

The Rivers

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2021/22 Season off to a Great Start



CBWA started off the season by adding more apple trees to the foraging walls at Alberton and Bloomfield Elementary Schools. Students in Grades 5 and 6, assisted by CBWA staff, planted 24 apple trees. The students were given a presentation on trees, the different types of trees, the numerous variety of apple trees and the importance of trees to people and wildlife. The students were taught how to properly plant apple trees and were eager to put their new found skills to the test. Students were encouraged to ask questions during the information sessions and many interesting questions did come forward. The session demonstrated how deep to dig the holes, how much seafood compost and bone meal to add, how to place stakes around the tree, and how tight to tie the trees to the stakes. These trees are a lovely new addition to the foraging wall project, which was initiated in 2019. We would like to send a sincere thank you to the Wildlife Conservation Fund for providing financial assistance for this project.

For more information please contact CBWA at 902-856-1200 cascumpecbayWS@hotmail.com

CBWA staff would like to send our sincere thank you to all of our directors for your time and devotion.

We are planning our 2021 AGM for Wednesday, July 7th, at our Profit's Pond location.

Bronte Handrahan

This year CBWA welcomes Bronte Handrahan to our team. She is a recent graduate of the Holland College Wildlife Conservation Technology Program. She will be attending UNB this fall in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Environment and Natural Resources. Bronte worked with the BBEMA Watershed group last summer.

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Daniel Gavin

Daniel is the second student on board with us this season to help us implement our many environmental projects and programs. Daniel has 3 years of experience working with the Roseville/Miminegash Watershed group. This fall - Daniel plans to attend the Maritime College of Forestry and Wildlife in Fredericton, NB.



YSI Water Quality Testing Unit

In conjunction with the Roseville/Miminegash, Tignish & Area, and West Point & Area Watershed groups - CBWA, with financial assistance from the Wildlife Conservation Fund, purchased a YSI Water Quality Testing Unit. This Unit will



enable us in carrying out the Water Quality Monitoring Program we implemented last year. We have now expanded this program to include monitoring at over 30 locations. This unit measures dissolved oxygen, conductivity, specific conductance, salinity, total dissolved solids, Ph, temperature, and nitrate levels in our watersheds. Rebecca Ramose with the PEI Watershed Alliance has instructed our staff on routine care and re-calibration techniques to ensure accurate readings. The information we collect will be uploaded to the Atlantic Datastream. This is an online platform where watershed groups, other non-profits, and government have been sharing data. You can view the data at <https://atlanticdatastream.ca>





Tree Planting

Just 3 weeks into the season, we are proud to announce that CBWA staff, with the help of Westisle High School students, has already planted over 1500 trees and shrubs!



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