

COMMUNITY CONTACT

### RYAN O'HARA JOINS EMERA NEW BRUNSWICK AS GENERAL MANAGER

In July, we welcomed Ryan O'Hara as our new General Manager. In this role, Ryan oversees our operations, leads the ENB team, and works closely with key stakeholders in the communities where we operate.

Ryan is an accomplished leader with strong technical skills and experience building and maintaining stakeholder relationships. He brings extensive pipeline and natural gas utility experience, having worked in various roles in construction, operations, and engineering. Most recently, Ryan served as the Director of Project Engineering at one of the largest natural gas utilities in Alberta.

Originally from New Brunswick, Ryan and his family are returning home after spending 14 years in Alberta. The O'Haras spend much of their time outdoors, mountain biking, running, and camping, and look forward to exploring those activities here. They are excited to be back in New Brunswick and get involved in the community.

## OUR THANKS TO ROB BELLIVEAU

Earlier this year, ENB's outgoing General Manager, Rob Belliveau, retired. Rob has been an outstanding leader and has demonstrated a strong commitment to safety,



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operational excellence, and the community. He joined Emera New Brunswick in 2008 and oversaw the successful transition of the Brunswick Pipeline from construction to operations. In 2013, Rob transferred to Halifax, Nova Scotia, assuming the role of Vice President, Engineering for Emera Inc. In 2015, Rob moved to Bangor, Maine, becoming Emera Maine's Vice President of Engineering and Operations.

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We were pleased to see Rob return to Emera New Brunswick in 2018 to lead our team in Saint John. Rob led by example not only within our organization but also in the greater community. He championed causes such as equitable education for children living in Saint John's priority neighbourhoods and supported other anti-poverty initiatives.

We will miss Rob greatly and thank him for his dedication to Emera over the last 13 years. All the best in your well-deserved retirement, Rob!

G On behalf of our entire team, I would like to extend our warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to you and your family."

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### **ATV SAFETY**

For many New Brunswickers, getting out and exploring on an ATV is a large part of their recreational activity. When operating an ATV, it's always important to keep safety top of mind. Where you ride matters too. Emera New Brunswick does not allow the use of the pipeline right-of-way as a vehicular trail. This applies to Quads, ATVs and other types of vehicles. Vehicles can do damage to the pipeline cover and, in some instances, may damage the pipeline itself

Quad/ATV use on the pipeline right-of-way can also impact the environment adversely. Limiting ATV traffic on pipeline rightof-ways can help:

- prevent rutting and erosion;
- avoid damaging slopes and water crossings;
- safeguard sensitive wetlands;
- keep silt out of lakes, rivers, streams; and
- protect vegetation.

Pipeline markers installed along the right-of-way are used to indicate the approximate location of the natural gas pipeline and to provide contact information. To find out where the pipeline is located in your area, visit our website, www.emeranewbrunswick.com. If you

# have questions about where you can ride, please call 1-888-410-2220. Emera New Brunswick @Emera\_NB

## **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

This year, we equipped our field

team members with mountain bikes,

complete with protective gear. This will help them access certain areas of our right-of-way more easily, including certain water crossings and areas near wetlands. The bikes are a great choice for the environment and the team's health and wellness too.

### ANNUAL MOCK EXERCISE

As the owner and operator of the Brunswick Pipeline, we conduct a mock field emergency exercise every year. Held in early September, this year's exercise took place on the Talbot Road in Musquash, New Brunswick. Mock exercises provide emergency responders and Emera New Brunswick employees the opportunity to test our emergency response plans and interagency communications practices in a simulated emergency scenario. These are critical components of safety. We always ensure

area residents are notified beforehand as they may see emergency response vehicles and increased activity during this time. Our thanks to the Musquash Fire Department, the New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization and to all participating partners.

### CALL OR CLICK BEFORE YOU DIG

If you have plans to do any construction on or near our pipeline right-of-way that requires digging more than 30 cm in the ground, please visit www.clickbeforeyoudig.com or contact our Call Before You Dig line at 1-888-410-2220. Obtaining Emera New Brunswick's approval prior to beginning ground disturbance activities in the vicinity of our pipeline is not just a courtesy-it is a requirement of the Canada Energy Regulator (CER). The CER may impose fines on individuals or companies for unauthorized activities near a pipeline. For more information on these regulations, please visit the CER website at www.cer-rec.gc.ca.

### IN-LINE INSPECTION

As part of our commitment to safety, we perform regular and proactive maintenance on all our systems. As part of this commitment, we performed an internal inspection (in-line inspection) of our pipeline in the fall of 2020 to evaluate its condition. The in-line inspection is an important element in our pipeline integrity management program. This inspection is completed every 7 years, making this the second time it was conducted on the Brunswick Pipeline since commencing operations in 2009. In carrying out this inspection, we worked closely with a contractor experienced in providing this type of technical inspection and evaluation.

In 2021, we continued our pipeline inspection work with our contractor, and as a result of the 2020 and 2021 work, we are pleased to share that the Brunswick Pipeline continues to be in good condition, safely delivering natural gas for our customer, Repsol Energy Canada.

### **BOARD UPDATES**

#### **DR. NANCY MATHIS JOINS THE ENB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Emera New Brunswick was pleased to welcome Dr. Nancy Mathis to its Board of Directors in January 2021. Dr. Mathis is the Executive Director of the G. Wallace F. McCain Institute. In this role, she supports the next generation of senior business leaders in the Atlantic Provinces to meet the complex challenges facing our region. She is passionate about creating environments where leaders have the best chance of success, and doing just that by combining her own entrepreneurial and innovation experiences with her teaching background at the University of New Brunswick. Dr. Mathis has a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering; she has been recognized nationally with awards in innovation, entrepreneurship and engineering as well as for supporting others in those fields.

#### **DEREK OLAND RETIRES FROM** ENB BOARD

After more than 10 years of service, Derek Oland's term with the Emera New Brunswick Board of Directors has ended. Mr. Oland also served our parent company, Emera Inc., for several years as Chairman. As the Executive Chairman of Moosehead Breweries, Mr. Oland has been active in business and community affairs, providing valued guidance and advice, throughout his career. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Oland for his contribution to both Emera New Brunswick and Emera Inc.



### COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

### GIVE LOVE, FEEL GOOD

Emera New Brunswick has a long-standing relationship with Hazen White-St. Francis Elementary School and decided to fund iPads for their students-and challenged other businesses and individuals to do the same. Our thanks to our partners in the campaign, Duke Creative Collective and The Feel Good Store, based in Uptown Saint John

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There are wonderful organizations dedicated to supporting mental wellness in our community. This past year, in partnership with the Saint John Human Development Council, Emera New Brunswick provided funding for a social worker to work at Saint John women's and men's shelters, Coverdale and Outflow, to support those in need of their services.

ENB also provided the Teen Resource Centre (TRC) with funding to hire an on-site, part-time social worker. "We would like to thank you again for providing the funding for our youth to access these supports. The TRC could not have done this without Emera New Brunswick." - June Breau-Nason, Executive Director, Teen Resource Centre,

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The Charlotte County Fall Fair is a celebration of rural living, hosted at the Ganong Nature Park. Emera New Brunswick has supported the park for many years and we were pleased to sponsor this year's Fair once again

Held each year around Valentine's Day, the 5th annual Give Love, Feel Good campaign focused on the



'digital divide' often experienced by low-income families. The digital divide speaks to the growing gap between people who have the opportunity to develop digital literacy skills, and have access to the Internet and devicesand those who do not. The campaign goal was to improve digital literacy and access to technology by seeking donations of tablets for our priority neighbourhood schools and community organizations.

### SUPPORTING MENTAL WELLNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

### THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY FALL FAIR

The Fall Fair includes a wide variety of activities appealing to all ages, focusing on produce, crafts, vendors and hands-on exhibits. Many wonderful community organizations participate in the Charlotte County Fall Fair by sharing, teaching and displaying the skills that have played an important part in the historical and continuing development of Charlotte County.



#### SUMMERTIME MUSIC IS BACK

Congratulations to the organizers of AREA 506 for bringing live music back to the waterfront and for keeping safety top of mind. This year presented some unique challenges and the extraordinary AREA 506 team rose to each one. Through their efforts, live music returned to the Saint John waterfront in a safe and entertaining way this summer, and Emera New Brunswick was pleased to sponsor this event once again. We look forward to seeing what future years hold in storeespecially with the announced development of a permanent home for this outstanding festival.

### THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Sistema NB is a unique after-school program that inspires children to achieve their full potential. Children learn how to play an instrument, experience the joy of being part of an orchestra, and learn valuable life skills-focus, discipline, respect and teamwork-while growing musically. Based on the El Sistema (the System) program in Venezuela, Sistema NB is open to all regardless of income. There is no cost for the program, but there is commitment required by the family. Students must attend every day, be devoted to the program and try their best, with their families encouraging and supporting them. Students participate 3 hours after school, 5 days a week. ENB was pleased to provide a \$20,000 donation to this impactful program in Saint John.

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### UNITED BY SUCCESS AWARDS

The United Way serving Saint John, Kings and Charlotte and Emera New Brunswick have teamed up for a pilot project to help students facing barriers to achieve their post-secondary education goals. The United by Success Awards will help students struggling with the costs associated with post-secondary education. The barriers are often as 'simple' as not having supplies, the required technology, a bus pass, childcare, or even food.

> "The United Way has a deep understanding of our community and the organizations that are making a measurable difference in helping those that need it most. We want to help motivated students overcome these barriers so they can focus on their education and create better opportunities for their futures," said Ryan O'Hara, Emera New Brunswick's General Manager.

The United for Success Awards provide up to \$2,000 per student. The pilot phase will have the awards hosted by three United Way Funded Partners: The Teen Resource Centre, First Steps and The Learning Exchange. Funds are dispersed by these organizations directly to the individuals and each award recipient will have a case manager to provide ongoing support in achieving their goals. To date, 12 awards have been provided to students, valued at \$15,000.

In keeping with the United Way's commitment to impact investment, outcomes will be tracked to measure the success of this new initiative, with the goal of 80% of recipients successfully completing their year of post-secondary studies.



### **PROMISE PARTNERSHIP**

Nour Alkassab is a recipient of the Emera New Brunswick Promise Partnership bursary. The Promise Partnership matches UNB Saint John students with middle and high school students for mentoring and study support. Nour says, "Your award is going to help me continue my learning to obtain the first step of my dream, which is a university degree."

#### P.R.O. KIDS

Ensuring youth in our community have access to cultural and recreational activities, especially during the current COVID-19 Pandemic, is good for kids' mental and physical wellbeing, and ENB was once again happy to support P.R.O. Kids' annual fundraising campaign.

