

Harrison's Provincial Woodlot Winners



The new sugar shack occupies approximately one third of the new building which also incorporates the Harrison family's home. In-floor heating from a propane source makes it comfortable for the family and workers during the maple season. (Rees Photo)

By Maurice Rees

Back in the 1970's Norm Harrison was concerned about forestry and with several colleagues was instrumental in establishing Athol Forestry Cooperative Limited in 1977. Now almost 40 years later the cooperative has over 250 landowner members and manages in excess of 45,000 acres.

It's important to mention Norm Harrison, because he passed down his love and concern of woodlots to son, Donald, who instilled similar concerns to son, Matthew. Three generations of the Harrison family who have amassed a 1,000 acres on

Lynn Mountain have resulted in Matthew and his wife Bonnie being selected as the Woodlot owner of the year for the Central Region, and the much larger recognition of 2016 Provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year.

An open house and woodlot tour was held at the Harrison property on Saturday, September 24th, which was attended by hundreds of woodlot owners and outdoor enthusiasts, including Hon Lloyd Hines, Minister of Natural Resources.

Matt and Bonnie acquired the nearly 1000 acre property from Matt's parents and grandparents. The main objec-

tive of all three family generations has been the long term sustainability of their land to provide the many values that the property makes possible.

Since Matt and Bonnie started managing the land, they have improved the quality and health of the woodland through silviculture and harvesting. Matt has also developed recreational opportunities on their land such as major trail routes for snowmobiles and ATV's and hiking and snowshoeing. They have also developed an ever-expanding 12,000 tap sugar maple operation, 120 acres of blueberry fields and blueberry harvester operation. Besides operating a blueberry harvester, Matt runs an excavator business for a variety of types of work such as leveling blueberry fields, road building, bridge and culvert construction, and chipping roadside and utility right-of-ways.

For the past six years, the Harrisons have committed to at least 20 hectares (50 acres) of selection harvesting annually. As visitors can see, this has resulted in a well-managed forest with well stocked cover and bountiful food for wildlife.

Bonnie and Matt started their maple operation in the 1990's and soon their family business - Hidden Mountain Maple Farms, was born. They now produce and sell from their home a variety a products each maple season, including maple syrup, maple butter, maple cream, maple fudge, jelly and many more.

Due to the distance the Harrisons built their beautiful combined home/sugar camp from the existing powerline, they decided to live off the power grid by creating a large solar panel arrangement with backup generator capability.



These 12 - 12v batteries provide sufficient storage for evenings to operate the household appliances, which includes television, computers, lights, two refrigerators, two deep freezers and washer. Propane is used for heating, dryer, stove and oven. (Rees Photo)



Trider's Craft Beer which opened within the last week in the Industrial Park in Amherst were on-hand providing sample of their red and blonde. (Rees Photo)



Reverse osmosis is used to extract most of the water from the sap. Currently Matthew Harrison is investigating using the purified water either in a bottling operation or sold in bulk to craft brewers. (Rees Photo)



The Springhill Ladies Auxiliary served up a chili and roll or sandwich lunch. There was just enough food to feed all the visitors. (Rees Photo)



MUNICIPAL (COUNCIL) ELECTIONS OCTOBER 15, 2016

TAKE NOTICE that the following nominations have been received in respect to the Municipal Election to be held in the County of Cumberland on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Qualified electors may vote between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm on Ordinary Polling Day, October 15, 2016 or at an advance poll. The advance polls will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 and on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm.

OFFICE	CANDIDATES	OFFICE	CANDIDATES
Councillor, District 1	Dave MARCH Paul PORTER Don SMITH	Councillor, District 8	Ernest GILBERT (Acclamation)
Councillor, District 2	Marlon CHASE John KELLEGREW	Councillor, District 9	Dara LEGERE Michael MCLELLAN
Councillor, District 3	Rod GILROY Richard PLETT Joe VAN VULPEN	Councillor, District 10	Don FLETCHER (Acclamation)
Councillor, District 4	Allison GILLIS Kathy REDMOND	Councillor, District 11	Douglas WILLIAMS (Acclamation)
Councillor, District 5	Lynne WELTON (Acclamation)	Councillor, District 12	MaryAnn JACKSON (Acclamation)
Councillor, District 6	Barbara PALMER (Acclamation)	Councillor, District 13	Randy CORCORAN Alexander GRAHAM Kurstyn KELLY Norm RAFUSE Lisa WARD
Councillor, District 7	Kelly MILNER Daniel RECTOR		

ADVANCE AND ORDINARY POLLING DAY POLLING LOCATIONS

(Advance Polling Days are October 8th and 11th - Noon to 8 p.m.)
(Ordinary Polling Day - October 15th - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

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| <p>District 1 - Fort Lawrence, West Amherst, Amherst Point, East Amherst, Upper Nappan (North of Nappan River)
Poll Location: E.D. Fullerton Building</p> <p>District 2 - Chignecto, Macan, Nappan (North of Nappan River)
Poll Location: Nappan United Church</p> <p>District 2 - Fenwick, Upper Nappan (South of Nappan River)
Poll Location: Fenwick Church</p> <p>District 2 - Brookdale (North of Nappan River), Hastings, Salem, Stanley
Poll Location: Brookdale Community Hall</p> <p>District 3 - Amherst Shore, Chapman Settlement, Lower Shinimicas, Northport
Poll Location: Northport Community Hall</p> <p>District 3 - Lorneville, Tidnish Bridge, Tidnish Cross Roads
Poll Location: Tidnish Crossroads Community Hall</p> <p>District 3 - Amherst Head, Truemanville, Tyndal Road, Warren
Poll Location: Truemanville Fire Dept.</p> | <p>District 4 - Gulf Shore (West of Kilder Lane), Miller Road, North Wallace, Pugwash, South Pugwash, Wallace Bay (West), Conns Mills, Hartford, Port Philip, Pugwash Junction, Pugwash River, Rockley, West Pugwash
Poll Location: Pugwash Village Commission</p> <p>District 7 - Linden, Port Howe, Lake Killarney, Beckwith, Riverview
Poll Location: Linden Community Centre</p> <p>District 7 - Mount Pleasant, Little River, Black River Road, Glenville, Oxford Junction, Birchwood, Hansford, Roslin, Saltsprings, Clairmount
Poll Location: Oxford Legion</p> <p>District 7 - West Leicester, East Leicester, Mansfield
Poll Location: Leicester Fire Hall</p> <p>District 9 - Lower Macan, Macan Woods, Minudie, Barronsfield, Lower River Hebert, River Hebert East, River Hebert
Poll Location: River Hebert Legion</p> <p>District 9 - Lower Cove, Joggins, Shulie, Ragged Reef
Poll Location: Joggins Fire Hall</p> <p>District 13 - Town of Parrsboro
Poll Location: Parrsboro Legion</p> |
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GENERAL

Poll locations for Council and School Board elections will be advertised separately.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2016
Rennie J. Bugley, Returning Officer

To help build a new future for
Parrsboro
VOTE
NORM RAFUSE
For District 13