

Emera
New Brunswick COMMUNITY CONTACT 2020

# GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

To say that the past year has been challenging for many would be an understatement. Our company has been fortunate and operations have continued throughout these challenges. At Emera New Brunswick, the health and safety of our people and the communities where we work are our top

Since the pandemic began, we have taken this situation seriously and we continue to do so. We continue to monitor information that is being shared by the World Health Organization, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Provincial Department of Health.

I want you to know that throughout the pandemic our commitment to the safety and integrity of the Brunswick Pipeline has not wavered and that we continue to interact with our regulator, the Canada Energy Regulator, on our performance. They are interested in how we have adapted our business, how we have implemented our business continuity plans and in carrying out compliance verifications on specific areas of our procedures such as our emergency response plans. We take pride in our programs and operations and we continue to comply with the expectations set by our regulator, every day.

As part of our regulatory requirements, Emera New Brunswick and first responders hold a full-scale mock emergency exercise each year, rotating between urban and rural locations along the pipeline route. This exercise is just one of the many safety-focused drills and activities that we perform during the year. In September, we worked with the Saint John Fire Department and we were able to simulate our scenario with four different platoons within the department.

You may also recall hearing ads on local radio stations throughout the spring and summer as part of our annual Click or Call Before You Dig campaign to promote awareness of safe excavation and work practices near the pipeline. This year was a particularly unusual year, with

late season (COVID driven) burst of construction activity and so many homeowners completing projects on their property. Ensuring the safety of the public, landowners, contractors or anyone else who might have a need to work near our pipeline is a responsibility we take very seriously.

Of course, regular and proactive maintenance is another way that we ensure safety and protect the environment. This year we performed an internal cleaning and inspection of our pipe. This inspection is completed every 7 years and it is the second time that it has been completed on the Brunswick Pipeline. The pipeline continues to be in excellent condition and the electronic scans performed by this tool are considered a best practice in the

As we head into the holiday season, things feel a little uncertain with so many challenges related to the pandemic. However, I want you to feel confident that we are doing everything we can to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and we will continue to monitor the situation to ensure our compliance with all Public Health guidance and

I hope you will take a few minutes to read through our newsletter. During construction of the Brunswick Pipeline, we committed our support to the communities along the pipeline right-of-way. We are incredibly proud of our involvement in southwestern New Brunswick and we hope you will read this sample of programs and events.

Thank you for your continued interest in Emera New Brunswick and if you want to know more about our organization, please follow along with us on Facebook and Twitter.

On behalf of our entire team, I would like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your family this holiday season.

#### Rob Belliveau

General Manager, Emera New Brunswick

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# ATV/QUAD USE ON PIPELINE **RIGHT-OF-WAY**

ATVs and quads have the potential to damage or reduce pipeline groundcover and even damage the pipeline itself. As a result, ATV/QUAD use on our pipeline right-of-way is discouraged. The Brunswick Pipeline is buried about 1 meter (3 feet) deep in most areas, but this can be compromised by ATV/QUAD traffic eroding that depth of cover. It's also important to know that a large portion of Brunswick Pipeline's right-of-way is on privatelyowned land. If you observe any unusual or suspicious activity near our pipeline facilities, or in the unlikely event an emergency occurs,

# **FULL SCALE MOCK EXERCISE**

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please call us immediately at

Emera New Brunswick is committed to safety and we take part in many activities that ensure our preparedness in the unlikely event of an emergency. Participating in mock exercises is one of those ways. These routine exercises provide emergency responders and our employees the opportunity to test our emergency response plans and interagency communications practices in a simulated emergency scenario. Emera New Brunswick held its annual mock emergency exercise over four days with the Saint John Fire Department in September. Our sincere thanks to everyone who took part and for helping us practice to continuously improve our emergency response plans.

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### UNITED WAY COMPASSION FUND DONATION

In April, motivated by the extreme impacts of COVID-19 on those in need in our communities, Emera New Brunswick donated \$25,000 to the United Way Saint John, Kings and Charlotte.

Emera New Brunswick's donation was in addition to a 1\$ Million combined contribution Emera and Nova Scotia Power made to the Atlantic Compassion Fund and HEAT Fund in support of communities across Atlantic Canada.

The Atlantic Compassion Fund, distributed to all United Way agencies in the region supports those who are most impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including individuals experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental illness, precarious employment or food insecurity.

We know that our community's most vulnerable populations are experiencing extraordinary hardships and through a trusted partner like the United Way, we were pleased to provide timely assistance to those most in need in Saint John. Kings and Charlotte Counties.

#### **FOOD BANK**

The COVID-19 crisis has been an extraordinarily challenging time for our community. Our organization is in the fortunate position to be able to do more to help our community during these challenging times. Earlier this year, in partnership with our parent company Emera Inc., we built the Emera COVID Community Response Program. Through this program and a variety of initiatives, Emera companies have donated millions to various charities. One of these initiatives was to support local food banks through a Virtual Food Drive. Employees were asked to consider making a donation to local food banks and then every donation was matched with a corporate donation, doubling our impact!



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

2020 was a year of change at the Emera New Brunswick Board table. We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the contributions of two former directors.

Nathalie Godbout was named to the New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench earlier this year. We are thrilled for Justice Godbout and grateful for the time she spent serving our board. Her appointment meant that she was no longer able to serve on our board, but we are happy that all New Brunswickers will now benefit from her knowledge and expertise.

Pat Darrah, who unfortunately passed away in the spring of this year, was a member of the original Emera New Brunswick Advisory Board that was formed before construction of the Brunswick Pipeline. In that role, he was an advocate for the project and for economic development in our community. Pat gave generously of his time and expertise, providing sage advice that was always given through the lens of maximizing community benefits. To say that Pat was a tremendous help to Emera New Brunswick is an understatement. He was creative, optimistic and had a great sense of humour that was deeply valued by our team. His presence in our organization is

Although a search for new directors are underway, as of yet, no appointments have been made.

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sincerely missed.



# Y LEAD YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This year, Emera New Brunswick was pleased to partner with our customer, Canaport LNG, to support Y Lead, a new program based out of the Irving Oil Field House. Led by the YMCA of Greater Saint John, this in-depth program helps youth aged 13-18 develop their leadership skills. This work is directly aligned with one of our pillars for giving - creating opportunities for youth. The program will run until the summer of 2021 and expects to see 40 youth participate.



#### IN-LINE INSPECTION

In September, as part of our Integrity Management Program of the pipeline, Emera New Brunswick ran an in-line inspection on the Brunswick Pipeline. This inspection initiative is a major undertaking for our company and one that occurs every 7 years.

This integrity management activity involved a robust examination of our pipeline using an "intelligent" inspection tool to identify any pipeline conditions that may impact operations and the integrity of the pipeline. Detailed inspections, like this one, are part of our commitment to ensure safe and reliable operations for the life of the pipeline.

During the in-line inspection, there was increased activity happening along the Brunswick Pipeline right-of-way. In any situation when activity increases, we know that it also increases the associated risks of injury. However, every person on the project made safety a priority. Employees and contractors worked an estimated 1150 field hours over 5 days during the project and no reportable injuries were sustained.

In addition to conducting the work safely, we are pleased to report the entire 145 kilometers of the Brunswick Pipeline was successfully surveyed. The findings from the inspection are still being analyzed, however, initial results indicate our pipeline is in good condition with no integrity concerns. This is an impressive result considering that every meter of the pipe in our 145 kiliometre pipeline system is surveyed by this highly sensitive tool.

We can't thank everyone enough for their commitment to safety throughout this project and for a job well done!



#### **RED TRIANGLE AWARDS**

The 30th Annual Red Triangle Awards were a little different this year. This event moved from the atrium of the YMCA to an online event but that didn't curb our enthusiasm for participating. We were once again pleased to be the Presenting Sponsor of this great event honouring the Friars family as the Red Triangle Award recipients and Katelyn Hunter as the Young Leader to Watch. Proceeds from this annual event support the YMCA of Greater Saint John's Strong Communities Campaign. The event raised more than \$55,000 to help children in our community.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients, the YMCA and everyone involved in pulling this event together!

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#### **GANONG NATURE PARK**

The Ganong Nature Park is a beautiful escape located at the end of Todd's Point Road near St. Stephen, New Brunswick. For many years, Emera New Brunswick has partnered with the park to help with the costs associated with its programing and this year was no different. One of the signature events at

the park is the Charlotte County Fall Fair. Although the fair was not held this year, our fingers are crossed that that this event will be back in our calendars for 2021. Until then, we hope everyone continues to enjoy the beautiful views and walking trails that the park has to offer.

#### P.R.O. KIDS

Ensuring youth in our community have access to cultural and recreational activities especially during the current pandemic is good for both mental and physical wellness. That's why it was an easy decision to support this great organization. At the end of November, P.R.O. Kids held a modified version of their annual fundraiser and raised \$60,000 in support of youth in our community.

Congratulations to P.R.O. Kids and to everyone who helped them achieve their most successful fundraiser to date.





Emera New Brunswick has been supporting the Crescent Valley Resource Centre (CVRC), a neighbourhood-based facility serving the residents of Crescent Valley, since we built the Brunswick Pipeline over 10 years ago. The CVRC offers free programming and services aimed at building leadership and resiliency in individuals and families and promoting healthy and active lifestyles. The programs and services offered are varied, free, and give staff the opportunity to work with children and youth, adults and seniors, and newcomers to address issues prevalent in low-income neighbourhoods. These programs include literacy initiatives, summer camps, health and wellness services, and food security programs.

