

WATER MANAGEMENT

Understanding issues in the rural context

-A Maritime Event-
Rural Water Policy Symposium
Alumni Theatre, Nova Scotia Agricultural College Campus
Truro, Nova Scotia
November 8, 2006

<http://www.nsac.ca/water/>

The Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) recognizes the considerable challenges that exist with respect to the management of water resources in our rural communities. In order to help build knowledge within the farming community on the scientific, legislative and policy issues affecting rural water use, the NSAC will be hosting a water policy symposium on November 8, 2006.

The symposium is being supported through the NSAC Class of 1956, as part of their 50th anniversary activities, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.

Effective rural water management is essential to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the agricultural sector. The symposium will include presentations on a wide array of water resource issues relevant to agriculture. Funding for the symposium was provided by the Canada-Nova Scotia Water Supply Expansion Program, an initiative under the federal-provincial-territorial Agricultural Policy Framework. Additional funding was also provided by the NSAC Class of 1956.

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Location

The Alumni Theatre is housed within Cummings Hall on the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Campus, located off College Road in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Directions, along with a map of Truro can be found at: <http://nsac.ca/directions/>

Parking is available behind and to the side of Cumming Hall. Extra parking may be found by continuing along River Road to the Haley Institute parking lot, as well as behind the residence buildings off College Road, toward Main Street.

Accommodations

The symposium organizers have arranged a preferred group rate (\$69.00 + tax per night) at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Truro, Nova Scotia. To take advantage of this reduced rate, please book directly with the hotel as soon as possible, since space is limited, at:

Howard Johnson Hotel
437 Prince St.
Truro, NS B2N 1E6
(902) 895-1651

Why attend “Water Management: Understanding Issues in the Rural Context”?

"The NSAC Class of 1956 is interested in fostering a better understanding of water issues affecting rural communities. They feel there is a need for increased dialogue between farm and rural small town leaders on issues of sustainable water management in Atlantic Canada." - *Ted MacNintch, president of the NSAC Class of 1956*

"The event will provide an excellent opportunity for emerging water management challenges to be discussed in the rural context." - *Dr. Robert Gordon, Canada Research Chair in Agricultural Resource Management at NSAC*

Registration

The symposium registration fee of \$50.00, payable by cheque or money order, includes lunch, nutrition breaks, as well as a symposium participant information package. There will be opportunity to register at the door the morning of the event but remember...

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY!

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Payable \$50.00 cheque or money order made out to:
NSAC – Water Symposium

(In addition, cash will also be accepted when registering at the event)

Registration can be mailed to:
Linda Burchell
Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 550
Truro, Nova Scotia
B2N 5E3

Agenda of Events - November 8, 2006

Registration for participants who have not pre-registered will be held from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Morning Sessions: Agricultural Water in the Maritimes - Policy Development and Implication

8:30 Opening Session and Introductions: Symposium Goals and Intended Deliverables
Dr. Graham Daborn, Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment (Chair)
Dr. Robert Gordon, Nova Scotia Agricultural College
Bill Swetnam, NSAC Class of 1956
Janet Steele, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
TBA, Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture

8:50 Linkages Between Groundwater and Surface Water
Dr. Kerry MacQuarrie, University of New Brunswick

9:20 Water Policy Planning for Agriculture
Mike Langman, Nova Scotia Environment and Labour

9:50 Nutrition Break

10:15 Social and Economic Issues in Water Policy: How Did Water Get Left Out of the Market Process?
Dr. Glen Fox, University of Guelph

10:45 TBA – Perspective of the Ontario Agricultural Industry
Ron Bonnet, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

11:15 Panel Discussion Featuring Speakers

12:00 Lunch

Afternoon Sessions: Agricultural Water Management Case Studies

1:00 Introduction: Watershed Management
Brook Harker, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Chair)

1:10 The Walkerton Crisis in Retrospect
Dr. John Livernois, University of Guelph

1:40 Well Field Protection in New Brunswick and Implications for Agriculture
John Baird, Director - Royal District Planning Commission, Sussex NB

- 2:10** Source Water Protection Planning in Nova Scotia
Judy MacDonald and Fred Bonner, Nova Scotia Environment and Labour
- 2:40** **Nutrition Break**
- 3:00** Experiences with Environmental Legislation in Prince Edward Island
Ron DeHaan, PEI Department of Agriculture and Forestry
- 3:30** Engaged or Outraged? The Choice is Yours.
Dr. Larry M. Antosch, Director Environmental Policy - Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
- 4:00** Panel Discussion Featuring Speakers
- 4:45** Closing

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