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NBFTA NEWS

2019 NBFTA AGM

The 2019 NBFTA AGM was held at the Delta Beausejour Hotel in Moncton on April 11th at 1pm. The AGM was well attended, and president Riley Côté-Demerchant had a full agenda. MCFT Director Tim Marshall was on hand to update us on current activities and initiatives going on at the school, and Todd MacPherson provided us with an update on the MCFT continuing education program. Continuing education certificates were handed out, and a few new CFT's were presented with their certificates. Mike Cunningham from Engage Agro was also on hand to present the 2019 Technician of the year award.

Full minutes of the meeting can be viewed at www.nbfta.org.

NBFTA Welcomes New Executive Member

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new NBFTA executive member David Kierstead who stepped into the role of 1st VP and chair of the certification committee at the NBFTA AGM on April 11th. David is currently a Ranger III with NB ERD in Plaster Rock. He has been with ERD since his graduation from MCFT in 2010. He will bring a fresh perspective to our meetings, and will be a great addition to the executive. David replaces outgoing 1st VP Allie DeGrace who has faithfully served the NBFTA in many capacities and positions over the last 22 years, up to and including president of the Association. We would like to thank Allie for his contributions, look forward to his continued assistance as a member of the Certification, Membership and Advisory committees.



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New Dues Payment Option for 2019

NBFTA dues can now be paid by eTransfer. Please use nbftatreasurer@gmail.com. Please send the verification word in a separate email. Some still owe 2018 dues; please continue to support your Association!

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello fellow technicians and readers,

I hope everyone has had a good winter and is enjoying the slow start to spring or maybe the jump into the summer depending on how you look at it.

The NBFTA held our AGM on April 11th, we had a good crowd and generally a very productive AGM. I want to thank those that attended, and I would encourage others to attend next year if you get the opportunity. It is generally a fast moving meeting and a good opportunity to catch up with other technicians from a range of back grounds.

This should be happening more than it does, but sometimes change is slow and that is Ok. This year we welcome David Kierstead to the NBFTA as the First Vice-President. David works for ERD in the Plaster Rock office. David has replaced Allie DeGrace on the Executive. Allie has dedicated a significant amount of time to the organization over the years and we all greatly appreciate him for that as well as his general dedication to the organization.

I hope everyone has a good summer. Please take some time to distribute this around to other technicians and please take a few moments to encourage your fellow technicians to join our Association, a membership is not very much for what we do.

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

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HI Folks,

BAP is Hiring!

Inside/Outside Sales Position

Interested candidates are asked to submit their resume to:
 bphillips@bapequipment.com

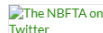
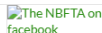
Attached is the job description:

BAP Equipment Ltd – The Natural Resource Equipment Supply Store located in Fredericton NB is looking for an experienced, energetic and customer focused individual to join their team as an Inside/Outside Sales Representative.

Duties include but are not limited to:

What will you do?

- Manage assigned territory of existing business
- Identify new market opportunities and increase sales
- Develop relationships that transform into new business opportunities
- Identify customer needs and advise them on the products we carry and their applications
- Develop a sound knowledge of the products and services we offer in order to effectively sell a full suite of services
- Report to the Sales Manager/offer excellent customer service in order to foster and develop a loyal clientele and create a positive shopping experience
- Maintain an awareness of all product knowledge and current or upcoming product trends
- Identify customer needs and advise them on the products we carry and their applications
- Ensure sales floor is clean and well organized

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AGM –Certificates and awards



Above –(l-r) 2019 CFE Certificate recipients – Dustin Corey, Matthew Tucker, Trevis Schriver, Todd MacPherson, Allie DeGrace, Meghan Whyte. Absent from the photo – Chris Spencer and Benoit Bouchard.



Above – Mike Cunningham (r) of Engage Agro presents the 2019 Technician of the year award to Dustin Corey of Acadian Timber.



Above – New CFT Jeremy Schriver with his certificate. Absent from the photo -Chantal Côté-DeMerchant and Lisa Barkley.



Above – New NBFTA 1st VP, David Kierstead.

SBW Early Intervention Update

Spruce budworm population remains contained

The latest spruce budworm outbreak emerged in Quebec in 2006 and has since expanded to cover more than 8 million hectares. In 2014, budworm populations began rising in New Brunswick and scientists began testing and implementing the Early Intervention Strategy (EIS) as a way to contain the outbreak to northern New Brunswick.

In a nutshell, the research involves intense population monitoring followed by targeting and treating hotspots at the leading outbreak edge to prevent further spread. Leading this initiative is the Healthy Forest Partnership, a group of scientists, academia, government, and industry working together to find new ways to limit spruce budworm's impact in Atlantic Canada.

Population monitoring indicates a ~90% projected decline in hotspots or treatment areas in New Brunswick from last year, even as the outbreak in Quebec continued to expand. This marks the first spruce budworm decline in New Brunswick since the research began in 2014. While the exact causes of decline remain under study, this substantial decline in budworm offers strong support for the effectiveness of the Early Intervention Strategy.

This year's decline in spruce budworm populations is significant for several reasons, but should be interpreted with caution.

On the plus side, the reduced number of budworm hotspots will result in a substantial decline in the area to be treated in 2019. The exact areas and locations of treatments for 2019 will be determined in the early spring.

Moreover, less budworm in 2019 means that trees will get a year of reprieve from defoliation and will thus have an opportunity to grow new foliage and recover the loss from the past couple of years. Remember, it usually takes 4-5 years of severe and sustained defoliation to kill balsam firs and spruce trees, so even a year of relief can be significant for reducing growth loss and mortality.

Perhaps most importantly, the contraction of the outbreak area in New Brunswick means fewer potential sources of budworm moths that might seed further outbreak spread through New Brunswick and into other Atlantic Provinces and Maine, USA.

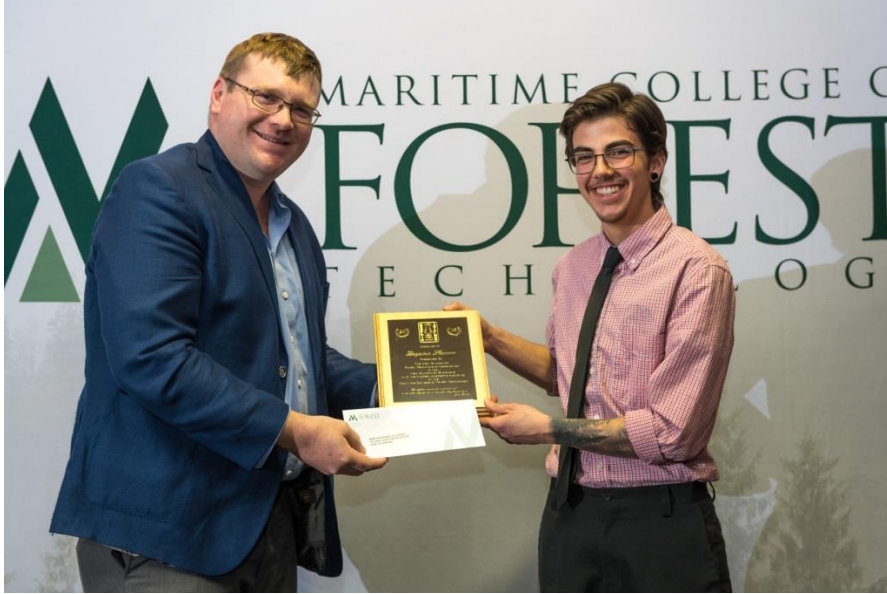
Now for a note of caution. Peaks and valleys in budworm populations from year to year are not uncommon and have been recorded in previous outbreaks. Although results are reassuring this year, management efforts for spruce budworm are not over. Just to the north of the New Brunswick border is a thriving and still expanding outbreak of spruce budworm. Under the right conditions, we could see another mass inflight of moths from Quebec that could help repopulate northern New Brunswick, similar to what occurred in July of 2016 in the Campbellton/Dalhousie area. What the past few years has taught us is that we can effectively manage these occasional influxes of budworm moths with the Early Intervention Strategy. However, even with a well-operating Early Intervention Strategy, we should anticipate periodic hotspot spikes and declines in New Brunswick to continue for as long as the broader outbreak is underway.

By Rob Johns, forest insect ecologist, Canadian Forest Service, NRCAN



(Note: The article above was excerpted from the healthy forest partnership website:
www.healthyforestpartnership.ca)

MCFT Graduates Take Home Awards



Above - Riley Côté-DeMerchant (l), President of the NBFTA, presents the NBFTA Award to 2019 Fredericton Campus Graduate Ben Shannon(r). Katie Leblanc was the winner at the Bathurst Campus (photo unavailable). The NBFTA award is issued annually to the NB graduate with the highest academic standing at each campus.



Above - Riley Côté-DeMerchant (l) presents the NBFTA Scholarship to 2019 Fredericton Campus Graduate Shawn Hachey (r).

On behalf of the NBFTA, congratulations to Ben, Katie and Shawn on your awards. We wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors.

2019 CWF Spring Meeting

The Canadian Woodlands Forum 2019 spring meeting was held at the Delta Beausejour hotel in Moncton on April 10th and 11th. The meeting celebrated the 100th year of the Canadian Woodlands forum, and participants were treated to some excellent sessions on both days. CWF Executive director Peter Robichaud opened Wednesday with a warm welcome to delegates and provided a brief history of the CWF. Keynote speakers on the opening morning covered a broad range of topics related to workplace demographics and recruitment challenges facing the forest industry. At the noon luncheon, Darrin Carter Logging Limited of Amherst Nova Scotia was recognized as the outstanding contractor of the year for the Atlantic Provinces. The afternoon offered concurrent sessions. Technical sessions covered climate change, invasive insects and the low carbon economy. The logging operations and trucking group sessions covered a variety of topics from cannabis in the workplace to updates in trucking and logging technology. Many vendors were set up in the lobby, and participants had the opportunity to view and discuss many new products and services related to the industry. That evening the banquet was followed by the silent and live auction. Here participants were treated to some fun and some money was raised for the Log a Load for Kids Canada charity. Things wrapped up Thursday morning with another set of concurrent sessions. The technical session covered topics related to LIDAR and Enhanced Forest Inventory, while the Logging Operations and Trucking session covered attracting and retaining operators, and had a chance to discuss some things being done in Finland and Sweden. Overall it was a great session, and a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new ones, and network with colleagues from the industry. The CWF Fall Meeting will be held October 2 & 3, 2019 in Campbellton, NB. Information on upcoming CWF events can be viewed at www.cwfcf.org.



Above –CWF Executive Director Peter Robichaud addresses a full house to begin Wednesday's sessions.



Above – Peter Robichaud (r), with Justin, Darrin and Cody Carter of Darrin Carter Logging Limited of Amherst, Nova Scotia. The Carters pose proudly with the “prestigious peavey” as winners of the CWF 2019 Outstanding Contractor of the Year for the Atlantic Provinces.

MCFT-2019 Continuing Education Update



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Department of Continuing Education

Schedule valid until Dec 31st, 2019

	Dates	CFE Credits
Canada Safety Council Certified ATV Training - SOLD OUT	Jun 6	7
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Siziers (Truro)	Jun 10, 11 & 12	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro) - SOLD OUT	Jun 12, 13 & 14	14
Pesticide Applicators Refresher & Exams	Jun 19	4
Canada Safety Council Certified ATV Training - SOLD OUT	Jun 20	7
Certified Basic Chainsaw Safety, Operation, & Maintenance	Jun 25, 26 & 27	21
Hazard Tree Assessment and Management	Jun 26, 27 & 28	18
Certified Basic Chainsaw Safety, Operation, & Maintenance	Aug 9, 10 & 11	21
Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS aka Drones) Ground School	Jul 30, 31 & Aug 1	16
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Aug 12, 13 & 14	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Aug 14, 15 & 16	14
Basic Arborist Tree Climbing Work Positioning Workshop	Aug 14, 15 & 16	18
Certified Basic Chainsaw Safety, Operation, & Maintenance	Sep 17, 18 & 19	21
Certified Basic Chainsaw Safety, Operation, & Maintenance	Oct 22, 23 & 24	21
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Siziers (Truro)	Nov 4, 5 & 6	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Nov 6, 7 & 8	14
Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS aka Drones) Ground School	Nov 19, 20 & 21	16
New Brunswick Watercourse Alteration Certification	Nov 25-29	28

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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
- To provide one voice on forestry issues as they relate to forest technicians
- To evaluate the qualifications (academic & experience) of graduate technicians who apply for membership and issue accreditation with respect thereto
- To promote and assist in the continuing education of forest technicians & foster high standards
- To promote the protection & enhancement of the New Brunswick Biosphere
- To cooperate with all associations with similar interests

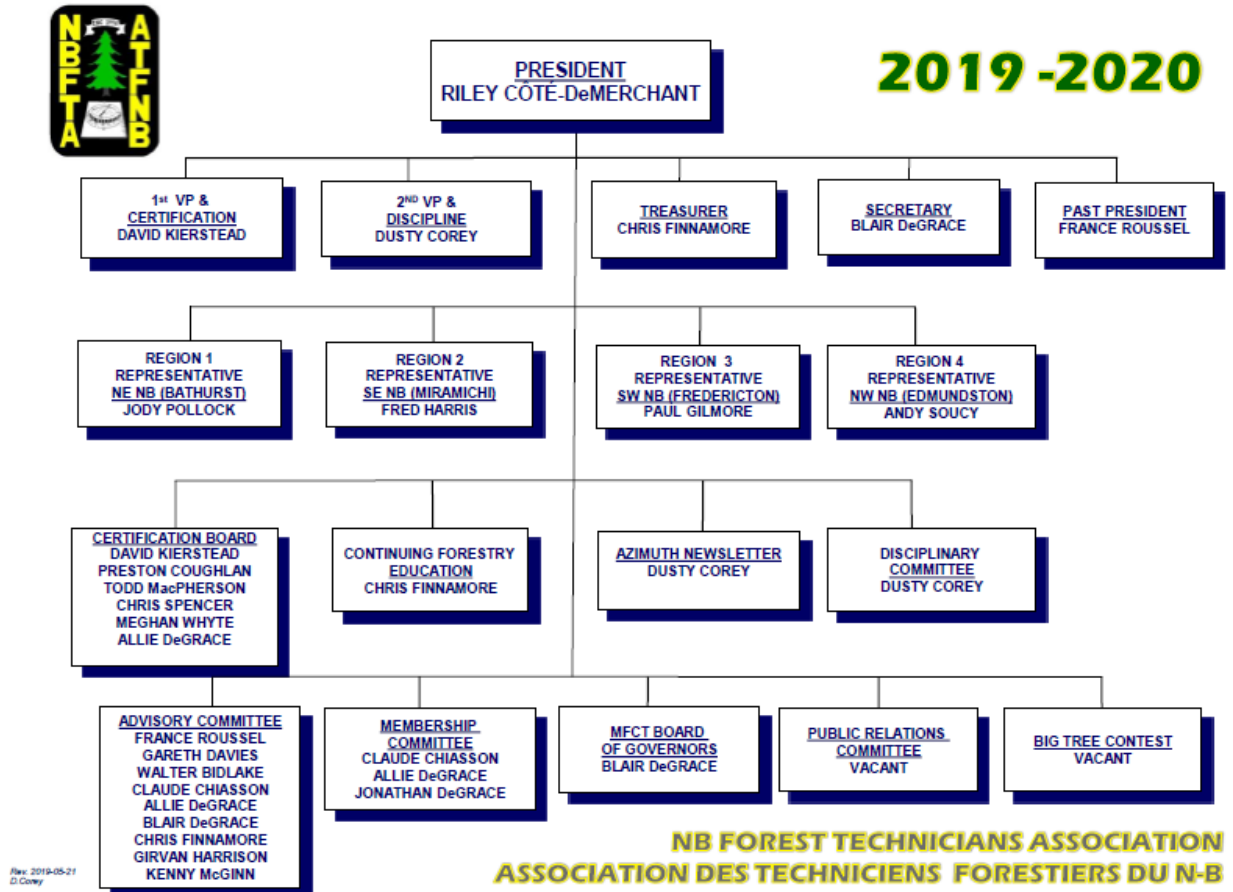
Certification Benefits

- 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 –Dwayne Simkins, our newest CFT. Dwayne graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College in 1991 and is an employee of the SNB Forest Products Marketing Board, where he works with the Silviculture group.

NBFTA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



“The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today.”

— Unknown

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PARTING WORDS

Spring has finally arrived – hurry up and get outside, enjoy it while it lasts! Spring is always a busy time in the forests of New Brunswick. Harvesting contractors are gearing up to hit the woods, silviculture activities get into full swing and outdoor enthusiasts can finally get out and start doing the things they enjoy.

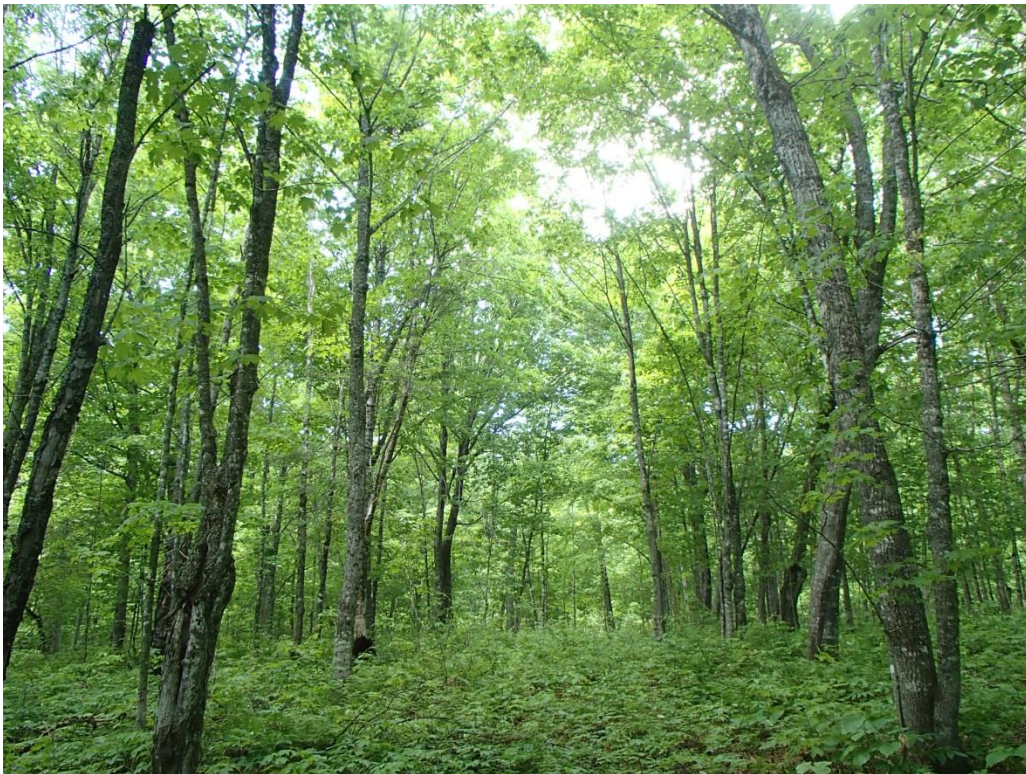
As usual, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this issue and look forward to collaborating with everyone on the next one this fall. If you have ideas for content for future issues, or pictures, please get in touch with me. And please pass this issue on to other technicians at your place of work, whether they are members or not. Seeing what is going on in the Association may spark some interest, and we may gain a new member.

I hope you all enjoy your summer, and wish everyone a safe and productive season.

Cheers

Dustin Corey, CFT #106

2ndVP NBFTA



Above –Early summer on an NB Hardwood Ridge.