



**NEW BRUNSWICK FOREST TECHNICIANS  
ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## 1) OPEN MEETING

- ❖ NBFTA President Dusty Corey welcomed members to the 2024 NBFTA AGM held in person at the MCFT campus with a virtual format option using the ZOOM platform.
- ❖ The meeting was convened at 10:04 AM by Dusty Corey.

## 2) QUORUM

- ❖ 15 NBFTA Members in good standing were in attendance (12 attendance in 2023) which met the minimum number of 12 required for the purpose of conducting regular business as required under Article 11 of the NBFTA Constitution. 9 members joined online and 6 in person.

### In person:

Chris Finnamore  
Doug Hiltz  
Blair DeGrace  
Fred Harris  
Riley Côté-DeMerchant  
Jonathan Cormier

### Online:

Dusty Corey  
Chantal Côté-DeMerchant  
Gareth Davies  
Chris Spencer  
Peter Ritchie  
Jamie Farrell  
Peter McCue  
Dwayne Simkins  
Allie DeGrac

## 3) READING & CONFIRMATION OF 2023 AGM MINUTES

- ❖ There were no issues raised with 2023 NBFTA AGM minutes which were previously distributed.

## 4) UPDATES FROM MCFT

- ❖ CE UPDATE: Chris Finnamore presented brief report (see attached)
- ❖ ED UPDATE: Gareth Davies presented brief report:
  - Last ED retired last fall
  - BOG is filling the position right now
  - MCFT Fredericton is fully enrolled for the coming year
  - Bathurst continuing to struggle to fill seats and recruiting there will be a priority in the coming year
  - Accreditation Updates
    - Successful with EcoCanada accreditation
    - Very robust audit/ evaluation of program

- Good for 7 years
- Continue with NAWTA accreditation for the FWT program
- On the verge of having a National Canadian Technologist/ Technician accreditation from the Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board
  - Undertake accreditation with this in 2024 if the process is ready
  - Students would then be able to register as a professional more easily across Canada and have reciprocity.
  - Chris Spencer asked if the NBFTA would recognize industry training from NSCC in Liverpool NS?
    - Gareth answered that NSCC has their NRT program which is not a forestry program and more of a natural resources program and would not meet the proposed national standard.
    - Chris F. added that the NSFTA may add an “Allied” technician group for the people in Nova Scotia who do not meet the Technician Standard.
- MCFT Funding
  - MCFT/ MFRS has never received funding from the NS or PEI Governments
  - NS and PEI do have representation on the BOG but are not contributing funding to the college.
- It was noted that Bathurst struggles with recruitment of staff and faculty.
  - This spurred a discussion around recruitment in general, students applying/ not applying for jobs and students in general.
- MCFT will be offering space for the public-school course on forestry which will include opportunity for training on harvesting machine simulators.

## 5) EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ❖ PRESIDENT: Dusty Corey presented report (see attached).
- ❖ 1<sup>ST</sup> VP & CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Chantal Côté-DeMerchant presented report (attached).
- ❖ 2<sup>ND</sup> VP & DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Peter McCue presented brief verbal report:
  - Nothing on the disciplinary committee side of things
- ❖ SECRETARY: Riley Côté-DeMerchant presented report (attached).
  - Chris Spencer commented that it is great and well deserved that Blair is a life member.
- ❖ AUDITORS' REPORT: Prepared by France Roussel and presented by Riley Côté-DeMerchant (see attached).
- ❖ PAST PRESIDENT & ADVISORY COMMITTEE: There was no report submitted by Past President Riley Côté-DeMerchant.

❖ REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

- Region 1: Prepared by Jody Pollock and presented by Riley Côté-DeMerchant (see attached).
- Region 2: There was no written report submitted by Region 2 representative Preston Coughlan.
- Region 3: There was no written report submitted by Region 3 representative Paul Gilmore.
- Region 4: There was no written report submitted by Region 4 Representative Andy Soucy.

❖ CONTINUING FOREST EDUCATION: Fred Harris presented report (see attached).

❖ AZIMUTH: No written report submitted.

❖ MCFT BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Allie DeGrace presented report (see attached).

- Chris Spencer suggested that it would be good to see representation from the private woodlot sector on the BOG.
- He then asked how does the private woodlot sector become represented on the BOG?
- A general discussion was had.

❖ TREASURER: Chris Finnamore presented report (see attached) and a brief discussion was held around a few points:

- Chris mentioned that this year's financials are very similar to past years.

❖ TREASURER: Chris Finnamore presented a proposed 2024 budget (see attached).

❖ Chris Finnamore moved for the acceptance of all the reports. Fred seconded the motion, it was moved by everyone in attendance.

6) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ No correspondence was presented.

7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ❖ It was agreed that Right to Practice would be discussed under new business.

8) ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

- ❖ No new nominations came in and people in current positions agreed to continue in their current roles. The 2023-2024 organizational structure is as follows:

- President – Dustin Corey
- First VP – Chantal Côté-DeMerchant
- Second VP – Peter McCue
- Secretary – Riley Côté-DeMerchant
- Treasurer – Chris Finnamore
- Past President – Riley Côté-DeMerchant
- Region 1 Representative – Jody Pollock
- Region 2 Representative – Preston Coughlan
- Region 3 Representative – Paul Gilmore
- Region 4 Representative – Andy Soucy
- Advisory Committee – Riley Côté-DeMerchant
- Certification Board
  - Chair: Chantal Côté-DeMerchant
  - Returning Member - Dwayne Simpkins
  - Returning Member - Guy Levasseur
  - Returning Member - Chris Spencer
- CFE Committee – Fred Harris
- Disciplinary Committee – Peter McCue
- Membership Committee – Vacant
- MCFT BOG – Allie DeGrace
- Tree House – Vacant

## 9) NEW BUSINESS

### ❖ Right to Practice Legislation:

- Dusty provided an update on where we are with RTP and who was involved to date (see attached presentation).
- Dusty outlined the changes that to the definitions/ legislation have been proposed/ made since the last AGM
- Members asked general questions and answers were provided by members on the Committee.

- A healthy and lively discussion was had.
- It was requested that Riley update the RTP material on the NBFTA website.
- Dusty put forward a motion: *“That the NBFTA continue to work with the ARPFNB on this RTP initiative and we continue to cooperate with the RPF in general and on this specific initiative.”*
  - Seconded by Allie
  - Unanimously moved by everyone in attendance.

#### **10) NOMINATION OF AUDITORS FOR 2025 AGM**

- ❖ France Roussel was nominated as auditor for the 2025 NBFTA AGM (by default as past treasurer).

#### **11) SELECT DATE & LOCATION OF 2025 AGM**

- ❖ There was no consensus where or when the 2025 NBFTA AGM would be held next year. It was left for the Executive to determine this. Options include:
  - Joint AGM with the ARPFNB
  - CWF in Moncton
  - In-person and/or online like this AGM

#### **12) NOTICE OF MOTION**

- ❖ Blair moved conclusion of the 2024 NBFTA AGM at 12:21 PM.

#### **13) CLOSING**

- ❖ President Dusty Corey thanked everyone for attending and their contributions to the organization that year.

# NEW BRUNSWICK FOREST TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024



- 1) OPEN MEETING
- 2) UPDATE FROM MCFT - CE: Chris Finnermore
- 3) UPDATE FROM MCFT – Acting ED: Gareth Davies
- 4) QUORUM
- 5) CONFIRMATION OF 2023 AGM MINUTES (that were provided via email)
- 6) EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - PRESIDENT
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> VP & CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE
  - 2<sup>ND</sup> VP & DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
  - SECRETARY
  - TREASURER
  - AUDITORS' REPORT
  - PAST PRESIDENT & ADVISORY
  - REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
  - CONTINUING FOREST EDUCATION
  - AZIMUTH
  - MCFT BOARD OF GOVERNORS
- 7) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE
- 8) UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - Right to practice update (will discuss in New Business)
- 9) ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
  - REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
  - CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE
  - CFE CHAIR
  - MCFT BOARD OF GOVERNORS
  - TREASURER
  - SECRETARY
  - 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT
  - PRESIDENT
- 10) NEW BUSINESS:
  - Presentation of 2024 budget and approval
  - CFT and CFE Acknowledgements
  - Right to practice presentation and update
- 11) NOMINATE AUDITORS FOR 2025 AGM
- 12) SELECT DATE & LOCATION OF 2025 AGM
- 13) NOTICE OF MOTION
- 14) CLOSING

Maritime College of Forest Technology

CE Report

As many of you know I started as Director of Continuing Education in June of 2022.

- Watercourse Alteration Courses-NB & NS
- Wetland Delineation- Atlantic Provinces
- Wetland Eco-System Protocol for Atlantic Canada
- S-P-F Dry Kiln Operators
- Certified Chainsaw
- CSC ATV/Snowmobile Courses
- Bear Aware

Challenging to find new instructors for some courses.

Since our last AGM in April of 2023, we have had one executive committee meeting. The regular day-to-day business of the Association was taken care of, and an update from the RTP committee was given. This Executive meeting was conducted remotely.

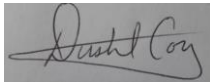
The RTP committee, consisting of Riley Cote Demerchant, Gareth Davies, Jeremy Schriver (up until summer 2023), Chris Finnamore and myself, has been active, participating in numerous meetings with the RPF group since 2021. This committee has taken up most of our time (the executive) in the past year, as RTP continues to be the topic of most concern to our group.

Membership remains relatively stable, and some good work is being done by many on the executive in an effort to increase the number of certified individuals. However, as stated last year, participation and the viability of the association and executive going forward remains to be a concern to me.

I believe that regardless of what happens with the Right to practice legislation, we will need to consider the possibility of merging with the RPF association to form a new group of forestry professionals. To that end, I believe it is important that we continue to foster a working relationship and cooperation with them going forward.

I would like to thank the NBFTA executive for their hard work in the past year, and I look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2024-25.

Respectfully Submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dustin Corey".

Dustin Corey

NBFTA President

CFT #106

Members of the NBFTA

As First Vice president during this past year there has not been a lot to report on.

At last years AGM we presented certification to two individuals. Since then, it has been quite on the certification front.

Through the winter I contacted several individuals about following through with attaining certification. Currently I have 5 individuals who have submitted applications and wish to write the certification exam. I have just forwarded the applications to the certification review boards for approval.

The sugar maple season is turns out to be a difficult time for some folks to commit to exam writing. But I'm hoping not the taps are drying up I may be able to organize some time slots for people to write the certification exam.

I have been in communication with a few other people who are interested in becoming certified I am just waiting on their application.

I have taken the opportunity to reach out to non-certified members to encourage them to attain certification. With the prospect of Right to practice looming over us I think members should try to certify before we see big changes.

I would like to thank everyone for putting up with my untimeliness, it is difficult at times to find the time to do the extra work. But if everyone is willing, I would like to stay on as first Vice President.

Thank you

Chantal Côté-DeMerchant.



**NBFTA Annual General Meeting  
2024 Annual Report  
NBFTA Secretary**

Activities since the previous secretary report are as follows:

- Participation at NBFTA Executive Committee and AGM meetings.
- Recorded and distributed meeting minutes to Executive Council.
- Consolidate, organize, and maintain NBFTA files up to date.
- I received emails sent to the NBFTA contact email and sent from the website. This past year would include:
  - Jobs to post
  - CE opportunities
  - Membership opportunities
  - General inquiries about the organization
  - Many inquiries on RTP

These are typically dealt with as they are encountered and assigned to the appropriate NBFTA executive member.

- The bulk of my time in the past year has been spent on the RTP working group. I have attended many calls over the past year and hopefully will continue to do so over the next year. I believe the end result will be positive for technicians and the profession.

This report is respectfully submitted by:

Riley Côté-DeMerchant, CFT 139  
April 20, 2024

**New Brunswick Forest Technician Association**

**2023 Auditors' Report**

**2024 Annual General Meeting**

I have verified the New Brunswick Forest Technician Association 2023 financial report for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

The report is balanced and accurate with supporting documents for expenses are all accounted for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "France Roussel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

France Roussel, CFT 0024

Auditor 2023

April 4, 2024

# New Brunswick Forest Technician Association

## 2023 Financial Report

Opening Balance **\$22,156.01**

Revenues:

Membership dues \$3,285.00

**Total Revenues:** **\$3,285.00**

Expenses:

Awards \$1059.08

CWF Membership \$460.00

Printing \$120.75

Sponsorship \$700.00

Website Hosting \$211.22

**Total Expenses** **\$ 2551.05**

**Profit** **\$733.95**

**Closing Balance** **\$ 22,889.96**

Chris Finnamore, CFT#109  
NBFTA, Treasurer

	Actual2019	Actual2020	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	BUDGET 2023	Actual 2023	BUDGET 2024
<b>Advertising</b>							
CWF BOOTH	\$ 350.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPONSORSHIP			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
SWAG			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TEACHERS TOUR			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
WREATHS		\$ 45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Atlantic Forestry</b>	\$ 807.50		\$468.00	\$0.00	<b>\$408.00</b>	0	\$418.00
<b>Awards</b>							
MCFT GRAD PRIZES	\$ 200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
PLAQUES			\$0.00	\$216.94	\$250.00	\$253.85	\$0.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Tech of the Year	\$ 173.65		\$0.00		\$200.00	\$105.23	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 873.65</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$916.94</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>	<b>\$1,059.08</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
<b>Meeting Expenses</b>							
ANNUAL MEETING	\$ 675.52		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
EXEC. MEEETINGS	\$ 57.97	\$ 143.72	\$230.19	\$33.62	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 733.49</b>	<b>\$ 143.72</b>	<b>\$ 230.19</b>	<b>\$ 33.62</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>CWF Membership</b>	\$460.00	\$460.00	\$460.00	\$460.00	\$460.00	\$460.00	\$460.00
<b>Office Supplies</b>			\$143.31	\$955.07	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
<b>Postage</b>	\$ 103.50	\$ 121.52	\$52.90	\$128.11	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$130.00
<b>Printing</b>	\$ 101.20		\$79.35	\$125.35	\$100.00	\$120.75	\$125.00
<b>Professional Fees</b>		\$ 150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Website</b>							

DOMAIN		\$ 436.50	\$0.00	\$83.27	\$200.00		\$85.00
SERVER SPACE			\$0.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$211.22	\$250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 436.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 343.27</b>	<b>\$ 460.00</b>	<b>\$ 211.22</b>	<b>\$ 335.00</b>

	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	Projected 2023	Actual 2023	Projected2024
Certified Dues	\$ 1,960.00	\$3,010.00	\$2,170.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,380.00	\$ 3,430.00
Regular Dues	\$ 525.00	\$980.00	\$840.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 980.00
Exam Fees	\$ -	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ 630.00
Web Job Posting	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other		\$2,941.95			\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,485.00	\$ 6,931.95	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 5,040.00

**Proposed Revenue** \$5,040.00

**Expenses**

**Advertising** \$1,500.00

**Atlantic Forestry** \$410.00

**Awards** \$800.00

**Memberships** \$460.00

**Meeting Expenses** \$100.00

**Office Supplies** \$150.00

**Postage** \$130.00

**Printing** \$125.00

**Website** \$335.00

**Total Expenses** \$4,010.00

Difference \$1,030.00



**NBFTA Annual General Meeting**  
**2023 Annual Report**  
**Continuing Forestry Education Chair**

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- In 2023-2024, 9 CFE Applications were received and approved. The following members received their Continuing Education Certificate: David Kierstead, Chantel Cote-Demerchant, Riley Cote-DeMerchant, France Roussel, Sebastien Roy, Chris Spencer, Jody Pollock, Chris Finnamore, and Allie DeGrace.
- Participated in NBFTA Executive Meetings and Right to Practice Updates via Virtual meetings.
- Encouraged members to obtain and maintain their CFT designation and technicians to join NBFTA
- Maintaining updated Contact information for members continues to be an issue. Without current contact info, it is difficult to reach out to members regarding certificate expiry.

This report respectfully submitted by:

*Fred Harris CFT #0086*

Chair Continuing Forestry Education Committee

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April 20, 2024



2024 NBFTA AGM  
Annual Report of NBFTA Representative on the  
Maritime College of Forest Technology (MCFT)  
Board of Governors (BOG)

Hello,

It has been a continued honor to represent the NBFTA on the MCFT BOG. It has been a busy year with many challenges and triumphs. I offer to continue representing the NBFTA in this capacity at the pleasure of the membership.

The board of Governors had a very busy year since the last AGM. With the resignation of Director Tim Marshall, the board has been involved in the interim measures taken, and has also engaged with consultants to help fill the vacant director position. While there were many impromptu meetings and discussions, below is a summary of official meeting highlights.

**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

- Discussed interim measures during directors absence
- Updates and changes to current BOG members
- Heather Boyd replaces Steven Hanson as BOG chair (leaves a vacancy for an elected board member due to Steven's departure)

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Presentation from KBRS Consultants on the following
  - MCFT Organizational Review
  - Executive Director Recruitment
- Discussions on interim measures due to director departure
- Becky Geneau replaces Peter Robichaud for the remainder of his term due to his resignation
- Review of 2024-2025 MCFT Business Plan and Associated Budget
- Kim Allen to assume role of secretary of BOG to replace Peter Robichaud

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Updates from KBRS
  - Organizational Leadership Review
  - GAP analysis / Governance Review

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Discussions on KBRS reports

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Updates on Director recruitment efforts
- Enrollment records
- Financial Updates
- StudyNB / International Students

**MCFT Board of Governors**

<b>MCFT BOARD OF GOVERNORS (As of November 8, 2023)</b>		<b>LEGEND</b>
		Elected from industry <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #4F81BD; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Ex-Officio member <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #92D050; border: 1px solid black;"></span>
<p><b>* Heather Boyd, Chair</b> Executive Director, Forestry Sector Council 62 Parkway Drive, Truro Heights, NS, B6L1N8 Phone: 902.893.9582 Email: <a href="mailto:heather@forestrysectorcouncil.ca">heather@forestrysectorcouncil.ca</a></p>	<p><b>* Dr. Michelle Gray, Vice Chair</b> Acting Dean, Faculty of Forestry &amp; Environmental Mgmt. <b>Representing Dr. Van Lantz</b> University of New Brunswick P.O. Box 4000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3 Phone: 506.451.6866 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mgray1@unb.ca">mgray1@unb.ca</a></p>	
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<p><b>Chris Ward, Assistant DM, Natural Resources &amp; Energy Dev.</b> <b>Representing Minister Mike Holland</b> Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development 310-1350 Regent Street Fredericton, NB E3C 2G6 Phone: 506.453.2684 E-mail: <a href="mailto:chris.b.ward@gnb.ca">chris.b.ward@gnb.ca</a></p>	<p><b>*Chris Finnamore</b> <b>*Gareth Davies</b> Acting Co-Executive Directors, MCFT 1350 Regent Street, Fredericton NB E3C 2G6 Phone: 506.458.0199 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cfinnamore@mcft.ca">cfinnamore@mcft.ca</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:gdavies@mcft.ca">gdavies@mcft.ca</a></p>	

<b>PROVINCIAL FOREST TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES (NON-VOTING)</b>	
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*\*Members of the Executive Committee (By-Law article 17a)  
Board Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary, 1 Other member  
Board Vice-Chairman is now included (implemented 2020)*

Respectively submitted,



Allie DeGrace, CFT #100



Riley DeMerchant &lt;riley.demerchant@gmail.com&gt;

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## Reports for AGM

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**Pollock, Jody (DNRED/MRNDE)** <Jody.Pollock@gnb.ca>  
To: Riley Côté-DeMerchant <riley.demerchant@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 15, 2024 at 6:39 AM

Riley

The only thing I have to report is we attended the 22-23 Grad Ceremonies at MFRS Bathurst, to hang out the awards.

That's it for Me

Jody R-1

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# Regulating the Practice (RTP) of Professional Forestry in New Brunswick

An Update for our ARPFNB & NBFTA Members

March 2024

Over the past three years, a joint Committee of the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick (ARPFNB) and the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association (NBFTA) have been engaged in discussions working towards “Regulating the Practice” (RTP) of professional forestry in New Brunswick.

# Members of the RTP Committee:

## ARPFNB Members

- Blake Brunsdon
- Ed Czerwinski
- Jasen Golding
- Griffin Kaleva
- Maurice LeBlanc
- Anne Lebrun-Ruff

## NBFTA Members

- Dustin Corey
- Riley Cote-DeMerchant
- Chris Finnamore
- Gareth Davies

# The status of our Stakeholder consultations...

- Our Committee met more than 12 times since our last AGM.
- We have held stakeholder consultation sessions with:
  - Senior staff at the NB Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development
  - Representatives of the NB Federation of Woodlot Owners.
- We are planning further stakeholder meetings with:
  - Forest industry representatives
  - Woodlot owner representatives
  - First Nations representatives
  - Conservation organizations
  - Municipalities
  - The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists New Brunswick
  - Other interested stakeholders.

# As a result of Stakeholder input...

- We have slightly modified our definition of “professional forestry”.
- We made changes to the the “Special License” membership class.
- We have prominently clarified that we have no intention of interfering or compromising Aboriginal Rights or traditional practices.
- We provided additional definitions in our DRAFT Act and By-Laws:
  - Forest
  - Forest protection
  - Forest Technician.

# We modified our definition of “professional forestry”:

*"The provision of services or undertakings which, because of their scope and implications respecting forests, forest lands, forest resources and forest ecosystems, require the specialized education, knowledge, training and experience of a registered member, and includes*

*(a): designing, planning, directing or advising with respect to:*

*(i): the inventory, classification, appraisal, evaluation, and certification of forests and forest lands,*

*(ii); silviculture prescriptions and treatments of forest stands, including the harvesting of timber,*

*(iii); planning, locating and approving forest transportation systems, including forest roads,*

*(iv); conservation, reclamation, and renewal of forests and forest lands, and*

*(v); the protection of forests and forest lands;*

*(b): the preparation, review, amendment and approval of forest management and operating plans and administration of forest lands;*

*(c): assessing the impact of planned activities on forests, forest lands and forest ecosystems;*

*(d): auditing, examining and verifying the results of planned activities on forests, forest lands and forest ecosystems;*

*(e); assessing, estimating and analyzing the capability of forests, forest lands, and forest ecosystems to yield a flow of timber ~~and other values~~;*

*(f); teaching core forestry subjects as defined in the by-laws at a college, technical institute or university."*

# We modified the "Special License" membership class...

- To improve the palatability of applying for and being a "**Special Permit Limited License**" holder; we decided to rename this membership class: "**Special License**" holders.
- We decided to allow "Special License" holders and "Associate members" to have voting privileges in the new Association.
- We decided "Special License" holders should only be subject to the standard CFE requirements of Registered Members on a case-by-case basis as specified on their individual special license.

# We made a prominent statement regarding Aboriginal Rights and traditional practices:

We inserted this pre-amble into the Draft Act:

*“WHEREAS the Association of New Brunswick Forestry Professionals recognizes that New Brunswick is the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Mi’Kmaq, and Peskotomuhkati people whose ancestors signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s, and WHEREAS the Association has no desire nor intention to interfere with aboriginal title, rights, or traditional practices; nothing in this legislation shall compromise or interfere with aboriginal title, rights or traditional practices.”*

# We have provided additional definitions:

- **“Forest”** means an area dominated by trees or intended to be dominated by trees. For the purposes of this legislation the area should be used/managed as a forest habitat, and the property size must be at least 5 hectares. Small properties in urban environments are not impacted by this legislation.
- **“Protection of Forests”** means direct and indirect activities or measures taken to protect forests from damage due to numerous factors including fire, insects, disease, weather, climatic conditions, pollution, or illegal human activity.
- **“Forest Technician”** means either a forest technician or a forest technologist.

# We have updated and made minor revisions to the DRAFT Act, By-Laws and other documents...

- We decided to use the term “***Forestry Professional***” throughout our documentation (instead of “Forest Professional”).
- We decided to use the term “**Registered Forest Technician**” throughout our documentation (instead of “Certified Forest Technologist” etc).
- We made numerous other small adjustments for clarity, consistency and modernization.

Updated/revised (red-lined) DRAFT documents can be reviewed on the ARPFNB “Regulating the Practice” webpage: <https://arpfnb.ca/regulating-the-profession.php>

# Next Steps...

- Continue with Stakeholder consultations.
- Develop a Code of Ethics for the new Association.
- Improve the DRAFT Act, By-Laws and related documentation based upon feedback from members and stakeholders.
- Seek member and stakeholder endorsement for our legislative package.
- Seek endorsement & government adoption of our legislative package.

# Other Potential Initiatives related to RTP...

- Undertake more joint ARPFNB/NBFTA activities.
- Informally initiate the new Association of New Brunswick Forestry Professionals (ANBFP).
- Provide world-class networking opportunities for forestry professionals in New Brunswick.