

Forestry Advisory Committee Appointed

Greg Herrett, chair and CAO, Municipality of the County of Cumberland was appointed by Department of Natural Resources & Renewables, Minister Tory Rushton to the Ministerial Advisory Committee in an announcement on June 3rd. Herrett will also serve as chair of the committee. Two advisory committees, with refreshed terms of reference and membership, will help the Province implement ecological forestry and achieve these additional perspectives, as well as ongoing input from key stakeholders and the public: "healthier forests.

Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton announced appointments to the Forest Biodiversity Science Advisory Committee and the Ministerial Advisory Committee today, June 3.

"We're entering a new phase in ecological forestry implementation and it's important to me that our work continues to be guided by expert voices and the best available science," said Minister Rushton. "I thank committee members for sharing their time and expertise on behalf of all Nova Scotians. As we move forward with this critical work, we will benefit from

Appointments include people from environmental organizations, the forestry industry, the Mi'kmaw community and academia.

Six members have been appointed to the Forest Biodiversity Science Advisory Committee, which guides the Department's forest science and research. Members were chosen for their field expertise and their advice will address complex biodiversity conservation and resource-use issues. The committee will be providing



scientific reviews needed to carry out several recommendations from the Forest Practices Review.

Forest Biodiversity Science Advisory Committee members are: Peter Bush, Manager of Forest Research and Planning, Department of Natural Resources and Renewables; Tara Crewe, chair and Manager of Ecosystems and Habitats, Department of Natural Resources and Renewables; Peter Duinker, professor emeritus, Dalhousie University (retired); Thom Erdle, professor, University of New Brunswick (retired); Tom Herman, professor emeritus, Acadia University (retired) and Yolanda Wiersma, professor, Memorial University.

The Ministerial Advisory Committee, established in 2019, completed its mandate last fall. Six new members and one returning member have been appointed to advise the Minister on the adoption of ecological forestry on Crown land. This includes a new independent chair. Members were chosen for their expertise or experi-

ence in biodiversity and forestry.

Ministerial Advisory Committee members are: Jane Barker, Co-Director, Mersey Tobetic Research Institute; Kirsten Campbell, Manager, Cape Breton Privateland Partnership; Mac Davis, private woodlot owner; Angie Gillis, Associate Executive Director, Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq; Greg Herrett, chair and CAO, Municipality of the County of Cumberland; Breck Stuart, General Manager, Westfor Inc. and Chris Tufts, Vice-President, Tufts Forestry Services Ltd.

"I look forward to working with these members whose diverse interests, expertise, and perspectives will support government's ongoing work in achieving ecological forestry on Crown lands," Greg Herrett, Chair, Ministerial Advisory Committee; Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the County of Cumberland said following the announcement.

Revised terms of reference will be posted online once approved by the committees.

Artist-In-Residence DEADLINE LOOMING

Are you a writer? Would you enjoy spending time in Joggins, Nova Scotia, during 2023, honing your skills and creating new art? This is your opportunity!

All writing disciplines are considered for the 2023 Joggins Fossil Institute's ArtScape Artist-in-Residence program, including, but is not limited to, fiction, non-fiction, nature writing, biography, history, memoir, science writing, poetry, journalism, children's /young adult, screenwriting, essays, literary criticism, creative non-fiction, blogging, scholarly writing, science writing, fantasy and speculative fiction.

The deadline for submissions to the ArtScape Artist-in-Residence program is Sunday July 31, 2022.

We look for proposals that engage with, complement, examine, and reflect the natural

environment and surroundings (flora, fauna, weather, water, geology, paleontology, cultural history etc.) of the Joggins Fossil Cliffs and Centre.

This residency benefits artists who, through artistic creation and expression, wish to explore the myriad relationships between the human experience and the natural world. It provides the opportunity for artists to personally encounter nature in a unique rural setting.

In 2023, ArtScape provides writers with the time, financial support, and space to enable them to better focus on their work.

For more information see our website at www.jogginsfossilcliffs.net/artscape/ or contact Craig at 902-251-2727 ext. 225 or development@jogginsfossilcliffs.net



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Greening Up Our Lives

By Donald Cameron, RFP

Now that summer has arrived for real, maybe it's a good time for us to plan what we can do in the coming months to green up our lives. Here are five ways to get inspired and go green in 2022, for your health and the health of our planet.

1. Plant a tree

It may seem obvious, but what a great way to get connected to trees and your community at the same time. Whether you want to plant trees on your own or with other groups, it's a great way to fight climate change, the more the merrier. There are international and national organizations such as Tree Canada that assist people in planting trees or accept donations in order to facilitate planting millions of trees. As the English proverb states, "If you want to be happy for a year, plant a garden; if you want to be happy for a lifetime, plant a tree."

2. Grow a Garden

Now that the spring days have a little warmth, it is time to plan how we will plant our gardens. Growing a garden, whether full of vegetables or flowers, or a combination of both, can offer many health and environmental benefits:

- Studies have shown that gardening can help alleviate feelings of stress and mental health issues;
- Gardening is an activity that can be shared with family or neighbours, and can contribute to feeling socially connected;
- Planting shrubs or trees in your garden can help sequester carbon;
- Depending on what you grow, your garden can attract and support those invaluable pollinators, like bees.

3. Get Involved



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There are many other ways to green up your life if gardening is not for you. How about researching the environmental organizations and initiatives operating in your area - more than likely, there is a need for your help. Whether you donate your time, skills, money or services, or simply share their message with your network, there are many ways to help these organizations make an impact.

4. Grow Your Knowledge Bank

Consider turning your phone off at the end of the day and make time to read! There are several great reads about trees, forests, and their benefits to both human health and the health of our planet. This is a great way to renew your appreciation for trees, while also reducing screen time.

Here are a few great reads to get you started:

- Finding the Mother Tree - Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest by Suzanne Simard
- What Trees Talk About -The Nature of Things and CBC
- My Life with Trees by our very own Gary L. Saunders
- To Speak for the Trees by Diana Beresford-Kroeger
- Tree: A Life Story by David Suzuki and Wayne Grady

5. Get Outside

As you have no doubt heard before, there are countless benefits to spending time outdoors, among the trees. Regardless of the season we are enjoying, make an effort to breathe in that fresh air and enjoy some time in the great outdoors. Whether that means a 20-minute walk around your neighbourhood, exploring winter trails on skis or snowshoes, the time you spend outdoors can help alleviate stress, increase your energy, and leave you feeling more connected to your community and your world.

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