

Press Release:

PUBLIC FORUM -ABANDONMENT OF FOREST CITY DAM

The Advisory Committee of the North Lake Local Service District are hosting a public meeting at 2 PM (1 PM EST), Saturday April 1, 2017 at the North Lake Community Centre, 4426 Route 122, Fosterville, NB; regarding the proposed abandonment of the Forest City Dam and the subsequent lowering of the water level in the upper Chiputneticook Lakes (East Grand Lake, North Lake and their tributaries).

Our objective is to facilitate an exchange of information on this issue amongst elected federal, provincial and municipal officials and stakeholders in the preservation of the Chiputneticook Lakes system, through presentations and discussion. Participation is encouraged from Canadian and US officials, stakeholder groups and individuals.

Confirmed attendees include TJ Harvey, MP for Tobique-Mactaguac; Honourable John Ames, NB Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture (MLA for St. Croix); Carl Urquhart, MLA for Carleton-York; Stewart Fairgrieve, MLA for Carleton; Opposition Leader Blaine Higgs, MLA for Quispamsis; Officials from the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans; Officials from the Provincial Departments of Local Government and Environment; Bill Appleby, Canadian Co-chair of the (IJC) International Joint Commission's St Croix Watershed Board; Ducks Unlimited and Heather Almeda, Manager of St. Croix International Waterway Commission.

There are planned presentations on the role of the IJC: Regulatory Bodies Overview; Review of the Woodland Pulp and Paper's application to abandon the Forest City Dam; Background on the Dam licensing process and financial impact on the local tax base. In addition presentations are planned by Chiputneticook Lakes International Conservancy (CLIC), local business owners and several concerned citizens.

Registration is not required to present or participate in the forum. Following the registered speakers, the forum will allow for comments and questions from the assemblage.

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