

# THE BLUE HERON

## The Bras d'Or Stewardship Society

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he first of the Society's 2010 two newsletters consists of a body of good information. It seems that the Society's focus has evolved from the micro to the macro level with regards to issues placed before us. Over the life of the Society, now approaching 13 years, much information has been sifted through with regards to the status of the environmental health of the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed. Those issues have now coalesced with much broader themes such as climate change, coastal zone management, land and water protection, loss of natural habitats and most recently the role of clear cutting damaged forests for biomass fuel production.

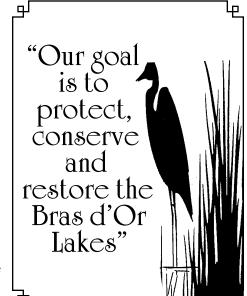
Little focus, however, had been placed on the general 'micro health' of the Society as a non-profit organization. The board debated this concern with the underlying question: should the society continue is efforts? interchange to maintain a workable As a board, we have debated the future of the Society given the fact that most members of the current board had served dedicatedly for over 12 years with little turn over of board membership. This has its good and bad points. Long term board members often loose their motivation as time served takes its toll. However. the accumulated experience of a committed group working together and wealth of knowledge with good people provides a platform of interaction that takes time to develop and grow to fruition.

The board's on going debate lead to a decision to canvas the Society's current membership with a questionnaire that would address the future direction of the Society. The questionnaire provided multiple choice questions with provision for written comments regarding the Society's future direction and continued existence. Board member Dr. James O'Brien took on the responsibility to analyze the answers by breaking the received responses down into a format that would help determine the significant answers from membership input on a question to question basis. The results are contained in his analysis presented in this newsletter.

There is no doubt that sufficient public interest in the on going stewardship of the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed exists to continue promoting the Society's goals to protect, conserve and restore the Bras d'Or Lakes with regards to the maintenance of ecological integrity. What maybe lacking is a defined vision at various levels of framework to get the job done.

## **NOTICE**

THE SEMI- ANNUAL GENERAL **MEETING OF THE SOCIETY** WILL BE HELD AT THE **BELL MUSEUM IN BADDECK** ON SATURDAY, **APRIL 17, 2010** AT 2:00 P.M. **ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED** TO ATTEND AS WELL AS **INTERESTED CITIZENS WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FUTURE STEWARDSHIP OF** THE BRAS D'OR LAKES.



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## **NEWS ITEMS:**

## The Society's Future:

Results of a questionnaire sent to Society members are reviewed in its newsletter by Society board member, Dr. James O'Brien. It was felt that the board required input from members regarding the future direction of the Society which has now been in existence since August 1997.

# UNESCO Biosphere Update:

The Bras d'Or Lakes Watershed Biosphere Initiative is continuing its efforts to gain the support of Inverness and Richmond Counties for the UNESCO designation of the region to be designated a biosphere. A fund raising event was held to raise monies to provide funds to enhance the campaign in October 2009. \$10,000.00 was raised from private donations to help defray costs. \$5,000.00 was generously provided by the Bras d'Or Preservation Trust.

## **Spruce Bark Beetle:**

The spruce bark beetle is continuing to gain the upper hand in the destruction of over mature white spruce forests in Cape Breton. Patches of dead trees within the watershed and along the shoreline of the Bras d'Or Lakes grown in stature identified by color and the visible increasing volume of dead trees.

## European Bark Beetle:

In September 2009 the European Bark Beetle was found to be present on shorefront properties of the New Harris area. This beetle has been found in Point Pleasant Park in Halifax. The extent of this bio-invader's range and damage is yet undetermined on the shores of the Bras d'Or. How the European bark beetle arrived here is another unsolved mystery!

# Marine Invasive Species:

Astudy during the summer of 2009 by a McGill university PhD. student candidate was carried out at specified locations. Collectors were hung from numerous wharves over the summer. The collectors were retrieved in the fall. The species data collected will be analyzed to determine if and where new invasive species have entered the waters of the Bras d'Or Lakes.

## **Biomass Clear Cutting:**

Recent articles have appeared in the newspapers regarding the science for clear cutting forestlands to produce wood fiber for electric power generation. Concerns focus on damage to ground, micro-environments that support underlying ecological systems and the true economic sustainability of biomass production from Nova Scotia Forests. (See Forest Biomass Cutting)

## August 2009 Semi-Annual Meeting:

On August 15, 2009 the Society held its usual summer meeting in the Community Center in Baddeck. About twenty-five individuals attended. Jamie Simpson from The Ecology Action Center spoke focusing on the renewal of Acadian forests. His talk help bring greater clarity understanding to those issues of forest management that will enhance forestry practices with regards to creating sustainable forests i.e. potential restoration of the Acadian forest.

## Summer Student Employee:

During the summer of 2009, the Society sponsored a summer student to work on Bras D'Or Lakes issues through the Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife Commission. Such endeavors help enhance better understanding of the myriad ecological components that make up the environmental profile of the watershed.

# Pat Bates Receives Honorary Degree:

At the November 2009 fall convocation ceremony of Cape Breton University Pat Bates, this Society's chairman, was granted and honorary degree for his long service and commitment to improving the Sydney community at large through his various endeavors. Most recently, Pat served on the committee that has successfully raised \$9,000,000.00 to upgrade the Cape Breton Regional Hospital's Cancer Center. Pat is a tireless worker in a spirit best summed up as "all for one and one for all!"

## Climate Change Symposium:

In November 2009 a symposium on climate change was held at the Gaelic College in St. Ann's. Jeffery Simpson, a Globe and Mail editorial writer, was the guest of honor. The climate change debate is a true challenge to the world at large as political leaders struggle to grapple with a credible policy to deal with this global issue. Credibility is a key issue of climate change as highlighted in "Believabilty-Our Conundrum" by Pat Bates.

# MRA Consultants Report:

RA consultants of Halifax has submitted a report to Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation (ECBC) regarding the current status and future potential of recreational

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boating on the Bras d'Or Lakes. The report is an update of a 2002 similar report. Stakeholders have been involved in the consultation process.

## Merrex Gold on the Hunt:

Merrex Gold Inc. is to expend \$418,000.00 in the search for lead in a drilling program at the 'Jubilee Project' near the Little Narrows Gypsum Plant. Rising commodity prices are moving this endeavor forward.

## Nap Sack Cat Tales:

Noted St. Georges Bay artist Bernie Thorneycroft has published an illustrated book about two bobbed tailed orange cats exploring the shores of the Bras d'Or Lakes. Bernie is responsible for the Society's logo and has been a long term supporter of the society.

# BELIEVABILITY - OUR CONUNDRUM

s ordinary people concerned with the state of the environment, whether land, water or air, we have to rely on scientists or socalled experts to provide the context and guidelines by which we, as citizens, make judgement regarding our individual conduct. More specifically, when we choose to become advocates in support of protection of the environment, what sources do we draw our comfort or confidence level from to support our actions? Is it from scientists, politicians, or lobbyists for special interest groups, or do we indulge in some research to better inform our judgments and avoid the stylish trends of the moment? I tend to study, as best I can, the scientists and their records and base my judgement on what they

are telling us.

It would appear that we may not always rely on the integrity of that source. Reference the recent flap at a prestigious U.K. university where senior scientists on the environment file allegedly inflated certain numbers on climate change to indicate a worsening situation. The fact remains, the preponderance of credible science appears to support the claim that global temperature is rising, and for those of us living on or near the coast, the clear evidence is the rise in sea level.

In recent weeks, two prominent journalists delivered talks on the subject. Gwynne Dyer at Cape Breton University (CBU) and Jeffery Simpson at the Gaelic College in St. Anns outlined their respective concerns at the deteriorating global climate and the tardiness of the major polluting nations in committing to substantial reduction in carbon emissions. Both journalists were critical of the failure of Canada to commit to a plan for serious reduction targets.

The statistics on emissions reveal that notwithstanding what we are told about carbon emissions from Tar Sands' development, Canada's discharge runs at about two percent. consequently lending strength to the argument that nationally, this country is not a major offender, therefore need only to commit to modest reduction targets. Canada's quandary then becomes one of being a victim of someone else's actions, without options to right the situation. If we accept the assertion and scientific data that climate warming is advancing and is caused primarily by the aggregate of discharged contaminants by the major polluters, then it is not a great leap to understand Arctic Warming and Ice Cap Melt, subsequently sea level rise, coastline erosion and the beginning adventure toward the eventual high cost protective measures to safeguard our land mass

and infrastructure. The unfortunate or perhaps less desirable option for the Canadian Government is to initiate bold leadership inclusive with targets for major and timely carbon reductions as a quid pro quo bargaining tool with the foot dragging big emitters, i.e., U.S., China, India and others. While Canada's emissions are modest and will continue to grow, it is currently the big villains in the game that are creating the problems for this country.

Professor Nicholas Stern, chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change at the London School of Economics, referring to emissions in his book "The Global Deal." states "...because the planet cannot absorb them all, we add year by year to the concentrations or stocks of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the process of absorption and addition constitute the carbon cycle." Professor Stern sums up his remarks on climate change by saying, "The whole subject of policy on climate change involves decision-making under risk and uncertainty."

Speaking of risk, here in Cape Breton and throughout the Maritimes, there is already evidence of shoreline and near shore damage from sea level rise. There have been reports of significant beach and land erosion on Prince Edward Island, Shediac Bay in New Brunswick, Liverpool and Lawrencetown in Nova Scotia and in the Bras d'Or Lakes here on the Island.

The time line for the rate of increase in sea level rise is becoming shorter. Professional planners are building forecasts and contingence predictions into their studies and reports for governments. Failure to heed these forecasts can impact us in the form of increased tax burdens in future years.

Pat Bates

## SHOULD COASTAL GROUPS APPLAUD THE STATE OF THE COAST REPORT?

n December 9th 2009 the province of Nova Scotia released the long anticipated "State of the Coast" report at a splashy ceremony at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The State of the Coast document package includes a technical report, which is about 248 pages, a 28 page summary, and a series of fact sheets on priority coastal issues in Nova Scotia All documents are available at www.gov.ns.ca/coast

State of the Coast is intended as a frustrating. discussion paper pulling together available information about Nova Scotia's coasts to serve as a starting point for developing a Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy. which the province committee to do by the end of 2010. Member groups of the Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia sent a congratulatory press release and letter to Minister Sterling Belliveau about the State of Coast, which can be found at http:// ccns.chebucto.org/

The release of the "State of the Coast" report is an important milestone on the way to a Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy, yet many are wondering how well coastal policy in Nova Scotia is progressing. Personally, I feel the coastal policy development deserves mixed reviews to date.

#### The Process:

The provincial government has been inching its way forward on coastal policy for at least two years. Most of their efforts so far have focused on building internal support for coastal policy from the 14 different government departments with some iurisdiction in the coastal zone. This has taken some time, thus the release of the State of the Coast report is the first real public outreach effort from government around coastal issues. A public consultation process should come next, and it is disappointing that this was not included in the announcement. The failure to announce a public consultation process likely means a further delay from the 2010 commitment, which is even more

#### The Content:

The full technical report is a very long document, and I have not read it completely vet. However. the summary report and the fact sheets clearly support the need to move forward on coastal policy and coastal planning, as needed responses to trends such as decreasing shellfish areas, and higher risks from storm surges. However, there are a few things to watch out for in the report. I think the conclusion that our coasts have a very low development density and are therefore fairly undisturbed is potentially misleading. The negative impacts of many types of coastal development is in fact because of their low density/high sprawl, which gives them an ecological footprint far exceeding their actual density.

#### The Next Steps:

In its letter to Minister Belliveau, the Coastal Coalition urges the government to speed its progress on coastal issues and expressed its eagerness to play an active role in forging the new policy. Many individuals and organizations have also written to the Minister, as well local and provincial newspapers asking the government to announce public consultations and a timeline for moving the coastal policy forward. At the same time, efforts are underway to start preparing policy alternatives that coastal groups feel they want to see reflected in the Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy. The next year will be a busy on for those who care deeply about the future of Nova Scotia's coasts and

coastal communities.

Meanwhile, celebrating progress is an important aspect of this work. The "State of the Coast" report is worth celebrating, and reading, and discussing. It's the background document from which we will all work as we move ahead. We would not have come this far without the support of groups like the Bras d'Or Stewardship Society. Thank you all, and keep up the great work.

Jen Graham Coastal Coordinator **Ecology Action Centre** 

## **FOREST BIOMASS** ENERGY - WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

■ ova Scotia's NDP government Ncommissioned Dr. David Wheeler, past Dean of the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University, to provide a strategy to reach the province's goal of 25% renewable energy by 2015. Dr. Wheeler's Interim Renewable Energy Strategy, released December 15th, contains a wealth of sensible, progressive recommendations for Nova Scotia's path forward in meeting its 2015 renewable energy goals.

However, Dr. Wheeler's strategy offers a place for large-scale forest biomass energy, up to 70 megawatts

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by 2015, and an additional 70 MW by 2020. Dr. Wheeler states that we must ensure the ecological integrity of our forests before proceeding with any biomass harvesting. What preconditions would ensure we do not sacrifice the health of our forests for a bit of relatively inexpensive energy? Here are our recommendations:

- 1. Ensure that wholetree harvesting is not an acceptable forestry practice. This could be done by modifying the existing Wildlife Habitat and Watercourse Protection Regulation under the Forests Act.
- 2. Set a province-wide target to reduce clear cutting in Nova Scotia (by area) in half by 2015, or to 250km<sup>2</sup> per vear from the current level of approximately 500km<sup>2</sup>.
- 3. Adopt a cap on the overall amount of forest harvesting.

Is it sensible to move forward with 70 MW of forest biomass energy by 2015? We do not think so. Nova Scotia is not ready to add a massive increase in harvesting to our already stressed forest. In the absence of new rules controlling clear cutting, the 70 MW goal could result in an additional 100 square kilometers of clear cutting every year - the equivalent to clear cutting land the size of Kejimkujik National Park every four years.

We stress that there is, unfortunately, no "gold standard" of forestry practice that could allow a significant amount of new harvesting, for biomass or any other product, to be done in an ecological responsible manner. We cannot envision a "win-win" scenario for the forest if Nova Scotia attempts to generate anywhere near 70MW from burning trees.

Our forests have already been severally degraded in terms of the abundance, diversity and health of the Bras d'Or Lakes. Yet the conferboth trees and wildlife. We have less than 1% old growth forest left in Nova Scotia, an ever-growing list of endangered species and ever-shrinking fragments of habitat for wild species to survive in. How much more can the wildlife species that are trying to survive in what's left of them take?

We believe it is unrealistic to assume the scale of forest biomass proposed in the report can be harvested in an ecologically sustainable manner. A gold standard for forest biomass in the province would require provincial goals and regulations in advance of harvesting, in addition to a reduction in the total scale cutting proposed.

Jamie Simpson, Forestry Program Coordinator

Kermit deGooyer, Conservation Planner

Raymond Plourde, Wilderness Coordinator

Photos of a whole-tree clear cut harvest are available at:

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## **QUESTIONNIARE COMMENTS:** AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Don Arsenau

hen the Bras d'Or Lakes Aquaculture Conference was held in June of 1975 there was no identified body whose responsibility was primarily the health and welfare of ence identified the serious need fir an integrated approach to the long term survival of the waters and the multiple communities that populated the lake and its watershed. In response, the local university then the College of Cape Breton, established the Bras d'Or Institute to, amongst other things, highlight the need for a strategic approach to the conservation and development of this magnificent body of water.

Over many years, the Institute sought funding to carry out our research, organize conferences and workshops, initiate development projects highlighted the waters and surrounding lands, all of this while working to involve the residents, the municipalities and first nations peoples. In response, federal and provincial departments along with the first Nations leadership established the three bodies mentioned in your questionnaire (UNIR, CEPI and Pitu'paq). These have forged a strong team to carry out the goals earlier enunciated in the "Goals" of the Bras d'Or Stewardship Society. Those organizations are doing much of the work that the Stewardship Society set out as its goals and which are still espoused. Perhaps the earlier felt need for the Stewardship Society no longer exists. Broadly organized and financed, the three can probably meet your goals more efficiently.

BUT-what continues to be needed is a 'WATCHDOG' organization, an organization which is not bounded by established structures, a group which can sit back and independently evaluate difficult situations and deficiencies, and still be free to comment on these. I would therefore suggest the Society goals be slightly rephrased to emphasize these newer responsibilities:

A restatement of the goals of the Society: "Our goal is the protection. conservation and restoration of the Bras d'Or Lakes."

## THE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

## Collated by Dr. James V. O'Brien, Board Member

#### Preamble:

In August of this year, with a view to reviewing the current status and future direction of the Bras d'Or Stewardship Society (BSS), the Board of Directors (BOD) circulated a questionnaire to all members present and past (or at least those with current addresses). The Questionnaire consisted of eleven questions (Qs) of two types; seven of the multiple choice (# 3 with three sub-questions) and four of the written comment type.

Of the approximate 220 questionnaires mailed out, (this included the 80 or so sent to former members) 44 (20%) were returned; of the 140 current paid up (including life) members, a response rate of 31% was received.

No one answered all the questions. Those that did answered a varying number of questions. Some added extra, often informative, notes. David and Pamela Newton and the former head of the Bras d'Or Institute and retired Professor of Chemistry at what was UCCB Dr. Don Arseneau PhD included typed letters.

Given the number of suggested questions received from the directors, the time it took to sort and clarify these and in the end, time constraints, the final version of questionnaire was less organized and useful than it might have been.

#### THE RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. Multiple Choice Questions (Abbreviated here as all the questions will be)

Q 1. Should the Society wind up its activities?

Yes: 6 No: 29 Not sure: 4 Other: 4

Q 2. Should the Mandate of the Society change?

Change: 1 Remain roughly the same: 30 Not sure: 4

Q 3. Should changes include:

i. Enlarging mandate to Whole of Cape Breton: Agree: 6 Disagree: 29 Other: 4
 ii. Join other Groups? Agree: 8 Disagree: 28 Other: 4
 iii Seek Government Funding? Agree: 12 Disagree: 21 Other: 4

Q 5. 'Surplus' Funds How to use. For What:

a) Research: 17 Publicity: 28 Other: 6

Q 6. Addressed to former members. Why do you not rejoin?

No answers given!

Q 10. Re: BSS Website. How do you find it?

a) Very Interesting: 13 b) Interesting: 10 c) Not interesting: 1 d) Other: 5

Q 11. Place Board Meeting Minutes on the Web?

a) Yes: 24 b) N: 14

B. Written Comment Type Answers.

For obvious reason, these were much more difficult to abbreviate, simplify and clarify, as they contained a wide spectrum of comments from the flattering - 'overall a great job' variety, to the frankly derogatory - that the 'BSS' is a 'bullshit Society'. There were also differences in the number of answers each question received.

A constant theme through all four comment type answers (see also Q 5) is the perceived need for the provision of information and publicity in all its forms, be it in local papers, radio, television with press releases, advertisement videos, brochures etc. The fact that such publicity will not always be cost free is either not fully comprehended or does not seem a matter of concern to most members. Indeed, atleast to openly advocate using Society funds for this purpose.

To take these question individually, here were the results:

Q 4. Beyond the 2 general meetings and 2 issues of the Blue Heron per year plus the website and a postal address, are there other ways to keep members informed?

Number of answers received (NOAR):- 13/44. Several mentioned using press releases and information in local papers. Others suggested focusing on more direct face to face contact, or phone, email etc. (publicity again). Other suggestions included putting board minutes on website, getting members to monitor select areas and report violations. Atleast two wanted more, if briefer, newsletters - a request repeated in answers to other questions. There were two complaints of not receiving information about meetings.

Q 7. How do you think the Society could attract new members?

NOAR: - 35/44. Again as previously mentioned, the need for publicity and the spread of information in all its forms was repeated again and again. Press releases public meetings on popular topics, target particular groups such as

boaters and fishers etc. .

Other suggestions include limiting the number of years board members serve, refocusing on the 'original mandate of water quality' spending reserves on enjoyable learning activities, ensuring the website is up to date, having brochures/ information available for travelers to CB, having education programs for all ages, getting members more active and organizing monitors or 'guardians', rotating site of general meetings . There were contrary views also. One person suggested special provisions be made for permanent residents another for people from 'away'. Several stated they didn't know what to suggest.

Q 8. Are there any changes you would like to see in how the BOARD carries out is business?

NOAR: - 25/44. This was largely a pointless question for as most of those who replied pointed out since they had not attended BOARD meetings they were not in a position to comment. However there were some suggestions. These included, 'try to make waves, try rocking the boat, try calling an ass hole an ass hole', publish minutes before AGMs so those who attended are better informed, 'BOARD looks like a closed group' that 'doesn't change very much' Have meetings away from Baddeck, 'no complaints so far'. One individual responded that "there is no need of the society, as 'the government' has departments to look after The Bras d'Or Lakes!"

Q 9. The Society has tried to encourage interest within local secondary schools in issues concerning the Lakes by offering an annual scholarship or prizes in differing amounts up to \$ 600.00. Have you any suggestions why this is so and how might we increase this interest?

NOAR: - 38/44. The overwhelming and repeated theme here was the need for contact with the school personnel at all levels from school boards to teachers to students. Other suggestions included, producing pamphlets, booklets, brochures, videos, power point presentations, sending speakers to schools, have poster and essay contests. One original idea was to 'invent' a legend and name for a monster in the Lakes depths and using this as a "hook" gets people involved in the Lakes. There were opposing ideas in regards to which the scholarship/prize should be offered. One suggested to offer scholarships/prizes to primary school children another to students in the CBU environmental program. There were also opposing ideas on the wisdom of even continuing the scholarship offer. At least three thought it was not worth it on the grounds of lack of student interest others noted there were 'too many scholarships chasing too few students.' On the other hand another said; 'keep doing it'.

Other comments made, not directly related to the questions asked: A few were quite critical of the website 'surprisingly little new information has turned up', others did not know there was one. There were several questions about it. The Blue Heron received praise 'the news letter is excellent' and requests for more, if briefer, editions. There were complaints about lack of communication 'not received one iota of communication other than this letter.' One person suggested the BSS push to have the name of the Lakes changed to Loch Bras d'Or as it is a sea loch more than a true lake. Other comments: 'maybe too broad a mandate', now there are other voices (CEPI etc) 'stay with the advocacy and watch dog role'.

## After Thoughts:

- As it turned out, for reasons that could have been foreseen, Qs # 6 and #8 were largely unproductive. And at least two
  other questions that almost certainly could have been productive were not considered; these are:
  - i. Are you interested in joining the Society's board (BOD)?
  - ii. Are there activities or areas of interest you personally either alone or with others, would like to pursue, with or without support from the Board? Of course there is no reason why members cannot come forward now if they wish to reply to these.
- 2. It was unfortunate, I believe, a preamble was not included with the questionnaire outlining the inherent limitations of small voluntary organizations like the Bras d'Or Stewardship Society with no paid staff and an income limited to c. \$7,000.00 per annum even if it has substantial reserves for such a volunteer group. Consequently, though the questionnaire produced lots of good ideas and suggestions for what the BSS might do, it did not elicit any information concerning how or who might actually do them.
  - It must be remembered The BSS is a voluntary group and if members want things done then it is up to them to step up to the plate and volunteer, otherwise they will not be done. It's that simple. To paraphrase the late JFK (perhaps a bit grandiosely but so what?), "Ask not what your Society can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Society".
- 3. It is clear though, there are a fair number of people out there who think the Society still has a part to play in regards to the future of Lakes, despite the existence of CEPI, UINR and Pitu'paq. Whether this number is adequate is another question?
- 4. One thing we do have to take into account is that existence of these above mentioned bodies changes the playing field. The Society is no longer the only group whose objectives are in the Society's words to 'Protect, Conserve and Restore' the Bras d'Or Lakes. However, all three of these groups have a fundamental flaw. They are government (at whatever level) funded and by so being inevitably are open to political manipulation. We are aware that past history is not reassuring on this score.

The Society on the other hand, is not. This being the case, as Don Arseneau suggests in his note, an at least enhanced watchdog role - that is to guard the guardians - almost inevitably devolves onto the BSS. This being the case, there is merit and logical consistency in changing the wording of the Society's goals, as he also suggests, from the more verbally active to the less active

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## **Bras d'Or Watch**

to report any observed acts, incidents and violations that threaten the integrity of Bras d'Or Lakes please call:

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Our Email: stewardship@baddeck.com

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