

May 1st, 2023

Dear member and future member of the New Brunswick Forest Safety Association,

Originally established in 1963, the New Brunswick Forest Safety Association served the forest industry for 20 years. However, with the then newly formed Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission (WHSCC), the industry felt it no longer needed its own safety association. Disbanded in 1982, a renewed interest in restarting the association arose due to an increase in severe accidents and deaths in the forest industry over recent years. The lack of affordable, quality safety training-initiated members of the industry's sawmills (SIC code 2512) to re-activate the association 20 years after it had closed its doors.

In the fall of 2005, the New Brunswick Forest Safety Association re-opened and in December 2005 it delivered its first courses. The New Brunswick Forest Safety Association continues to work hard to serve its members, and with no signs of slowing down, the association aspires to carry on developing new and relevant programs to further enhance the health and safety programs of our industry.

The New Brunswick Forest Safety Association is an industry-funded, not-for-profit safety association aimed at eliminating workplace accidents in the forest industry through education and training. The Association is incorporated under the *New Brunswick Companies Act*, has by-laws, and is governed by a Board of Directors.

Safety associations in New Brunswick are funded through levies collected on behalf of their respective industries by WorkSafeNB (formerly the WHSCC). Section 79.2 of the *Workers' Compensation Act* enables WorkSafeNB to fund safety associations that promote accident prevention through education and training for employers in their industry.

The NBFSA endeavours to create a positive, proactive safety culture within the forest industry of New Brunswick. Our goal is to significantly reduce the occurrence of workplace accidents through safety training and education. We aim for the forest industry of New Brunswick to stand as a national leader in their collective commitment to effective preventative workplace health and safety programs.

As we continue to grow along with the demand and requirements for OHS training and education in New Brunswick, we hope to expand our focus from just sawmills to include various other forestry-related entities. There is a current initiative to expand the association to include other forest-related employers. These sectors include New Brunswick companies working in:

- logging and forestry
- wood manufacturing and preservation
- various wood manufacturers
- pulp and paper
- door and window manufacturers

The employers and employees of the forestry industry now need your help – how you may ask?

We are now inviting you, as an employer in the forestry-related industry to join the association. If the majority of your industry members indicate their support, the NBFSA can make an application to WorkSafeNB to add you so that all companies like yours are automatically included in the association and can enjoy the benefits of the products and services we offer.

We would welcome the opportunity to schedule a meeting to discuss this initiative with you at your earliest convenience and to demonstrate the value of the New Brunswick Forest Safety Association to our forest-related industries. Arrangements can be made by email at info@nbfsa.ca or by phone.

We greatly appreciate your time, consideration, and future efforts toward this movement. Your participation in our expansion initiative would allow your company to enjoy the benefits of our continuous support, training, and safety-related programs for your current and future employees.

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to us by email at info@nbfsa.ca or by phone at (506) 836-7330.

Best regards,

Mario Arseneault, Executive Director,
New Brunswick Forest Safety Association team &
Board of Directors

New Brunswick Forest Safety Association Membership Expansion

The employers and employees of the forestry industry now need your help – how you may ask?

We are now inviting you, as an employer in the forestry-related industry to show your support for your industry to join the association. If the **majority** of employers indicate their support, the New Brunswick Forest Safety Association (NBFSA) can make an application to WorkSafeNB to include your industry in the Association.

Once an industry is included, **all employers** operating in this industry will automatically become members of the association, their assessment rate will include a percentage levied to fund the association and they can enjoy the benefits of the products and services we offer.

I/we, _____ support the Association Membership Expansion initiative.

 Legal business name

 Employee representative (Print)

I can confirm that _____ (Legal business name) has reviewed the opportunity to join the New Brunswick Forest Safety Association and wishes to show support for an application to be made on our industry’s behalf. Further, I state that I have the authority to speak on behalf of the business identified above, and to bind it in this commitment.

Sincerely,

 Authorized Employee Representative (Signature)

 Date

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Employee Representative Telephone: _____

Contact Email: _____

The NBFSA greatly appreciates your support, trust, and future business toward this initiative. Your participation in our expansion initiative would allow your company to enjoy the benefits of our continuous support, training, and safety-related programs for your current and future employees.

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