

Woodlands Conference – A Successful Day



The room was crowded at the Maple Ridge Elementary, Lantz for the 2017 Woodland Conference.



A three member panel make presentations and took questions from the audience. Pictured above are Jeff Bishop, Forest Nova Scotia; Ed Mad Donnell, Conform Ltd and Bob Bancroft.

By Maurice Rees

The 2017 Woodland Conference held at Maple Ridge Elementary School on March 25th opened with a brief address by Deputy Minister, Julie Towers, who shortly after her remarks had to run off to the annual meeting of the Trappers Association being held in Truro at the same time. The time crunch was similar for 2016 Woodlot Owner of the Year, Matthew Harrison, Lynn Mountain, who had to rush back to his operation as the maple was running and his equipment was working full speed.

Some of the speakers at the annual event included Bob Bancroft, Ed MacDonell, Conform Ltd, a significant sponsor of the event; Dale Prest, Community Forest International, Sackville, NB, .

In his presentation, Matthew Harrison talked about the Opportunities and Challenges for Landowners. He was followed by Dave Sutherland, RPE coordinator for the Association for Sustainable Forestry, who spoke on Silviculture and Biodiversity features, and how applications are approved

Ed MacDonell, Forest Technician Manager, Conform Ltd., whose company was also a major sponsor of the conference, spoke about his company's management style and how it works with member woodlot owners.

The most entertaining presentation of the day award went to Gerald Gloade, Confederation of Mainland Mi'kmaw Program Development Officer, Mi'kmawey Debert Project who following the nutrition break 10:30 am-11:00 am, spoke on the topic of Seven Districts and the Animals of the Woodlot. He also spoke about numerous presentations he has made around the world and has become famous for his style of delivery, which is enhanced by his passion for his work and artistic creativity.

Another interesting presentation came from John MacDougall, Forester Executive Director, Federation of

NS Woodland Owners who detailed his 2016 trip to Finland and what he learned about Finland's Family Forests. In some ways, he had Nova Scotian Woodlot Owners scratching their heads wondering what could be done to have similar successes here as it happening in Finland. A detailed story on his presentation will be presented in the upcoming issue of The Shoreline Journal.

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FILL PLANTING

- Normally done 3-5 years after harvest, if necessary

MANUAL WEEDING

- Normally done when crop trees are between 0.5m & 2m in height. Entire site must be treated.

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COMMERCIAL THINNING

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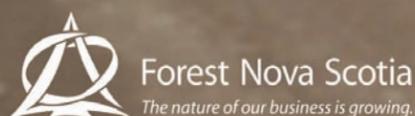


“It's just a way of life; something that I'm passionate about.”

Robert Lively, Forest Technician

As members of Forest Nova Scotia, private woodlot owners are contributing to the economic fabric of our province, while ensuring folks like Robert can pursue their passion each and every day.

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