

NORTH SHORE FOREST PRODUCTS MARKETING BOARD

We are starting the 2022 season by meeting the mills in our territory to try to have better prices for our woodlot owners, so far, we are still in the negotiation phase, it has been two years that the woodlot owners haven't received their fair share of the market. If negotiations go well, we should start sending wood at the beginning of June.

On the silviculture side, we are still receiving money from the province to do some management work on private properties, this is good news, we would like to have more money to be able to serve more woodlot owners, in the last 10 years, the silviculture budget hasn't increase and we overspend this budget every year, it shows that woodlot owners are interested in having their woodlots managed. We usually plant around 600 000 seedlings/year (300 hectare) and do about 400 hectares of thinning. We also do a lot of education and give advice for woodlot owners that are interested in having some information, there is no cost for this, only the plantation side, we charge 55\$/acre or 135\$/hectare. Every woodlot owner that owns 25 acres or 10 hectares of land are automatically eligible for our programs.

We have started our District meetings Monday, May 16th in St-Martin and we will be doing them through our territory and finishing them in St-Isidore on Monday, May 30th, these meetings were advertised in the papers, the radio and on our website. We will be having our AGM Thursday, June 30th at the Atlantic Host in Bathurst for 7hpm, for more information, you can visit our website at north shore forest products marketing board, or you can call us toll free at 1-877-548-8958 from 8ham to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Our next article will be coming out August 23rd.

The North Shore Forest Products Marketing Board wishes every woodlot owner a good 2022 season.