

## The Voice of Business

This is our last seasonal publication already. How time flew since our first article in the spring.

Big changes are coming from the government for 2023. They have passed project 7 which creates a fund to help finance many types of work for private lots. This 10-million-dollar fund will be used for silviculture, education, fire prevention etc. This is good news to help continue offering good services to our private woodlot owners.

Discussions for a central office in charge of negotiations with the mills are being done between the government and the NB Forest Products Commission. If this new office can negotiate better prices for our private woodlot owners, I will be the first one to encourage the change. We will know more about this in 2023.

We have spent all of our budget (\$800,000) and even went over by \$75,000. This shows that there is interest in silvicultural development. If you are interested in having silvicultural work done on your property, please contact us at 1-877-548-8958 or by email at nsfpmb@nsfpmb.org.

On behalf of all the employees and the members of the board of Directors of the North Shore Forest Products Marketing Board, I would like to wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Patrick Doucet
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