



The Gospelsettes sing with beautiful melody Christmas hymns and songs at the Christmas party potluck supper held at the basement hall of the Wentworth United Church. Left to right: Sharon Liteway, Faye Bronson, Lee Gilmour, Elaine Nelson, and seated at the piano Maggie Manning. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

## Three Wentworth Christmas Events

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth United Church Women held a Christmas party potluck supper on December 13, 2016. President Marie Duranceau and members invited other members and friends at the hall for 5:30 pm friendship time, with supper beginning at 6 pm. Following the meal, Marie Duranceau introduced the talented singers named the Gospelsettes: Lee Gilmour, Elaine Nelson, Maggie Manning, Faye Bronson, and Sharon Liteway, all members of the Milford

Lantz United Church. One singer, Brenda Ambrose, was missing as she was in Florida. The Gospelsettes are all dressed in white shirts and black pants with black scarves sprinkled with snowflakes.

Elaine Nelson told me the following: "We formed in 2004. We sing, when invited, at churches, coffee houses, raffles, etc., whenever they like to hear old gospel songs. You can contact Elaine Nelson at 902-259-2147 if you have any questions."

The Christmas Eve

Service led by Rev. Jean Ward was effective and inspiring. Communion and candles of memory, thanksgiving, and hope enhanced this service.

The third Christmas service in the sanctuary of the Wentworth United Church stated in the publicity, "Carol Sing. Everyone Welcome." Members and friends could see just in front of the choir loft Betty Curry at a piano, to her left Andrew Crossan with a guitar, and to her right Willett Stevenson with a violin. Rev. Jean Ward introduced the service and sheets of Christmas songs and hymns were handed out to everyone.

Especially inspiring was the accompanying music for the singing: violin, piano and guitar projected a beautiful sound echoing through the sanctuary. After two hours had passed with this splendid singing and music session, Rev. Jean Ward closed the Christmas service with a prayer and blessing.



Betty Curry (piano), Andrew Crossan (guitar), and Willett Stevenson (violin) accompany with beautiful music the "Carol Sing" located at the Wentworth United Church sanctuary. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Shur-Gain Needs and Feeds will be relocating to the former Cox Hometown Flooring location in Juniper Street in March. Interior renovations, plus a new deck are ongoing. A new warehouse will also be built. (Rees Photo)

## \$24.7-Million to Fight Climate Change

On January 19th, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, announced an investment of \$24.7 million to identify and address climate change related impacts on infrastructure in First Nations communities on reserve. The First Nation Adapt program was created in full partnership with First Nations communities, Tribal Councils, Indigenous organizations, provincial governments and other federal departments.

This new program provides direct funding to First Nations communities that are experiencing repeated and severe climate impacts relating to coastal erosion and sea level rise, flooding, forest fires and winter road conditions. Funded projects help local communities to acquire technical expertise and information that will help them in adapting to potential impacts of climate change on their infrastructure.

## Potential for Innovative Biorefinery

A new study shows Nova Scotia has strong potential to develop an innovative biorefinery that produces an alternative fuel from renewable sources of fibre. The liquid biofuel could be used to heat homes and power marine vessels, among other potential uses, according to a study done by Nova Scotia's Innovation Hub, an industrial, applied-research initiative.

The study released on January 26, shows that sufficient renewable fibre is generated in Nova Scotia to supply a commercial scale plant producing liquid biofuel. The fibre could come from byproducts produced by forestry operations, such as wood chips and tree bark, as well as from farm crops and municipal solid waste sources.

"Developing a biofuel sector in our province will give us an innovative alternative to fossil fuels and spark economic growth," said Lloyd Hines, Minister of Natural Resources.

"This is an exciting step toward increased competitiveness in the forest sector over the long term."

The Innovation Hub, launched a year ago, is

working to attract investors, identify markets, and help government develop supportive regulation.

The goal is to help make Nova Scotia's forestry and resource sectors stronger competitors. CelluFuel, in Brooklyn, Queens Co., is an example of the type of bio-refining business the Innovation Hub aims to attract.

Nova Scotia's Innovation Hub is supported with \$1.67 million provided by Emera, Government of Canada through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and the province.

The Innovation Hub has also made progress in its first year by: completing a study of ways to make transporting harvested trees more efficient and cost-effective, including a review of regulations in comparison with other jurisdictions; working with government, to make tech-

nology available to forestry companies to install in harvesting machines to help the operator monitor performance and improve efficiency and sponsoring 10 Nova Scotians in a machine operator training program to provide world-class instruction on efficient equipment operation. Workers are matched with forestry companies that want to upgrade their competitiveness and agree to hire them upon successful completion of their training.

The Innovation Hub is led by Bioapplied, a Nova Scotia-based company that specializes in renewable resource innovation, and FPInnovations, one of the world's largest private, non-profit forest research centres. There is more information about the Innovation Hub's work at <http://bioapplied.com/resources/> and <http://nshub.fpinnovations.ca>

## Well, Santa knows better...

Santa reports to us that Logan Spencer was surprised to see his name under this picture in the January issue of the Shoreline Journal instead of little Wyatt Spencer who is really cute in this picture of him sitting on Santa's lap. Our apologies to Wyatt and Logan.



Nineteen-month-old Wyatt Spencer sits on Santa's knee at the Londonderry Community Council's Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 11th. (Harrington Photo)

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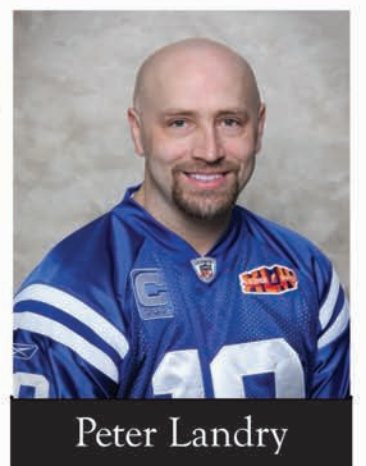
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