

The Shoreline Tid-Bits

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Atlantic Premiers Discuss Priorities

Atlantic Canadian Premiers held a conference call in advance of the meeting of Canadian premiers to focus on federal-provincial relations, health care funding, pharmacare, labour and immigration, and natural resource development, including Atlantic Canada's role as a leader in clean energy. The Premiers were united in calling on the federal government to ensure that health care funding recognizes the changing demographics of Atlantic Canada; the importance of the resource sector to the Atlantic and broader Canadian economies, and their shared commitment to develop and maintain a competitive regulatory regime to attract international investment. The Premiers also renewed their commitment to working together to develop new clean and reliable electricity generation and improve transmission networks, including working with the federal government on the development of a Clean Power Roadmap for Atlantic Canada.

Direct Flights from China in 2020

Early in the fall of 2020 Nova Scotia will welcome visitors from China on two direct charter flights. China Southern Airlines will fly from the city of Guangzhou to Halifax, bringing hundreds of tourists who will tour Nova Scotia, along with New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Premier Stephen McNeil said, "These flights are the first step in securing regular air access from Guangdong and other regions of China to Nova Scotia and the rest of our region. The province has a goal of attracting 50,000 Chinese visitors annually by 2024."

Sales of Flavoured E-Cigarettes banned

April 1, 2020, Nova Scotia will ban the sale of flavoured e-cigarettes and juices. Nova Scotia is one of the first provinces to announce measures to address vaping and the only province to announce a full flavour ban. In a recent survey conducted by Smoke Free Nova Scotia, 95 per cent of young people in Nova Scotia who vape said they prefer flavoured juices and over 48 per cent said they would quit if flavours were banned. In a 2016-17 survey, 37 per cent of Nova Scotia students in grades 7 to 12 had tried vaping at least once, the highest rate in Canada. More than half of youth and young adults identify flavour and smell as the primary reason for trying vaping products.

RV Show to celebrate 20th Anniversary

We haven't really got into winter and the folks at Master Promotions want us to think ahead to next summer. The Halifax RV show will celebrate its 20th edition next month at the Halifax Exhibition Centre on January 23-26, 2020. The show will include nearly 200 units including RV lifestyle products, services and information on the region's top campgrounds and vacation destinations.

Human Rights Awards presented

Three individuals and two groups were presented with the 2019 Nova Scotia Human Rights Awards in Halifax on December 10th. This year's recipients are: Youth Award: Cassidy Megan, Halifax, in recognition of her extraordinary efforts in raising local and global awareness on epilepsy through her Purple Day Foundation; Individual Award: Rana Zaman, Halifax, in recognition of her extraordinary advocacy efforts in bringing together diverse communities in Halifax; Dr. Burnley Allan "Rocky" Jones Award: Trayvone Clayton, Halifax, in recognition of his community activism, particularly his advocacy on racial justice and equality for youth in the African Nova Scotian community; Group Award: 902 ManUp, Halifax, in recognition of their community activism and innovation in addressing educational, vocational, and social barriers facing young African Nova Scotian males; and in particular, their advocacy work on the issue of police street checks and Group Award: African Nova Scotian Decade for People of African Descent Coalition, in recognition of their advocacy work with the African Nova Scotian community; particularly their commitment to addressing the issue of police street checks.

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Misleading Story on Forestry Practices

(Editor's Note: Tom Taggart, who is Colchester County councillor for District 10 has been a one of four Nova Scotia representatives on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors for the last six years. He was recently at a FCM meeting in Ottawa, and has a report elsewhere in this issue. I asked him to advise of other FCM issues which will impact Nova Scotia, particularly Colchester County areas. He brought to our attention a very misleading Forest Management story which was published on Page 1 of the Globe & Mail, December 4th issue. Below is a copy of an email from Derek Nighbor, President and CEO, Forest Products Association of Canada and a subsequent press release. We have reached out to several people to get a copy of the Globe & Mail story. If it is obtained prior to presstime, we will include in an area adjacent to this information on page 13).

From: Derek Nighbor <DNighbor@fpac.ca>
Date: 2019-12-10 3:36 p.m. (GMT-04:00)
To: Justin Veale <JVeale@fpac.ca>
Subject: Globe and Mail Story Misleads on Today's Forest Management - Statement from FPAC

Good afternoon,

We wanted to ensure that a number of our municipal partners across the country received FPAC's statement in response to a poorly reported story on the front page of The Globe and Mail on December 4th regarding forest practices in Canada.

What was not reported in the story is that it was based on outdated practices from 40 years ago in Northwestern Ontario - and in very misleading fashion, that sample was then extrapolated to the entire boreal forest.

Misleading report fails to understand Canada's 21st century forest sector; ignores role forests play in helping to fight climate change

For Immediate Release

December 4, 2019 (Ottawa, Ontario) - Derek Nighbor, President and CEO of the Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) issued the following statement regarding the Wildlands League report on forest practices:

Canada is an undisputed global leader in sustainable forest management. For more than 100 years, the forest sector has played a fundamental role in Canada's economy. Forests are part of our history, our geography, our homes, and our transportation.

Today, the sector is in the midst of a transformation that is bringing forward innovative new products, diversified markets, enhanced environmental credentials, and a skilled workforce.

A key role we are playing in fighting climate change is using wood products as alternatives to higher carbon intensive products such as cement and single use plastics.

Regretfully, this report overlooks the innovative, sustainable and inclusive nature of Canada's forest sector in the 21st century, and it does not acknowledge the positive solutions-based role we're playing across the board.

Wildlands League purposely exaggerates the impacts of forestry. The report focuses on practices from 30 years ago in a single region and extrapolates them to all of Canada. In fact, road areas and non-regenerated landings are significantly lower today. The report is also somewhat biased since areas where roads are replanted into forests are obviously not accessible by truck.

What was also not disclosed was that well known anti-forestry advocates who are interested in locking down land were behind the report, and that the Cement Association of Canada provided funding for the group's field work.

As architects, engineers, and community planners turn in greater numbers to the lower carbon benefits of building with wood in Canada and around the world, my global colleagues and I are starting to see some interesting bedfellows in the advocacy space.

That said, Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) prides itself in a solutions-based, collaborative approach to our work in Ottawa and across the country. Over 90% of the lands upon which our members operate are public lands. Over 40% of our working forest across the boreal is under some form of conservation measure. In working with our on-the-ground partners, we have an important stewardship responsibility and at the same time create family-supporting jobs for communities that need them.

As you are aware, forestry in Canada is about planning for and managing many different values and finding balance.

Our technical team is doing a line by line review of the report and will be prepared to share a more detailed assessment with interested decision-makers in the weeks ahead.

I wanted to reach out to correct the record.

Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Derek Nighbor, President and CEO
Forest Products Association of Canada
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Over the last several decades, industry practices have evolved considerably and have contributed to minimizing the loss in productive forest areas. The forest industry has a strong interest in maintaining healthy and resilient forests for the future.

Moreover, continuously improving our forest practices is at the very core of our commitment to remove 30 megatonnes (MT) of CO2 per year by 2030.

Canada's forest sector was one of the first to commit to climate action, and we are proud of the leading role we're playing in helping to fight climate change, promoting the highest standards of conservation and showing that robust environmental stewardship and economic prosperity go hand in hand.

FPAC provides a voice for Canada's wood, pulp, and paper producers nationally and internationally in government, trade, and environmental affairs. The \$73.6-billion-a-year forest products industry represents 12 per cent of Canada's manufacturing GDP and is one of Canada's largest employers operating in over 600 communities, providing 230,000 direct jobs, and over 600,000 indirect jobs across the country.

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Standing Committees Identified

By Maurice Rees

In updating various policies at its November 28, Council established eight Standing Committees of council to be known as: Council Committee; Executive Committee; Audit Committee; Planning Advisory Committee; Nominating Committee; Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee; Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Committee; and Flood Advisory Committee.

Other Standing Committees as established through by-laws include: Sewer Use Appeals Committee (Sewer Use By-Law) and Livestock Control Appeals Committee (Livestock Control By-Law).

Ad-Hoc Committees consisting of at least three (3)



members of Council may be appointed from time to time for the purpose of inquiry into and report upon any matter referred to such Committee. Other Committees, including inter-municipal committees, may be formed with the appropriate number of Council members appointed as needed. The term of office for members of Council on all Committees shall be two years. The term of office for citizen representatives and those

appointed as nonvoting or Ex-Officio members shall be the term of Council, unless other-

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