

# The Rivers

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## Looking Forward to our 2021/22 Season



CBWA staff have been volunteering their time to prepare a detailed work plan for our upcoming season. We will start the season with rehabilitation work at Rix Pond, Profits Pond and Long Creek. We are planning to construct a catwalk along the dam at Profits Pond which will allow us to make a safe walking trail around the pond for public access. Adhering to Covid 19 regulations, we are tentatively planning to hold our annual Boat Poker Run. We look forward to sharing our 2021/22 projects with you - and encourage everyone to send us any ideas or suggestions for upcoming projects.

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## A Closer Look at our 2021/22 CBWA Board Members

**Paul Arsenault, President:** Retired business man, this is Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> term as president of CBWA. Paul is a dedicated community volunteer who has been involved for many years as an executive member of the O'Leary Lions Club, the St. Antony's Legion in Bloomfield, the West Prince Chamber of Commerce and many other community organizations. He is highly interested in the ecology of our water systems in West Prince, and is a vital part in providing leadership to our organization.

**Gerard Gaudet, Vice President:** Gerard was born in Tignish, left PEI when he was 18 years old. While in Ontario, he spent 22 years in Hamilton. Gerard was a member of the Canadian forces for a few years, and was self-employed with his father-in-law for 14 years. He also spent 5 years in Emergency Spill Clean Up throughout Ontario before moving to Fort McMurray, Alberta as an equipment trainer for 10 years.

Gerard now resides in Montrose, where he and his wife raised 3 sons and 2 daughters; they are blessed with 12 grandchildren. He retired in 2019 and now volunteers his time teaching beginner guitar at community school. Gerard currently sits on the board of CBWA, and is an advocate for the Weight-Watchers group – TOPS. In January 2021 he was hired by JVI as a driving instructor in light vehicles.

**Rhonda Arsenault, Secretary/Treasurer:** Rhonda grew up in Rosebank, PEI, then spent 18 years living in Ontario before returning to Western PEI in 2004. She has one son and one daughter, four granddaughters, and one grandson. Rhonda and her husband built a house on the river in Cascumpec in 2015. Spending 18 years living in cities in

Ontario has proven to Rhonda how lucky we are to live on PEI. She spends many hours in the boat on the river each summer. It is so important to Rhonda that we do all we can to keep our waterways healthy for future generations. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, boating, music, and taking courses – and travelling when we are not in the middle of a pandemic. She has worked for PEILCC since 2007 and is currently the manager for both the Alberton and Tignish Liquor stores.

**David Crocker:** David and his wife, Donna, moved to PEI in 1971 for work. He retired in 2014. They presently reside in Montrose. David's hobbies include wood-working, model railroading, and tending 9 acres of wild blueberries. He presently sits on the boards of CBWA, the West Prince Caring Cupboard, and the West Prince Blueberry Coop.

**Ashton Perry:** Ashton resides in Elmsdale, PEI. In 2014 she attained her Certified Crop Advisor certificate and is active as the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation at the family Farm; W.P. Griffins where she leads agronomy and is the Director of Sales. Ashton joined Cascumpec Bay Watershed Board in 2016 with the desire to learn about the challenges faced by the group. About the only thing Ashton, her husband (Bradford Perry of Ascension) 6 year old Son and 4 year old daughter can agree on is that spending time on the river during the summer is a favorite activity for all.

**David Lane:** This is David's 2<sup>nd</sup> term on the board of CBWA. He hails a marine background and has taken numerous courses on marine navigation, cargo & anchor handling, and moving oil platforms offshore. David has been employed with a private offshore company for 14 years and is presently employed as chief officer. He is an avid outdoorsman and environmentalist, and brings a wealth of knowledge in marine environment and hydrology to CBWA. David is also a licensed drone operator.

**Chad Smallman:** Chad resides in Howlan with his wife, Sarah, and two kids: Caleb and Emmie Jane. Chad grew up on a farm in Knutsford where he gained a love for the great outdoors. Chad attended UPEI where he received his Bachelor's Degree. He is currently employed with the Department of Agriculture and works with farmers on a daily basis. In the summer, he can usually be found at his cottage in Mill River boating or fishing with his family. Chad is also a licensed drone operator.

**Garth Davey:** Garth is a licensed horticulturist and landscaper. He actively gardens at his home in Kildare Capes. Currently employed with Kool Breeze Farms Marketing Team, Garth is actively promoting interaction with nature around our homes. He is a lifelong lover of wildlife, and enjoys birding, hiking, and foraging.

**Craig Wallace:** Craig has lived in Elmsdale all his life. He became a potato farmer in 1986/87, and became a CBWA board member in 2020. Craig and his wife, Sonya, have 2 beautiful children, and they enjoy hockey and ski-dooing.

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