



At 16:04 March 31st the grass fire season officially began when a fire to burn refuse spread to grass and rapidly grew at 4487 Hwy 2 – The Sunshine Inn. Parrsboro Fire responded promptly and was aided by the lake and stream that surrounded the burn area. Fire was put out quickly, but there is a reminder although burning may be permitted after 2:00 pm, it should be done safely and at a time when the wind is low. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



You have to live away from the big city to appreciate the magnitude of stars in our sky. Even Parrsboro has enough darkness to show the magnificence of the night sky. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



After the April 4th storm the added water created a wonderful scene at North River near Five Islands. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## CFAC Groups Working on Strategic Plan Implementation

The Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee (CFAC) has been working hard towards the pathways outlined in the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan. Various working groups are currently underway to work on the specific pathways. If you are interested in being a part of some of these groups, send an email to: [CumberlandForestry@outlook.com](mailto:CumberlandForestry@outlook.com) expressing what pathway you are interested in.

**The various groups include:**

**Invest in Wood Energy:** explore opportunities for wood energy for business and institutional settings; encourage citizens in Nova Scotia to burn residential wood heat, (the province could give 30 to 50% rebate on woodstove, pellet stove and wood furnaces) and explore business growth through the production and distribution of wood pellets,

fire logs and fuel pucks. (In addition to heating opportunities, fuel pucks can be used as a carbon feedstock for methane digesters to improve the production and recovery of methane. Methane can be used for electricity production or to inject into natural gas pipelines).

**To Incent woodlot owners through tax incentives to manage their woodlots:** incent woodlot owners, through tax incentives, to manage their woodlots, to increase the rate of carbon sequestration by having a healthy growing forest. The province should tap into federal incentives for climate regulation to fund these programs.

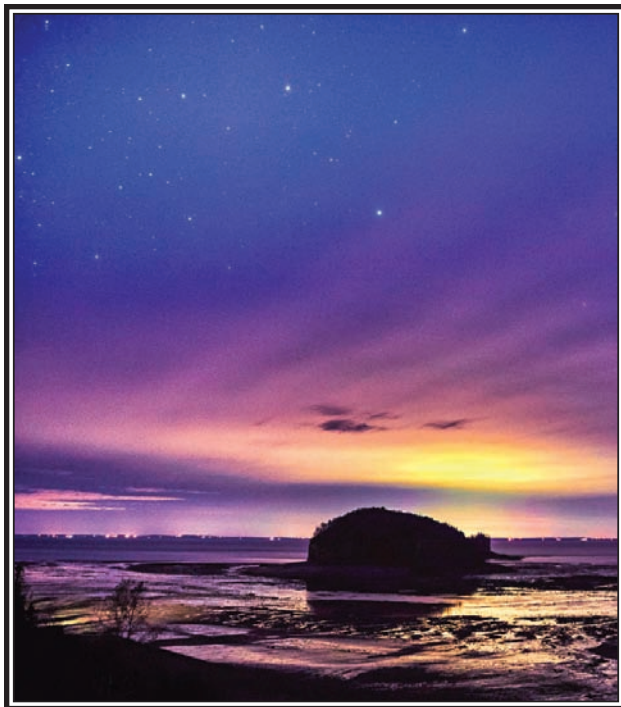
**Strengthening woodlot owner voice:** to strengthen regional woodlot owners voice within Nova Scotia. (This one needs one or two more volunteers)

**Forestry Tourism & Land Fund - showcase for treatments:** to develop local Forestry Tourism opportunities to monetize non-timber aspects of forests/ woodlots. Ex: maple syrup operations, resort and convention centre, wilderness camping, snowmobile or mountain bike rentals/tours, etc.; work with Cumberland Tourism Strategy committee to identify opportunity; Create a private land fund, and a private land ecological forestry training site and demonstration fund to showcase management treatments to enhance the transition to ecological forestry.

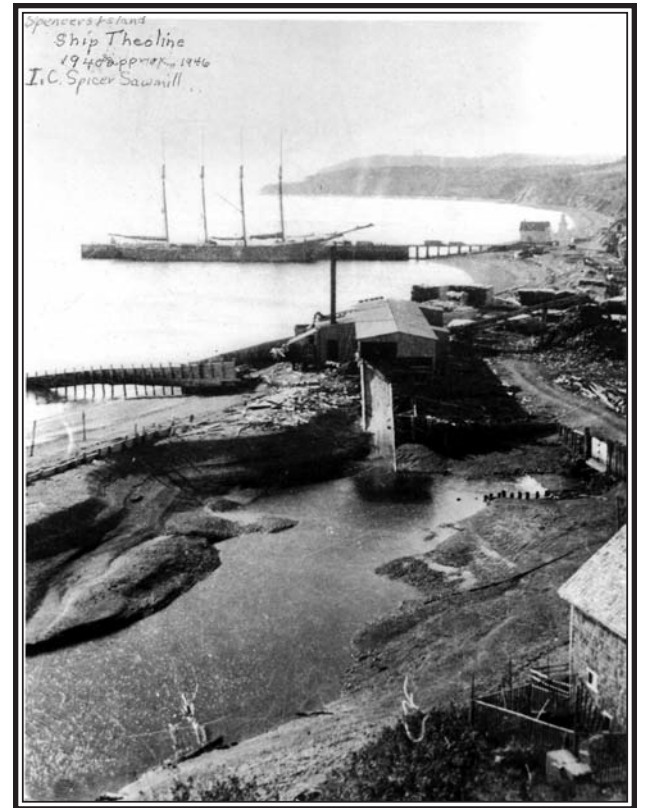
**Solidifying a unified forest industry with public support,**

**education and public relations:** To find creative ways to regain public trust by sharing our story utilizing key social media channels and print applications.

**Biodiversity working group:** to foster government transparency and collaboration on shared goals; to determine key forestry stakeholders to relate to government officials and to have the provincial and federal government work to regain the trust of the business community (including forestry). For long term investments (risk taking) there needs to be confidence that regulatory decisions are made based upon science and pre-determined criteria.



A night with the stars and the glow across the bay at Two Islands in the Bay of Fundy, NS. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



I. C. Spicer Sawmill shipped a lot of lumber from the wharf in Spencer's Island. This photo showing the Ship Theoline was taken in approximately 1946. (CFAC May Newsletter).



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Be part of rolling up our sleeves to beat this thing together.

Registered Nurse Martha Brown is part of our way forward.

