

Youth contest celebrates the Bras d'Or Lakes

Special

The Bras d'Or Stewardship Society and the Biosphere Reserve Association are inviting students in public schools on Cape Breton Island in Grades Primary to 12 to enter a contest to Celebrate the Bras d'Or Lakes.

Contest organizer and Bras d'Or Stewardship Board member Leah Noble said, "The Bras d'Or Lakes are about to receive international designation for their pristine waters and unique characteristics and culture. To help celebrate the Lakes and raise awareness of this natural wonder students at all age levels around the Bras d'Or are invited to submit artwork, writing or other creative works focusing on this amazing inland sea."

Information about the Lakes can be found at the websites of both organizations.

All entries will become the property of the Bras d'Or Stewardship Association and may be displayed publicly or used on websites or other promotional materials celebrating our unique inland sea.

One prize will be awarded at each grade level. Winners will be judged by a team of judges headed by Burland Murphy, a noted Cape Breton wildlife artist.

Prizes: *Grade P-3* Students at this grade should draw a poster on 8.5x11.in paper. The picture should be colored. Any lettering should be neat. Prize per

grade is \$25.00

Grade 4-6 Students at this level may incorporate poetry in their artwork. Entries should be on 8.5 x 11 inch paper. Prize awarded to select entry at each grade is. \$40.00

Grade 7-9 Students at this grade may choose any medium including digital photography, drawing, writing or video as long as the work that they submit is their own. Prize awarded to select entry at each grade is. \$80.00

Grade 10- 12 Students at this grade may choose any medium including digital photography, drawing, writing, or video as long as the work that they submit is their own. Prize awarded to select entry at each grade is \$200.00

Ms. Noble adds, "If you have an idea that we have not mentioned, please contact us to see if it is appropriate – chances are that it is! We would love to hear about your creative idea."

Entries should be mailed to: Bras d'Or Stewardship Association, C/O Henry Fuller, PO Box 158, Baddeck, NS B0E 1B0

Entries should have the following information on the back: Name, grade and phone number. All entries must be received no later than March 28th, 2011.

For more information contact Leah Noble at notorious_angel@hotmail.com or call 902-295-1059 if you have questions.

Victoria County welcome signs soon to be installed



Two highway signs similar to the one pictured above are to be erected on the Trans-Canada Highway. One will be at the Victoria County Inverness County line near Bucklaw the other at the Cape Breton Regional Municipality-Victoria County line at Dalem Lake. Council approved the 11' x 17' foot signs at a cost of \$25,000 at Municipal Council on January 10th. They will be constructed and placed by the N.S. Department of Transportation and Public Works in the spring.



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Notice to Landowners and Wood Producers

NewPage Port Hawkesbury Corp is actively purchasing wood throughout the winter months. Increased production and full operations of our mills mean that wood demand is high.

We buy:

Pulpwood and studwood at roadside
Standing timber

We offer the following benefits to landowners:

1. Purchase quotation for standing timber
2. Processing forest products into sawlogs/studwood, pulpwood and fuelwood
3. A management plan prepared for your property to your wishes
4. Reforestation arrangements after harvest
5. Harvesting by professional contractors with Master Logger certification working under company supervision and applying the principles of ISO 14001, CSA, SFI and FSC forest certifications.

Wood producers note:

1. New improved prices remain in effect
2. Purchasing pulpwood for the NewPage Port Hawkesbury mill and studwood for the Ligni Bel sawmill in Scotsburn
3. Dependable, accurate payment for your wood
4. Trucking services or deliver-your-own arrangements
5. Long-term wood supply commitments
6. A silviculture program for landowners

If you have standing timber or roadside pulpwood or studwood for sale in Cape Breton or the Mainland, please contact NewPage's Woodlands staff.

Cape Breton Island: Standing timber: Foncie Farrell: (902) 623-1359
Wood at roadside: Ian Stevenson: (902) 623-1384

Antigonish & Guysborough Counties: Standing timber and wood at roadside:
Marven Hudson: (902) 968-1540 or Ed Gillis: (902) 968-1539

Pictou Co. & St. Mary's District (Guys. Co.): Standing timber: Paul MacDonald: (902) 331-0759
Wood at roadside: Lea Young: (902) 968-1545

Central and Western Mainland: Standing timber: Paul MacDonald: (902) 331-0759
or Reg Delorey: (902) 957-1679
Wood at roadside: Gerald Holmes: (902) 957-1677
or Paul Gilbert: (902) 957-1684

Alternatively, contact the NewPage Woodlands office in Port Hawkesbury: (902) 625-6277

Is auto insurance fair, stable & affordable?

Special

The province is seeking input from Nova Scotians to ensure that the automobile insurance system meets the needs of today's families.

A website was launched recently to provide a forum for public input as part of the Auto Insurance Review.

"We want to make sure that the voice of auto insurance consumers is heard," said Graham Steele, Minister for the Insurance Act.

"The purpose of this independent review is to ensure Nova Scotians have access to appropriate coverage and premiums that are fair, stable and affordable."

People can go online and visit www.gov.ns.ca/autoinsurancereview/ to access background on auto insurance and provide their input. The deadline for submissions is February 25. The feedback will be considered by those conducting the review.

The website will remain active during the review with new information being added throughout the process.

