

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Peter Waterman
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Waterman that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 11.2 Mayor / Council Expenses**
- 16.3 Request to Attend Conference – Policy 47**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Clarke announced that Honorable Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia, presented a letter to the Region in recognition of its 20th Anniversary for Amalgamation which will be framed and displayed in council chambers.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute – Amanda Lavers

Amanda Lavers, Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute, was welcomed to Council to give an overview and services their organization offers (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

Highlights included:

- Mission – Promote sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity conservation in the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve and beyond through research, education, and the operation of a field station.
- Vision - Envisions prosperous and knowledgeable human communities in the SNBR where decisions with biodiversity implications are well-informed by research, where species are not at risk, where there is landscape and aquatic connectivity, healthy forests, and healthy aquatic ecosystems.
- Partnerships with levels of government, educational institutions.
- Business History – Employs 12 – 20 annually, with thousands of volunteer hours and millions spent in rural North Queens.
- Green Technologies & Building – Upgrades to facilities.
- Education & Outreach – Reviewed programs offered.

- Workshops & Seminars – Reviewed courses and workshops offered both on an introductory as well as advanced level.
- Publications – Through scientific literature, guides / websites and catalogues.
- Volunteer Base – Over 10,000 hours logged.

Ms. Lavers then gave a brief update on three projects that MTRI are presently working on:

- Aquatic Health – fish passage, water sheds on the Mersey/Medway, etc.
- Species at Risk - Likens
- Forest Health – FSC Certification

4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:

Leon Robertson, 45 College Street, Liverpool – Mr. Robertson enquired under Item 16.1 – Lease Agreement, Queens Association for Supportive Living – Penny Lane Enterprises if there would be any Municipal staff at the VIC in addition to the employees of Penny Lane, to which Mayor Clarke confirmed there would be.

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool – In response to Mr. Dagley's enquiry for an update on the audio recording system, April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk, stated that equipment has been ordered and the cause is being worked on.

Mr. Dagley enquired if the Region's Heritage Advisory Committee had been consulted after the Public Meeting regarding the Court House. Councillor Inglis, Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee, upon response from the Mayor, indicated he has noted Mr. Dagley's question.

He also enquired to the feasibility study on the Court House, and whether this meant Council has made a final decision on the use being a library, to which Mayor Clarke stated no as the information from the study will dictate what it can be used for.

In response to Mr. Dagley's final enquiry regarding the proposed Major Events Coordinator, and where in the RFP it requires a signature by a "Qualified Officer from your Firm" in order to be accepted, does this exclude individuals or those not in larger companies in applying, to which Mayor Clarke confirmed that no they would be accepted if it was just an individual.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 Council Minutes – April 26, 2016

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fralic:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 26, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

There were no issues to come before this meeting.

COUNCILLOR FRALIC DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LEFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10:00 A.M.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

8.1 Privateer Days Request for Municipal Support

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the request of the Privateer Days Commission for use of Region properties as follows:

- 1. Privateer Park, including the former Legion property, from Tuesday, June 21 to Wednesday, June 29, 2016;**
- 2. The Old Burial Ground from Friday June 24 to Sunday June 26, 2016;**
- 3. Use of the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) patio for a reviewing stand for the parade on Saturday, June 25, 2016;**
- 4. Use of the floating dock near the VIC for the afternoon of Saturday, June 25, 2016;**
- 5. The areas to the left of Queens Place Drive between Route 3 and Best Western, the overflow parking lot at the end of the cul-de-sac and the Queens Place Emera Centre parking lot from 9:00 – 11:30 am Saturday, June 25, 2016;**

AND THAT their request for assistance with the delivery of waste management receptacles and picnic tables as available on or before June 24, 2016, plus barricades provided for pickup are all approved, and all street closure requests referred to the Traffic Authority.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality waive Policy 58 to allow for the consumption of alcohol on municipal property at Privateer Park and the adjoining former Legion property from Friday June 24 to Sunday, June 26, 2016, and that no liquor be sold, given away; or consumed prior to the Region of Queens Municipality being provided a certificate of insurance from the appropriate authorities confirming that at least \$2,000,000 of liability insurance is in place for the event with the Region as an additional insured and a copy of the in effect liquor license from the Province of Nova Scotia is provided to the Region, and that all municipal, provincial and federal laws be strictly adhered to.

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, stated that the request is essentially the same as last year's except for the deletion of the use of Fort Point Lighthouse Park for the historic encampment and the VIC parking area. The request for the use of former Legion Property on the waterfront was added this year, and the request for Policy 58 to be waived has been extended to include this property as well.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCILLOR FRALIC RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10:05 A.M.

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:

9.1 Hillsvie Acres Photocopier

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Inglis:

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the funding of office equipment for Hillsvie Acres, in the amount of \$6,674 and be paid by Special Operating Reserve.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated that the existing photocopier has been used over ten years and the new copier will replace existing printers which will result in annual savings in ink costs. The new annual contract will result in substantial cost reduction.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 Transfer of Organics & Processing of Recycled Materials

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

1. **THAT the Council for the Region of Queens Municipality approves Organic Transfer Agreements with the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, and the Town of Shelburne and Town of Lockeport, which will become effective on May 1, 2016 and expire on March 31, 2020.**
2. **THAT the Council for the Region of Queens Municipality approves Recyclable Materials Agreements with the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, and the Town of Shelburne and Town of Lockeport, which will become effective on May 1, 2016 and expire on March 31, 2018.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Auditing Services – Request for Proposals

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality award the 2016-RFP for Auditing Services to Belliveau Veinotte Inc. at the quoted price of \$19,750 plus HST for the year ending March 31, 2016; appointment to remain in effect for the fiscal years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated that a Request for Proposals for auditing services was advertised and issued directly to three firms who have offices locally or nearby, and who appear on the Department of Municipal Affairs' list of approved auditors. All three submitted a proposal.

Auditing Services were awarded to Belleveau Veinotte Inc., and having received confirmation to hold quoted price, the motion effected the appointment for 3 years. A price which will result in cost savings of over \$7,000 from previous year end.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Mayor / Councillor Expenses

Mayor Clarke stated that he was contacted by the CBC News regarding the expenses of Council as they had received councillor expenses through a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy application. The reason for the call was the Region's expenditures in comparison with other municipal units were very low and he explained the reasons why and how it was achieved.

He stated that the expenses of council are not published but would be made available at the next council session.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

12.1 Community Recreation Assistance Grant – Seniors Chair Yoga

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve a Community Recreation Assistance Program grant of \$750.00 to Queens Manor to assist with the costs of implementing a chair yoga program for seniors, to be funded from the Community Grants and Program budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department.

Norm Amirault, Director of Recreation and Community Facilities, stated that the Community Recreation Assistance Grant provides up to \$750 to volunteer groups or organizations and a request has been received from the Queens Manor to offer a chair yoga program for the seniors at their facility as well as being open to the public to participate. The request fits the criteria and resources are available. He explained that organizations are only eligible to apply for this grant twice.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

MAYOR CLARKE TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO DEPUTY MAYOR NORMAN

12.2 Review of Recreation Facility Assistance Grant Applications 2016-2017

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Fiske:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the following Facility Development Assistance Grants for 2016/2017, to be funded from the Community Grants and Programs budget line of the Recreation and Community Facilities Department:

MAJOR CATEGORY:

6. Brookfield Mines Trails Association \$5,000.00

REGULAR CATEGORY:

1. Queens County Fair Association	\$1,500.00
2. West Queens Recreation Association	800.00
3. Pleasant River Community Hall Society	620.00
4. Hollow Log Rifle and Pistol Club	615.00
5. Mersey Point Community Hall	565.00
6. North Queens Board of Trade	515.00
7. Liverpool Baseball Club	350.00

TOTAL \$4,965.00

Mr. Amirault provided the methodology for grant recipients and stated that they met the required criteria.

MAYOR CLARKE RETURNED TO CHAIR.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13.0 PLANNING:

13.1 Amendments to Land Use Bylaw, Rezoning - Hank Snow Drive

It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality adopt a bylaw respecting:

1. Rezoning a portion of PID #70027073, and located on Hank Snow Drive in Liverpool from Restricted Residential (R1) to Highway Commercial (C2), and
2. Amend the Land Use Bylaw to include a definition of "Recreational Vehicle Park".

Mike MacLeod, Planner, stated that an application had been received from the Friends of Hank Snow Society to rezone a portion of land on Hank Snow Drive across from the Hank Snow Country Music Museum to allow for short term camping and RV parks.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

15.0 REPORTS

There were no reports to come before this meeting.

16.0 OTHER:

- 16.1 Lease Agreement, Queens Association for Supportive Living – Penny Lane Enterprises

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Inglis:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to develop and enter a property lease agreement with Queens Association for Supportive Living – Penny Lane Enterprises in response to the proposal contained in Attachment Two of this report.

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, stated that in response to a request for expression of interest for vacant municipal property, the Queens Association for Supportive Living – Penny Lane Enterprises submitted their proposal to enter into a lease agreement for a one year term to operate a retail shop at the Liverpool Visitor Information Centre. The staff will also assist in the operation of the tourist information.

Councillors commented on how important partnerships with businesses and community members is to the Region and that this is one example of how council can reach their strategic goal in relation to economic revitalization.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- 16.2 Lease Agreement, Lanes Privateer Inn, Fort Point Lighthouse / Gift Shop

It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Fralic:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality direct staff to develop and enter a property lease agreement with Lanes Privateer Inn in response to the proposal contained in Attachment Two of this report.

Ms. Cruikshank stated that in response to a request for expression of interest for vacant municipal property, the Lanes Privateer Inn submitted their proposal to enter into a lease agreement for a one year term to operate a gift shop / Lighthouse Lunches at Fort Point Lighthouse Museum. This partnership will have a financial savings to the Region of \$25,000 / year.

Councillors expressed how exciting it was to have Lanes Privateer Inn make this proposal and that it will certainly add a tremendous value to the visitor experience at the museum and will provide visitors with a reason to stay a little longer.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COUNCILLOR FRALIC DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LEFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10:50 A.M.

- 16.3 Request to Attend Conference – Policy 47

It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor MacLeod:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the attendance of Councillor Fralic, to attend The Georgetown Conferences to be held June 2 – 4, 2016, in Prince Edward Island.

Richard MacLellan, CAO, summarized the request from Councillor Fralic to attend the Georgetown Conference which would give training for preparation to hold a multicultural event this fall.

Through discussions, councilors provided reasons why they felt they could not support this request.

MOTION DEFEATED unanimously.

COUNCILLOR FRALIC RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 11:00 A.M.

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the following:

17.1 Contract Negotiations, MGA 22(2)e

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:55 a.m.

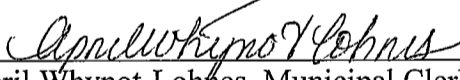
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



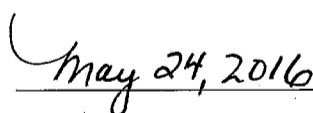
Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



April Whynot-Lohmes, Municipal Clerk



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Date Approved: 

Strong founding partnerships

Mersey Tobeatic
Research Institute



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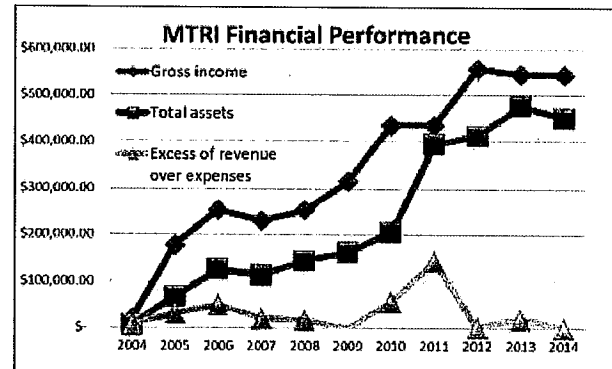
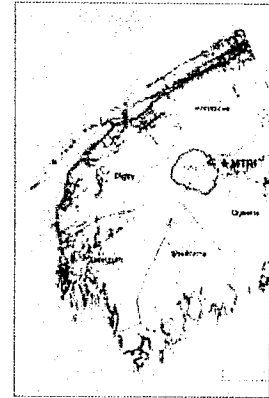
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MTRI business history

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- *New & meaningful jobs for 100 people since 2004*
- *Annual staff of 12-20*
- *Tens of thousands of volunteer hours recorded*
- *Millions of dollars attracted to & spent in rural North Queens while other businesses close*



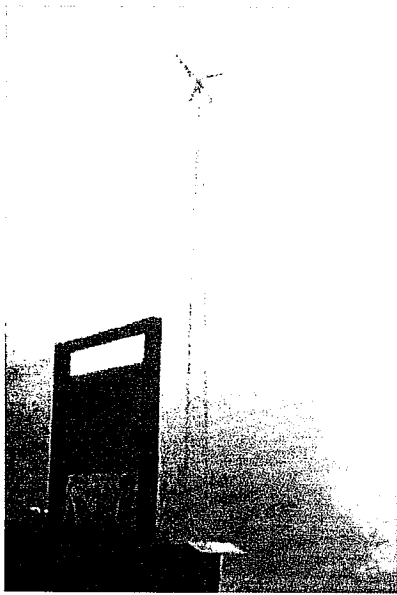
Three pillars of MTRI

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MTRI's Mission: promote sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity conservation in the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve and beyond through research, education, and the operation of a field station.



Main Building

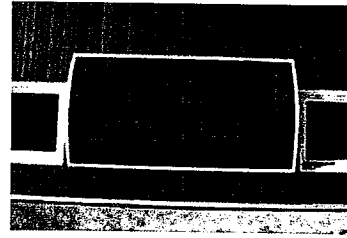
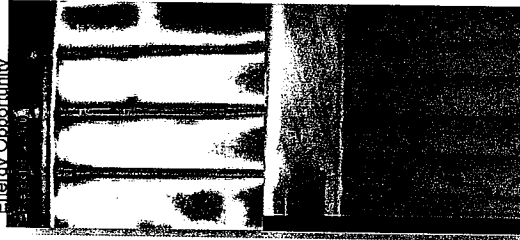
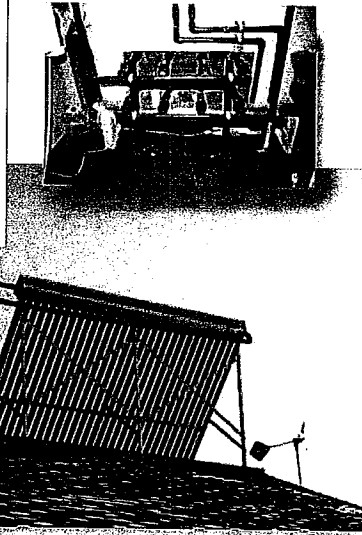
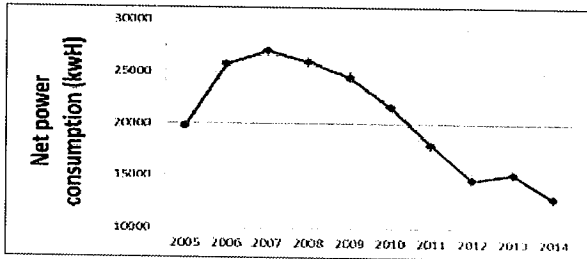


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Green technologies & building

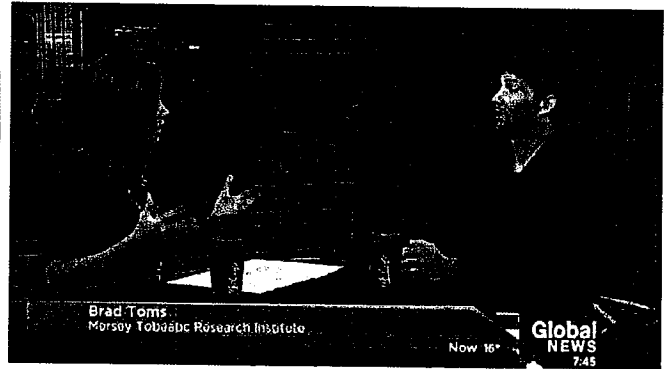
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Education & Outreach

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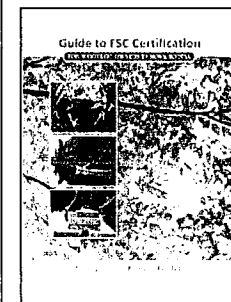
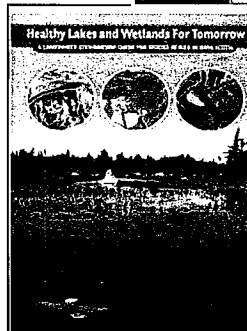
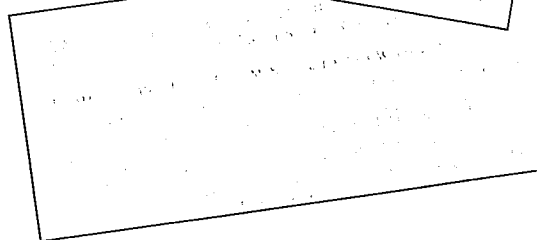
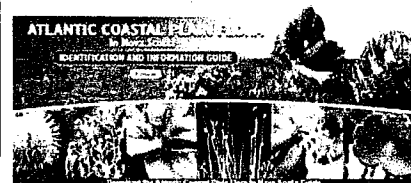
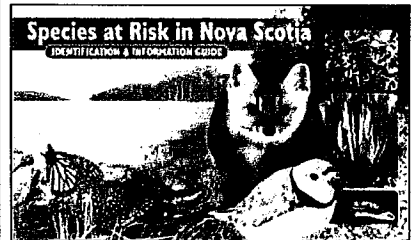
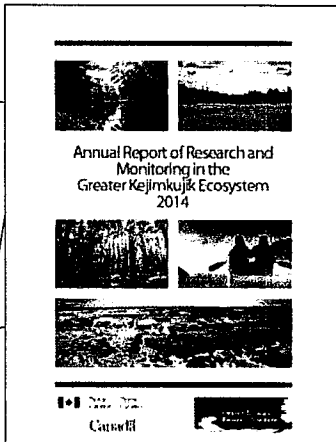
Workshops & seminars



Publications



Forest harvesting impacts on mortality of an endangered lichen at the landscape and stand scales
 Robert P. Cameron, Tom Nelly, Harold Clapp
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 Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute, RR 2 Middleton, NS B0S 1P0, Canada
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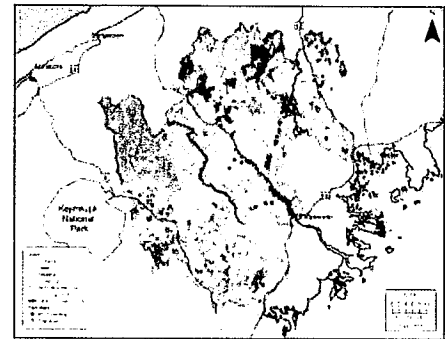


Dynamic volunteer base & citizen science



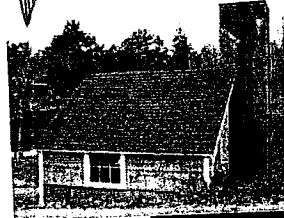
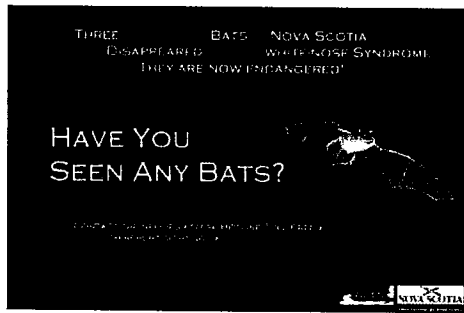
- 🌳 Over 10,000 volunteer hours/year
- 🌳 Lots of energy and enthusiasm!

Aquatic health



Species at risk

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Forest health & landscape connectivity

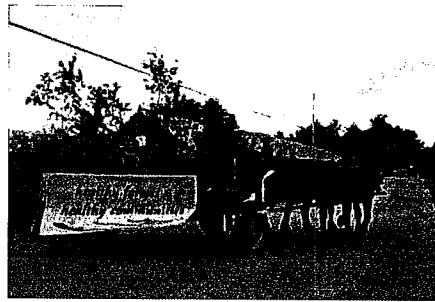
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MTRI/FNSWO Certification Program

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- >40 certified woodlots in MTRI pool & growing (>80 combined with FNSWO)
- Over 3,300 hectares of certified land
- Over 30 workshops, training courses and seminars delivered to over 450 participants in last five years



Medway Community Forest Co-operative

Mersey Tobeatic
Research Institute



- Strong partnership with private landowners
- Diversification of forest use
- Innovation in wood product development
- Agreement with province signed January 2015 for 15,000 hectares



Contractor Capacity

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FORESTRY LAB

- NSDNR & ACOA funded
- Social lab methodology
- Discovery interviews
- Tender package
- Building the business case or sales funnel
- Matching landowners with multiple values with the right contractor



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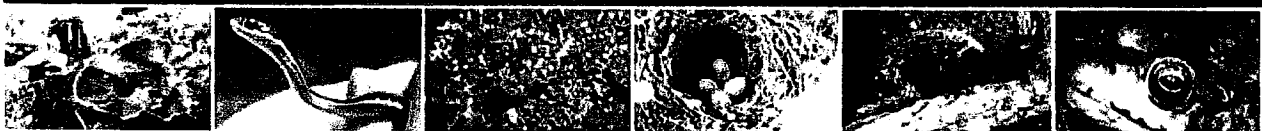
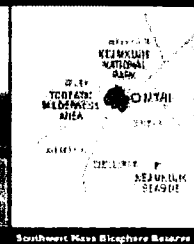
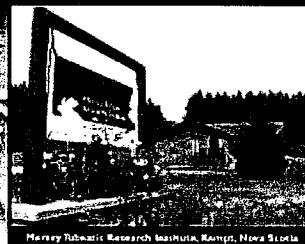
MTRI is a charitable organization that operates a field station for research and education within the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve.

MTRI's mission is to promote sustainable use of natural resources in southwestern Nova Scotia through research and education.

Over the last few years, the organization has been developing capacity through its staff, volunteers, members, and directors.

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Learn more on our website at www.merseytobeatic.ca.



Questions?