



Member Newsletter June 18, 2023

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If you are interested in being on the Federation's Board of Director's, nominations are accepted at any time at:

BD_nominations@nbwoodlotowners.ca

Board positions are for 3-year terms, and they are staggered so that there are elections for any open positions at each year's AGM.

Did you know...?

The Federation Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 - please save the date on your calendars!

More details will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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A Message from the Executive Director

Since my last update the Federation has been working to hire a **Membership Development Manager**. The Hiring Committee, consisting of myself and two Directors, have conducted interviews and hope to have someone bilingual on staff by the beginning of July. Promotion of the Federation and membership recruitment will be their main role.

As you may be aware the draft regulation for Crown royalties has been posted. [Click here to view our News post](#) from June 6. This consists of a draft regulation for the **Fair Market Value (FMV)** and the **Private Land Sustainability Fund (PLSF)**. The comment period ends on June 23 and 26th respectively. The Federation plans to make a submission regarding these two draft regulations.

Unfortunately, the **FMV** is still reliant on the stumpage report conducted by the Forest Products Commission and does not have any jurisdictional values included, so it continues to be an incentive to industry to keep the price of private stumpage low to ensure that the Crown FMV stays low.

The **PLSF** is a very complicated formula but appears to be nowhere close to the \$7 – 10 million that government has been saying would go into the fund. Because of the inflation adjusted lumber prices used, the backstop rate of \$.75/m³ will apply to almost all Crown wood. This means that more likely \$3.5 - \$4.5 will go into the PLSF, depending on the amount of Crown wood harvested.

I have been attending and will continue to attend the **Marketing Boards' Annual General Meetings (AGMs)** around the province. Each Marketing Board recognizes a woodlot owner or organization at their AGM, so look for some of those pictures later in the newsletter. Attending these meetings is an excellent opportunity to meet with



woodlot owners and to promote the Federation. The number of members continues to increase and being face-to-face and asking people if they are members continues to be a very effective way to increase membership. **I would ask** that all of you ask other woodlot owners if they are members of the Federation and if they are not, then ask why not so we can continue to improve service to members. Members seem to be very happy with membership. We have heard only good comments and the retention rate (i.e. annual membership renewals) is very good. We have business cards and brochures that any members are welcome to have to help promote the Federation. Please contact the office, 506-459-2990, if you would like to have some to share.

Rick Doucett, President of NBFWO and myself also met with **Opportunities New Brunswick (ONB)**, on Monday, to see if they were able to assist us in any way. It was a great opportunity to increase awareness of the Federation and promote it within government and the outreach of ONB within the business community. They had some suggestions for other outreach opportunities, and we will follow up on these as time permits.

I wish all of you a great summer!

Susannah Banks
Executive Director

- **Looking to buy, sell or trade something?**
(maple syrup, harvesting equipment, ATV, chainsaw sharpening service, etc)
- **Have a question another member might know the answer to?**
- **Want to share information?**
(events in your area, etc)
- **Looking to hire?**

Click here to check out the [Ads Board](http://www.nbwoodlotowners.ca/ads)

A Note on Membership Renewals

It has been over a year since we became a member-based organization. Time certainly flies!

Any members that signed up early on have now been through the renewal process for their annual memberships, and we greatly appreciate all of you that have chosen to continue to support the Federation by being members!

For members that did not choose the 'auto-renew' option when first signing up, this message is for you. When your membership is 1 month away from expiring you will receive an email reminder with instructions on how you can renew your membership. If you have not renewed within 2 weeks, you will receive a 2nd email reminder. We have found that some people are not receiving these reminder emails as they are going to their SPAM or JUNK folder.

PLEASE check your email spam / junk folder and if you find an email from us there, mark it as safe and you should not have that issue anymore. It is always a good idea to check your spam / junk folder once a month as a rule, as email providers are constantly trying new ways to reduce the spam email people receive, but sometimes their algorithms can go too far and prevent you from seeing emails that you do want (mine put an email from Canada Revenue in my spam, so I was glad I checked!)





What's New?

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

The NBFWO office will be closed for the Canada Day holiday on Friday, June 30th, 2023.

The NBFWO Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2023. More details to come.

Annual General Meetings for the regional Forest Products Marketing Boards are now happening. For a list of the boards and links to their websites, [click here](#).

Public Review of Draft Regulations. DNRED currently has 2 items up for public review under draft legislations:

- **Amendments to the Timber Regulation – Crown Lands and Forests Act.** Deadline for review June 21. Contact: Natural Resources and Energy Development, Email:Shawn.Morehouse@gnb.ca
- **Timber Royalty Adjustment Regulation – Private Woodlot Sustainability Act.** Deadline for review June 23. Contact: Natural Resources and Energy Development, Email:DNRED.Forestry@gnb.ca

[You can view the drafts in PDF format here](#)

SaltWire article: [Feds not saying why forestry singled out for carbon tax](#)

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

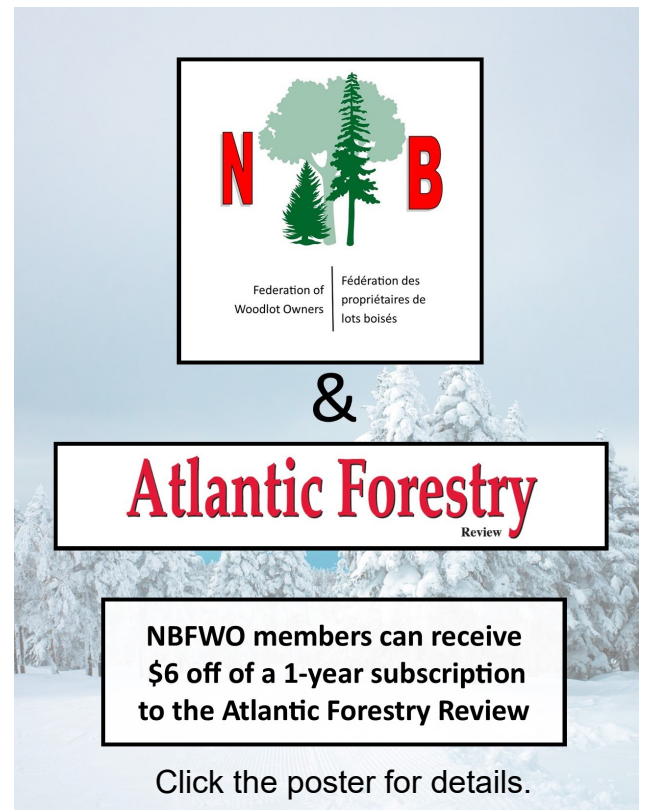
Is your profile up to date?

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.**

[Log in to the website](#) and on the Member Homepage 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.



NBFWO members can receive \$6 off of a 1-year subscription to the Atlantic Forestry Review

Click the poster for details.

Join us on social media too!



Every Share, Like and Comment on a Social Media post helps to improve the Federation's visibility, reach, and helps grow our membership! We would really appreciate if you are able to engage with us there and help us grow an even stronger Federation

Videos of the Climate Adaptation Case Study sites are now available for viewing on our webpage or YouTube channel!

This series of videos shows each of the 4 sites and interviews with the owners.

Click the poster to the right to view the first video in the series.

Sit back, relax for a few minutes, and watch the beautiful scenery!



Your Forest in a Changing Climate

Climate Adaptation Project Case Study
Site 1 Video

Site 1 | Sypher's Cove, Grand Lake, NB

Awards season!

Every year at their Annual General Meetings, the regional Forest Products Marketing Boards give out awards for exceptional forestry management by owners, contractors, producers, or even organizations.

Some Marketing Boards have not yet had their meetings, but here are some of the winners so far this year!



Because of the pandemic, the **Madawaska** Board celebrated two years of winners:

- 2022 Michel Soucy
- 2021 James Deschênes

And also a big congratulations on 40 years of service to **Dick Bellefleur, Silviculture Manager!** (*pictured left*)

The York-Sunbury-Charlotte Board presented Jorg & Gloria Beyeler with this year's Ken Hardie Memorial Award.

(*pictured left to right, Dale Mowery (Chairman), Gloria, Jorg, and Anne MacKnight (Silviculture Manager)*)



Would you like to be more active in the Federation?

We are looking for people that:

- are interested in becoming a part of the Board of Directors;
- have experience in finances, a legal back ground, etc. and would be willing to offer a free hour of advice to the board, or even join a board committee;
- have experience in marketing and recruiting new memberships.



Contact Susannah at ED@nbwodlotowners.ca and let her know how you would like to participate.

Thanks for reading - until next time!