

PHOTO FEATURE

2018 Central Region Woodlot Owner of the Year
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Greg Watson presents Jaimie with a satellite topographical map showing the 500 acre woodlot which won her honours as the 2018 Central Region Woodlot Owner of the Year. (Rees Photo)



Don Cameron presents Jaimie with a plaque she can hang in her office or home in the UK. (Rees Photo)



Shoreline co-publisher, Dorothy Rees, orders a snack from the 4-H canteen at Central region 2018 Woodlot Owner of the Year field day in Wentworth on September 23rd. (Rees Photo)



Flanked by Greg Watson and Don Cameron, Jaimie Snell-Pollendine accepted the large exterior sign proclaiming she was chosen 2018 Central Region Woodlot Owner of the Year. (Rees Photo)

Economy Brigade Collaborates on Fuel Tanks

By Linda Harrington

Economy Brigade is proud to announce, in collaboration with Five Islands Fire, Bass River Fire and the Municipality of County of Colchester, they have recently installed two fuel tanks on the premises.

These fuel tanks are for the brigades of Five Islands, Economy and Bass River to save time, money and keep the trucks in their district as long as possible. They no longer have to leave the area for fuel.

The Brigade is in the process of acquiring a specialized air compressor and cascade system for filling self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) air tanks during or after an incident.

They are also exploring their options in regard to specialized rescue equipment such as boats, UTVs, etc. and will be using a considerable part of the budget to maintain their aging fleet of fire trucks.

Economy Brigade consists of 32 active members and 2 juniors. Executive officers of Economy Volunteer Fire Brigade includes: Geoff McLaughlin, Chief; Tim Wells, Deputy Chief; Eric Moore, Captain of Equipment; Logan Elliot, Captain of Water Supply; Ron Davis, Captain of Police; Greg McLaughlin, Training Officer; Stephen Faulkner, Training Officer; Bill McLaughlin, Communications Officer; Brian Hiltz, Communications Officer; Emily Reade, Secretary and Alexia McLaughlin, Treasurer.

The Brigade is fortunate to have 3 apparatus and 2 utility vehicles at this time. 1 Engine (1050 gpm pump with a 1000 gallon tank), 1 Tanker (475 gpm pump with a 1500 gallon tank), 1 Tender/Brush Unit (250 gpm with a 2000 gallon tank). They also have a Suburban equipped with a portable pump that runs as a support unit for the apparatus as well as a 2500 series pickup set up for medical first response.

The Brigade receives about 80% medical calls, they have some amazing first responders and are trained and equipped to tackle a broad range of scenarios.

This year alone they have been called to forestry equipment on fire, MVAs, an ATV rollover and called to assist in water search and rescue.

Recent acquisitions include a 2017 Chevrolet 2500 MFR truck, a thermal imaging camera for firefighting/search and rescue operations, and a specialized washing machine for in-house decontamination of turnout gear.



Economy's Fire Engine #4, although not newest model works well and is all shined up ready to go. (Submitted)



Economy's Engine No 2 works well and has made many trips throughout the brigade's service area. (Submitted)



With all five doors open, and lights flashing it makes for an impressive site in the shadow of darkness. (Submitted)

Bass River Brigade in 58TH Year

By Linda Harrington

Bass River Fire Brigade was established in 1960 with the election of the first Executive on December 5, 1960. They are currently in their 58th year. There are 44 members on the roll call.

The Brigade is responsible for a large area which covers

to the border with Economy Fire Brigade to the west, to the Great Village Fire Brigade to the East and to Collingwood Fire Brigade over the mountain to the North, with the Bay on the South.

Call-outs include, but are not limited to, motor vehicle collisions, medical emergen-

cies, missing persons and fire.

The Brigade supports, and participates in, Bass River Community events and organize many Fire Brigade events through out the year, such as the Fishing Derby, ATV Rally, Horse & Wagon Trail Ride, Toonie Draw and others.

The Brigade operates with

5 vehicles; 2 pumper/tankers, 1 quick response bush truck, 1 fire/rescue/command truck and 1 medical first response truck.

Members of the Brigade will visit WCCS during Fire Prevention Week.

There will be an Auction at the Fire Hall on Saturday, October 6th. Drop off donations or phone for pick up.

Woodland Owner Groups Endorse Review

Representatives of 12 organizations that work with family forest owners in Nova Scotia have endorsed the recommendations of the Independent Review of Forest Practices. This is the first time in the history of Nova Scotia so many groups representing small woodland owners have spoken with one voice on an issue of provincial policy. The organizations have sent a joint letter of support to Premier Stephen McNeil.

McNeil asked William Lahey, president of King's College, to undertake the review last year. The woodland owner groups met in late August in Truro to discuss Lahey's conclusions and recommendations.

While there was robust discussion about the findings, they ultimately agreed that the benefits of the recommendations to the forests and people of Nova Scotia far outweighed the costs. To

reach their decision, the groups acknowledged the following realities:

This is a landscape-level plan intended to balance the demands of many stakeholders while putting the needs of the forest first.

The recommendations will result in more natural and more valuable forests across the province, which will benefit the forest sector (and the entire Nova Scotia economy) over the long term.

Even small changes in the package are likely to have significant impacts on forest ecology and economics.

For those reasons, and many others, the groups endorsed the report exactly as it was submitted by Lahey.

For more information, please contact: Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners & Operators Association, 902-817-4763 or Conform Ltd., 902-384-2788

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