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## Member Newsletter March 19, 2023

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### In this month's issue:

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### *Last chance to signup.....*

Registration for the webinar on the [Non-Timber Forest Products project](#) closes at 5pm TODAY— Sunday, March 19th. The webinar will be presented by Dr. Ron Smith, an expert on NTFPs.

- A link to the webinar will be sent out to all registered participants later today
- Webinar starts at 10 am, Monday, March 20th, 2023
- Registration is free for members and \$10 for non-members.
- There will be simultaneous translation available (English-French)
- The webinar will be recorded and available for viewing by members on the NBFWO website



The NBFWO is very proud to be able to lead this project supported with funding from the GNB Environmental Trust Fund. We hope to be able to reach as many woodlot owners as possible so they are aware of the options available to them when it comes to managing their woodlots.

## ***A Message from the Executive Director***

Since my last update I have been busy with the Q3 claim under 2Billion Trees (2BT). This year we planted over 860,000 trees on NB woodlots under this program and over the course of the program we have planted over 1.1 million trees. We have another application in for this year and hope to plant another 970,000 trees. We are also part of a national scoping study to determine if there is a way to create synergies and enable us to plant more trees to help Canada achieve its objectives. It should also help us to find additional sources for seedlings and other trees.

The board of the Federation has been beginning the process of reaching out to First Nations to see if there is a way for us to work more closely with them. Their forestry objectives seems to be well aligned with ours and so we are reaching out.

The Private Woodlot Management Committee has resumed meeting. There was one meeting this past week and there are 3 more planned before the end of March. The meeting this week saw presentations made on the history of extension services by Abigail Evans, a master's student at UNB; on the technological tools being used by the silviculture staff to assist with management planning by Steven Spears of SENB; and on how marketing boards are planning for silviculture work by Travis Noftell of SNB. There will be 3 more presentations this month before any other work is started. There will be 4 sub-groups formed after the presentations are completed that will be focused on the following areas: 1) woodlot owner engagement, 2) trusted and credible information on forest management, 3) woodlot owners' values and motivation, 4) how do we ensure engaged and successful private contractors. The Federation will continue to participate in these committees.



The Federation has also reached out to the Premier to request another meeting with him to update him on the progress since our last meeting with him and to outline to him the vision we have for the Federation. No date has been set for this meeting yet.

The Minister reached out this past week to say that a request for a meeting will be coming from him as he wants to update us on a few things. I will pass along what we learn in my next update, so stay tuned.

I attended the Forest NB meeting this week and learned that the forecast for the housing starts in the US, while slowed a little, is still strong. A recession in the US has been pushed out further and may not even happen. The forecast for pulp is less bright as there are a number of new plants opening around the world that will increase the supply. Dissolving pulp, such as is being made at Nackawic is the one bright spot in the pulp market. Another interesting fact that I learned is that there is an increased amount of lumber going into the US from Europe and South America, duty free. There was also some optimism that the talks on the Softwood Lumber might resume with some increased focus due to the lower price for lumber and the fact the BC is now willing to move toward resolution.

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There are 2 budgets coming out this month. The provincial one on the 21<sup>st</sup> and a federal one on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I am not anticipating anything woodlot related in the provincial budget but have planted some seeds about the potential of income averaging similar to the program in Quebec for wood harvest revenues.

Nationally we are somewhat hopeful that our silviculture savings plan may be in the Federal budget. We have worked hard for about 15 years on this ask and it has been recommended for the last 2 years. We sent letters of support for this to Ministers Freeland and Wilkinson prior to Christmas and received replies from both, so the profile of this request has been amplified because of our work as part of the Canadian Federation.

We wish to congratulate Chris Ward, Assistant Deputy Minister, for receiving the Forester of the Year award from the Registered Professional Foresters of NB.

On another positive note, membership numbers continue to increase. Please spread the word and encourage others to join as this increases the impact that we have with the government. The greater our numbers, the louder our voice.

Respectfully,

***Susannah Banks***  
Executive Director



- Looking to buy / sell / trade something?
- Have a question another member might know the answer to?
- Want to share information?
- Looking to hire?

***POST FOR FREE*** on the [Members Ads Board!](#)

Everyone can view ads, but only members can post.





## ***What's New?***

*A round up of news from our website, other organizations and upcoming events*

**Spring weight restrictions for truck traffic:** are currently in effect. Restrictions will continue until 23:59 (AST) Sunday, May 14th, in Southern New Brunswick and until 23:59 (AST), Sunday, May 21st in Northern New Brunswick. These dates are dependent upon weather conditions and are subject to change.

There is a position opening up on the **NB Forest Products Commission**. See the [News](#) page for more information. Deadline to apply is March 31st.

**ARTICLE from CTV:** [Canada's maple syrup could be different this year, here's why](#)

**Free to Grow in Forestry** is hosting a FREE educational virtual workshop on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Allyship)! [Click here for more information](#)

*Keep an eye on the [News](#), [Announcements](#), and [Calendar of Events](#) on the website for additional events and details.*

## A very quick survey results....

Last month we asked 2 quick questions, and received a great response!

Do you have a question you want to ask your fellow woodlot owners? Let us know!

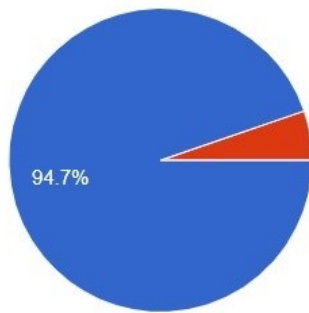


Do you like the new format for the newsletter?

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Le nouveau format de la lettre d'information vous plaît-il ?

19 responses

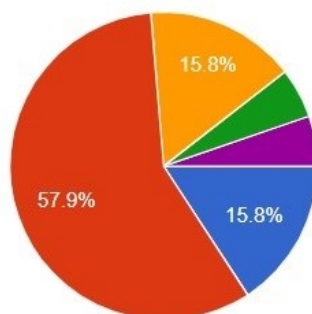


- Yes, I like it // Oui, j'aime bien.
- No opinion either way. I just want to receive the news. // Aucune opinion dans un sens ou dans l'autre. Je veux juste recevoir les nouvelles.
- No, I prefer the old format. // Non, je préfère le vieux format.

*Happy to see the responses to this one. We are glad you like it and will continue to work to improve the information we can provide!*

Do you think a groundhog can predict the start of spring? // Pensez-vous qu'une marmotte puisse prédire le début du printemps ?

19 responses



- Yes, of course. He's been doing it for years. // Oui, bien sûr. Il le fait depuis des années.
- No. Just no. // Non. Juste non.
- Maybe The Weather Network should hire him. // Peut-être que The Weather Network devrait l'engager.
- Who knows?
- going to shoot the short eared b\*\*\*\*\* next year.

*Not everyone is a fan of the groundhog!*

**Hey Members!**

Have you updated **your profile** on the website since you first signed up to be a member?

You can **choose** what information you do and do not want to be seen in the Member Directory, and provide us with some useful information about yourself!

Some options may have changed since you signed up. We would love to know how you learned about becoming a member, why you joined, and what interests and issues about owning a woodlot you have.

All you need to do is [log in to the website](#) and on the Member Homepage, you can click to 'Manage Your Profile'. If you don't remember your password, just click the 'Request Password' button below the sign in option and a new password will be emailed to you automatically.

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***Thanks for reading - until next time!***