



“On the Same Page”

The NB Council Commissioner’s Newsletter

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Our Fifth Year of Continuous Membership Growth

On Saturday, November 17, New Brunswick will receive a fifth plaque to recognize its membership growth over the previous year. In 2011-12, we were 4.1% larger than the previous year and, after Saskatchewan (9%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (8.2%), we showed the third highest percentage of growth in Canadian Scouting. The membership in Canadian Scouting also grew in 2011-12, but only for the fourth consecutive year!! Let’s keep up the good work. In growth lies strength!!!

Next Meeting of the New Brunswick Council – December 1, 2012

The next meeting of the New Brunswick Council will be held on Saturday, December 1, at the Engineers’ School at CFB Gagetown. We will start the meeting at 9:30 am and will aim to finish at 4:30 pm., with lunch and refreshment breaks being provided. Thanks to Mike Aubé, the Group Commissioner of 1st Oromocto, for making the arrangements for this meeting.

This year, I invite all Group Commissioners in New Brunswick to join us for this meeting. The morning will be conducted in the form of a workshop, with an opportunity to raise and discuss important issues affecting us in the province, from MyScouts.Ca, through popcorn sales, to issues related to Child and Youth Safety and the winter closure of Fundy National Park. I hope that, from our discussions, we will get a sense of the directions we should follow in the coming year.

I have invited Michael McKay, the CEO of Scouts Canada, to join us for the meeting and, if he does, to speak to us at lunch about national issues with our organization.

After lunch, we will have two more formal meetings. The first will be a regular meeting of the New Brunswick Council, when we conduct our routine business, and the second, and much shorter meeting, will be the Annual General Meeting of the New Brunswick Council. Group Commissioners are invited to attend these open meetings of Council and to join us in our discussions.

Can Group Commissioners who expect to attend the meeting on December 1, please send me an email to let me know, so that we can have some idea of the number of people to expect. I would also be interested in hearing about any topics you would like to have discussed.

New Area Commissioner for Fundy East

Unfortunately, due to pressure of work, Kevin Simpson is not able to continue as Area Commissioner of Fundy East and has submitted his resignation from that position. I have appointed Bob Langford, the current Group Commissioner of 6th Hampton, as the new Area Commissioner for Fundy East, effective immediately.

Our thanks to Kevin for his service as Area Commissioner and our good wishes to Bob for a successful term in that office.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following youth and volunteers who received recognition and awards at the annual New Brunswick Awards Ceremony in the Legislature in Fredericton on Saturday, November 3

Chief Scout Awards

Curtis Baird – 1st Ketepec – Wabenaki Area
Andrew Christopher Blaney – 3rd Fredericton – Rivorton Area
Erich Bruening – 1st Tantramar – Southeast NB
Travis Carson – 1st Springhill – Rivorton Area
Jennifer Coggan – 1st Kingston Peninsula – Fundy East
William Colwell – 1st Gondola Point – Fundy East
Julianna Diotte – 1st St. Paul's United – Fundy East
Alexander Dobson – 1st Gondola Point – Fundy East
William Dobson – 1st Gondola Point – Fundy East
John Donovan – 1st Gretna Green - Miramichi
Connor Flynn – 1st Springhill – Rivorton Area
Cory Hall – 1st Tantramar – Southeast NB
Patrick Kay – 1st New Maryland – Rivorton Area
Zachary Kirkpatrick – 1st St. Margaret's – Rivorton Area
Liam Maw – 1st St. Michael's – Southeast NB
Kyle McKay – 1st Oromocto – Rivorton Area
Matthew Nutter – 1st Kingston Peninsula – Fundy East
John Quimby – 1st Steeves Memorial – Southeast NB
Parker Sawler – 1st New Maryland – Rivorton Area
Elliot Schenkels – 1st Upper Miramichi - Miramichi
Evan Schlodder – 1st St. Margaret's – Rivorton Area
Brett Stanford – 1st St. Margaret's – Rivorton Area
Craig Tellenbach – 1st New Maryland – Rivorton Area
MakHaila Urquhart – 1st Moncton St. Georges – Southeast NB
Kevin Watmough – 1st St. Margaret's – Rivorton Area
Kyle Wells – 1st Tantramar – Southeast NB

Queen's Venturer Awards

Chris Arsenault – 7th Fredericton – Rivorton Area

Katie Beers – 1st St. Michael's – Southeast NB

Mathieu King – 1st St. Margaret's - Rivorton

Medals of the Maple

Madelaine Bedard – 1st Ketepec – Wabanaki Area

Katie Beers – 1st St. Michael's – Southeast NB

Kayla Boakes – 1st Ketepec – Wabanaki Area

Michelle Jacobs – 1st Rivorton Rovers – Rivorton Area

Jeffrey Michaud – 1st Rivorton Rovers – Rivorton Area

Mitchell Small – 14th Fredericton – Rivorton Area

Christopher Smith – 1st Rivorton Rovers – Rivorton Area

Mike Stewart – 1st Rivorton Rovers – Rivorton Area

The Silver Acorn for especially distinguished service to Scouting

Karoline Barr – Rivorton Area

Lloyd Keirstead – Fundy East

Bar to the Silver Acorn for further especially distinguished service to Scouting

Keith Barr – Rivorton Area

Linda Boone – Rivorton Area

Sixty Year Long Service Awards

Ruth Aiken – Southeast NB

Marian "Zack" Zaichowski – NB Council

And More Congratulations.....

To **Chris Arsenault**, former Venturer with the 7th Fredericton Company, who is currently a first-year student at Mount Allison University, whose Scouting performance and academic achievement have earned him two scholarships to assist with his university studies:

The Scouts Canada Scholarship

BP Guild Canadian Fellowship Scholarship

To **1st St. Michael's Scouts and Venturers** from Southeast NB for winning the **New Brunswick Pioneer Award** for the most innovative and challenging outdoor adventure during the past year. The award was given for the group's *Cyclepath* bicycle trip from one end of PEI to the other last summer.

And a belated congratulations to the **1st Gondola Point Venturer Company** from Fundy East for winning the 2010 national **Amory Adventure Award** for their canoe trip through the Allagash Waterway of northern Maine.

New Brunswick Contingent Leader for the 2013 Canadian Jamboree (CJ13)

Howard Streight, Venturer Advisor with the 1st St. Andrew's Venturer Company, from Wabenaki Area, has been named as the New Brunswick Contingent Leader for the 2013 Canadian Jamboree (CJ13) at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. In this role, Howard will liaise with the various New Brunswick troops attending the Jamboree, will organize the "swag" (crests, t-shirts, ball caps, etc) that they take with them, and will arrange for a Jamboree pre-camp for NB Scouts. Howard may be contacted at hstreight@admiralfishfarms.ca.

Council Positions Vacant

The NB Council has need of a Deputy Council Commissioner for Recognition and we also have need of a Council Popcorn Coordinator. If anyone is interested in being considered for either of these positions, please send me an email on or before December 1, 2012.