to the woods.

I would encourage everyone reading to promote the membership of the association to those colleagues who are not members. The NBFTA has clear objectives that any forest technician or technologist who is dedicated to the profession, forestry and future generations certainly cannot argue against:

- *To enhance the image of and encourage cooperation among Forest Technicians/ Technologists in New Brunswick.*
- *To provide one voice on forestry issues as they relate to Forest Technicians/ Technologists.*
- *To evaluate the qualifications (academic and experience) of graduate technicians/technologists who apply for membership in the Association and issue accreditation with respect thereto.*
- *To promote and assist in the continuing education of Forest Technicians/ Technologists and foster high standards.*
- *To promote the protection and enhancement of the New Brunswick biosphere.*
- *To cooperate as much as possible with all associations with similar interests.*

As part of our contribution to the future and to encourage professional participation, the NBFTA gives a \$500.00 scholarship annually to a worthy individual entering their second year at a recognized Forest Technician/Technologist Program. In addition to this, the NBFTA gives out a prize at each MCFT campus (Fredericton and Bathurst) at graduation to the New Brunswick student (original residence) with the highest academic standing. This year the scholarship and the Fredericton Campus award went to David Vernon Sterling Flynn, from Stanley, NB. I was very appreciative of the opportunity to present this award.



Above - Riley Côté-DeMerchant (l), President of the NBFTA, presents the NBFTA Award to David Flynn (r) at the graduation ceremony in Fredericton on April 20, 2018.

Finally, I thought it would be good to give an honorable mention to Taylor Rossignol. Taylor graduated from High School in June and will be working at the Carleton-Victoria Wood Producers Association for the summer before starting at MCFT Fredericton in September. Taylor will certainly gain some experience this summer that I certainly wish I would have had before going to MCFT. I would like to wish Taylor the best of luck in the coming months.



Above - Taylor Rossignol, will be working at CVWPA this summer and attending MCFT Fredericton this fall

In the coming months the Executive will continue to work in the interests of fellow Technicians/ Technologists and we will be seeking to increase our membership as our primary goal. It's easier said than done, but if we all bring one new member to the table, it would be a great accomplishment and I challenge everyone reading to do just that.

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

NBFTA AWARD Presentation

On April 20th, the 37th graduation ceremony was held at the Maritime College of Forest Technology in Bathurst, New Brunswick. At this ceremony, 11 graduates of the Forest Technology Program received their well-deserved diplomas. The NBFTA's highest academic average award was presented to Mr. Joey Martin of Saint-Joseph de Madawaska, New Brunswick.

Joey's dedication, hard work, personality and professional ethics merited this award. Joey has a passion for forest management, especially logging and private woodlot development. Joey will be a great addition to our profession!



Allie DeGrace (l), Vice President of the NBFTA, presents the NBFTA Award to Joey Martin(r) at the graduation ceremony in Bathurst on April 20, 2018.

2018 CWF Spring Meeting



Moncton Abuzz the Week of April 3-6, 2018

With the CWF 2018 Spring Meeting and 99th Annual General Meeting along with the 2018 Atlantic Heavy Equipment Show later in the week, Moncton was certainly the place to network with members of the forestry sector!

The 2018 Spring Meeting and 99 Annual General Meeting of members held on April 4-5, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Moncton, NB offered the 355 delegates a great day and a half of technical information, updates and the opportunity to connect with other members of the forest community from across Canada and the U.S.

Our keynote address with Chrystiane Mallaley and Kevin McCann with National Public Relations led the way and launched an impressive line-up of topics with over 45 speakers touching on health and wellness in the workplace, mentorship, vegetation management, enhanced forest inventory, connecting biomass feedstock producers and end users, the Logging Operations Group, and two great sessions on forest trucking and transportation.

In addition to the informative sessions, Jack McMillan from Guthrie Enterprises Ltd. was recognized as recipient of the 2018 Atlantic Outstanding Logging Contractor of the Year Award; delegates also enjoyed a great evening during the Log a Load for Kids Canada "Fund Raiser" and through the generosity of everyone who contributed, over \$5,000 was raised in support of the Children's Hospital foundations in the region.

Our sincere thanks to all of our speakers and those who attended our spring meeting.

And finally, we would like to thank all of the sponsors for stepping up to the "plate" and making the 2018 Spring Meeting a huge success! **(Excerpted from CWF Spring newsletter)**



Above – Peter Robichaud, CWF Executive Director (l) and Atlantic Outstanding Contractor of the Year Award winner, Jack McMillan (r)

MCFT Continuing Education 2018 Update



Visit our website at ce.mcft.ca

Department of Continuing Education

Schedule valid until November 30th, 2018

	Dates	CFE Credits
Summer Ranger Camp – ForestRanger.ca	Jun 25 – Aug 10	N/A
Wetland Specialist Training with emphasis on Wetland Delineation - Ralph Tiner	Jul 16-20	32
Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones) Ground School	Aug 21, 22, & 23	16
Basic Arborist Tree Climbing/Work Positioning Workshop	Aug 28, 29, & 30	18
Certified Basic Chainsaw Safety, Maintenance, & Operation	Aug 28, 29, & 30	21
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Nov 5, 6, & 7	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Nov 7, 8, & 9	14
Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones) Ground School	Nov 20, 21 & 22	16
New Brunswick Watercourse Alteration Certification	Nov 26 – 30	28

We can do private offerings of any course. Please email ce@mcft.ca or call 506-458-0649.

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Emerald Ash Borer

The recent discovery of an invasive pest in northwest New Brunswick has many people concerned, and sparked NB ERD and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to hold an information session on June 13 at the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Center in Fredericton. Sandy St.Amand of the CFIA explained that the pest was discovered in the city of Edmundston this spring. An observant resident noticed damage to some ash trees, and contacted city officials, who then contacted the CFIA. Samples of larvae taken from the damaged trees were tested, confirming the presence of EAB in New Brunswick for the first time.

EAB was first confirmed in Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario in 2002 and has been steadily working its way south and east ever since.

So far, Edmundston is the only spot in the province where EAB has been confirmed, but the CFIA has approximately 90 traps out across the province to see if the invasive pest has spread. Control measures will be communicated this fall, once the size of the infected area has been confirmed. EAB has also been confirmed in neighboring Madawaska County in Maine.

Anyone who sees ash trees in decline or displaying potential symptoms of the Emerald Ash Borer is encouraged to contact their local CFIA office, or call Sandy at (506)392-5803.

The Emerald Ash Borer Kills Ash Trees

The beetle is a highly destructive insect native to Asia. It was first discovered in the Windsor, Ontario/Detroit, Michigan area in 2002 and has since killed millions of ash trees in North America. This pest is a major economic and environmental threat to urban and forested areas.

Adult beetles begin emerging from trees in May. They feed, mate and lay eggs in crevices of the bark. Once the eggs hatch, the larvae feed under the bark, creating tunnels which cut off the flow of nutrients, causing the tree to die.

The greatest risk of spreading the Emerald Ash Borer

is through the movement of ash nursery stock and forest products such as firewood and logs. You can help protect Canada's trees and forests. **DO NOT MOVE WOOD.**



Larva



Adult



Actual Size
8.5 - 14mm

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EMERALD ASH BORER

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Woodpecker Feeding

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EMERALD ASH BORER

EXIT HOLE

ACTUAL SIZE

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NBFTA Objectives/Benefits

Why join the NBFTA and become certified you ask? Just a few of the reasons are listed below. For those who haven't joined yet, but are interested, or for those who are current members, but are not yet certified, check us out at www.nbfta.org, or contact somebody from our contact listing.

Association Objectives

- To enhance the image of & encourage cooperation among forest technicians in New Brunswick
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Certification Benefits

- Technician certification is voluntary. Certification exists for NBFTA members who see a benefit and wish to pursue it
- Technician certification demonstrates to concerned parties that specific professional standards are being met, as is the case in other professional accountability to the general public whose expectations of forestry practices & practitioners continue to increase
- Technician certification serves as a valuable marketing tool for technicians seeking employment
- Technician Certification provides Technicians professional designation (CFT) as we pursue common goals alongside our friends within the ARPFNB (RPF)
- Technician Certification requires participation in the nationally recognized Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) Program administered by the NBFTA. Maintaining a CFE certificate provides a system & demands accountability to stay in tune with rapidly changing technological and forestry practices
- Technician certification "raises the bar" for all technicians who have committed to the high standards expected of forestry practitioners



Above – MCFT Fredericton Class of 2018 – The future of the NBFTA. The NBFTA provides one year of free membership to new graduates who join.

ACADIAN TIMBER TREE PLANTERS

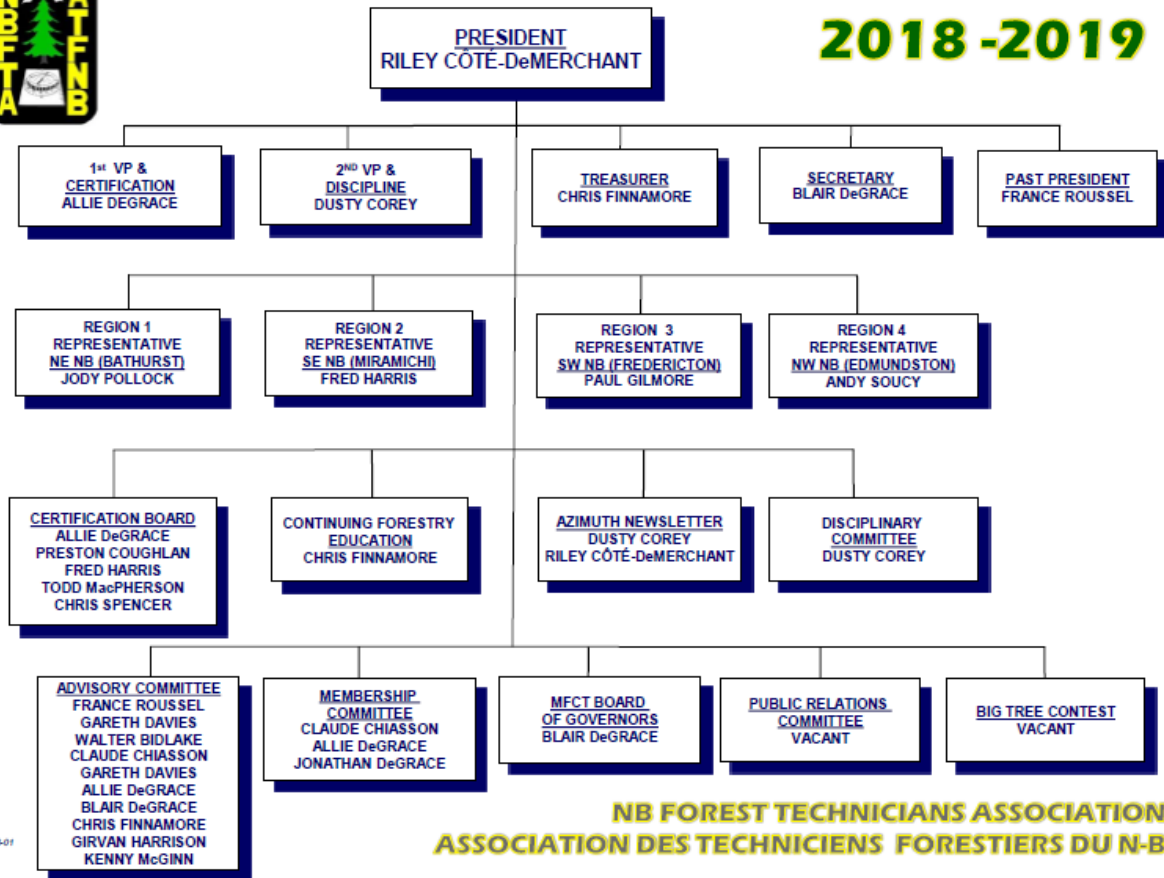
On Friday June 15, Acadian Timber was pleased to host a crew of tree planters from Donald Fraser Memorial School for the second year in a row. Approximately 30 grade 1 and 2 students, along with 4 teachers made the trip to East Brook, just east of Plaster Rock. They planted about 250 trees, learned a little bit about forestry, and had some fun in the process. A trip to Roulston Lake in the Plaster Rock tourist park finished the day, where the hungry tree planters enjoyed a pizza lunch.



NBFTA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



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“I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.”

— Thomas Jefferson

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PARTING WORDS

Summer has been slow coming in this part of the world, but it has finally arrived (I hope)!

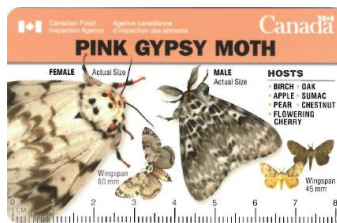
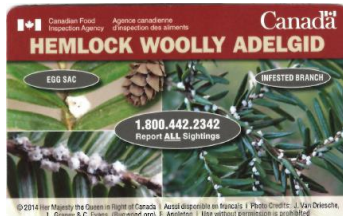
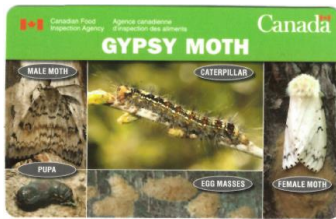
With all the challenges we are facing in the forest industry, sometimes we lose sight of little discussed issues, such as the threats caused by invasive species. When we see a small insect like the Emerald Ash Borer that has the potential to wipe out an entire species of tree, it certainly causes us to stand up and take notice. There are a few pages of this issue dedicated to that topic, because as Forest Technicians I believe it is our duty to educate ourselves on invasive plants and insects, so we can identify them when we come across them in the field. Species such as EAB, Asian Long Horned beetle and Gypsy moth are serious threats to our forests, and timely reporting of an “outbreak” is key for ensuring that control measures can be put in place.

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all those who have helped this issue come together, and look forward to collaborating with you all on our next issue. Enjoy your summer!

Cheers

Dustin Corey, CFT #106

2ndVP NBFTA



Above- A few of the invasive insects we should be aware of. (Provided by CFIA)