

Photo Essay



Brycon Construction hired Dexter's to install the main collector line from the Abitoeau into the Wastewater treatment plant under construction by Dora. (Rees Photo)



There's lots of rebar, on-site, awaiting for construction workers to set in place for the wastewater treatment plant. Concrete forms ranging from four feet to sixteen feet high will form the walls of Parrsboro's new wastewater treatment plant being build by Dora Construction. A 120 metre pour was scheduled for September 28th to be followed by another 70 metre pour on Friday, September 29th. (Rees Photo)

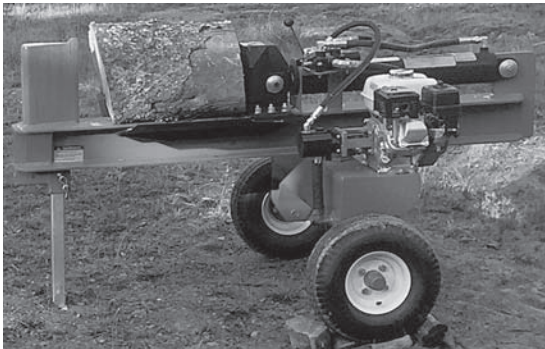


This is just a small portion of pipe in the marshalling yard awaiting burial throughout Parrsboro. (Rees Photo)



Need larger sewer pipe? There's lots of it awaiting to be moved to other parts of Parrsboro. (Rees Photo)

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Spicer's chosen 2017 Woodlot Owners of the Year

The following notes were used during the selection committee's deliberations, which chose Peter and Pat Spicer; Spencer's Island as the 2017 Central Region Woodlot Owner of the Year.

1500ac woodlot inherited from father Max Is "chasing/harvesting" spruce bark beetle damage; his operational plans are greatly affected by this.

Contains a significant amount of large, old growth timber

Has done his own silviculture and harvesting over the years with a relatively small amount contracted out.

Has an excavator to do his own road work; his wife, Pat is very involved; she enjoys operating the excavator and can do some work with the tractor.

Have hired a power saw operator a number of winters and plan to do so again if timber prices return to 2015 levels.

Had a school co-op student working for him - Jordan MacGillivray (2016)

Peter retired early from teaching position; had a serious health scare (but is fine now) and is able to make a living from their woodland. His annual AAC/target for harvesting has been estimated to be 30 loads per year.

Valtra tractor and loader is a forestry model - designed/customized so that he can work in the cab when conditions are cold or to avoid bee stings (he has a serious allergy - carries EpiPen)

Owns many pieces of small scale forestry equipment which he uses to maintain conditions such as the side mounted "bush hog", winch, trailer, Side by side



Pat & Peter Spicer and family were chosen as 2017 Woodlot Owners of the year. (Rees Photo)

Peter has conducted a large amount of patch cutting and selection harvesting over the years - chasing bark beetle damage and meeting custom order requirements for large timbers (such as his current two large masts order)

Peter is 7th generation Spicer living on and managing land from the original land grant

Was the main woodlot to supply the ship yard in the 1800's

He manages toward uneven aged forest objective Large healthy red spruce, also managing the bark beetle outbreak by removing infested trees.

Property has much recreation activity - very nice camp often used by P&P, side by side, cross - country skiing using a purchased groomer attachment to snowmobile. There is a group that also frequent my trails and roads with mountain bikes.

Keen interest in wildlife + recreation; photography, others using land for snowmobiling and skiing, also hunting (hunters with permission) Owls, deer, bear, and snake presence noted.

Sign of moose moving through the area. Many years ago moose were very common, but no longer

Does restrict other hunters from hunting on the lot (has gate on road entrance from Highway) to ensure safe working conditions for he, Pat and workers (which he works on year-round)

Follows WHWP regulations, aware of water-course buffers, and legacy clumps

Land was well maintained, well signed, good roads and no garbage.

Peter had carpel tunnel syndrome surgery two weeks ago so is still unable to do power saw work. He is very energetic as anyone who meets him quickly finds out

Peter and Pat's home is across highway from woodlot and overlooks the Spencer's Is. Campground, a beautiful viewscape

Peter's infamous Dad, Max led the building of the local sawmill below the entrance to the woodlot many decades ago. There is no sign of it now.

Peter is hopeful that one or both of his multi-talented daughters will someday take over management of the property

They are an active member of Athol Forestry especially for the purpose of Estate planning, maintaining strong business plan and activities for the future.

Max had operated a maple operation for many years of about 1000 taps

They have built a nice cabin and outhouse where the sugar camp once stood - very nice; new wood stove, BarBQ, cozy, with overnight capability

They have created trails connecting to their external boundaries so that local 4 wheelers and snowmobiles can use property to access main Trail 30 which extends from Advocate to Parrsboro and beyond. One part of the local four wheeler club's trail system crosses a part of the property.

Refresh a few km of the over 12 km boundary lines every year.

I have let Northern Pulp contractors and CE Harrison & Sons access their land for harvesting and trucking purposes through my roads several times with very good cooperation and mutual benefits. Both groups helped with snow plowing and road maintenance.




The Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner's Association had an information display at the field day. (Rees Photo)



Wood carver, Brad Burns, has made some initial cuts in the large logs. (Rees Photo)



After performing magic on the entire log, wood carvers end up with salable products like this. (Rees Photo)




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