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KRISTI LAKE

Thanks to Prince Albert Model Forest Communities Program for the funds to improve the signage at Kristi Lake Nature Trail. This highway sign has been asked for by the public for the last couple of years. Signs along the trail are also being upgraded. A change from plastic to metal should reduce some of the vandalism we have had with signs.

Next time you are on the trail, check out the silver maple at the head of the boardwalk and see if you can spot the apple (crab-apple) along the lakeshore. It was an array of white blossoms this past week.



President's Message

Keith Dodge

Those who plant trees tend to be pretty decent people!

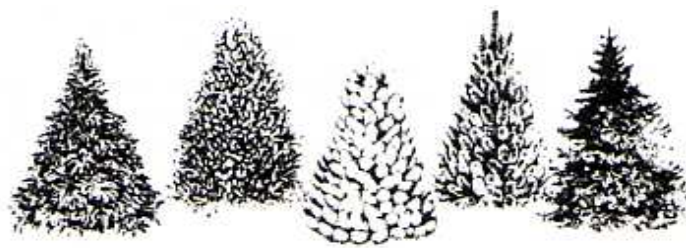
I have been planting some 22,000 trees and in some cases, shrubs throughout the province this spring. Truth be told, I only planted about 100 and made arrangements for the planting of the rest. Twenty-two thousand is not a big number compared to some of forest plantings occurring throughout Canada. But for non-forest plantings it is a good number. My work with Tree Canada enabled the planting of some 10 000 trees and shrubs under the umbrella of Urban Forest. Programs such as Greening Canada's School Grounds, Green Streets and Trees By The Shore enabled communities, schools and environmental education groups to plant trees and shrubs. These groups are very appreciative of being selected to receive plant material and come out in good numbers to help with the planting, spreading of mulch and watering.

Another 12,000 tree seedlings were planted in areas that are not forested and are not what we call urban forests. Most of these native white spruce tree seedlings were planted on afforestation sites; cropland that was forested some 50 to 100 years past and last year was planted to agricultural crops. It will be interesting to see how the white spruce seedlings compete with agricultural weeds; maybe some treatments will be required.

Keep planting you decent people!

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Annual General Meeting

March 18, 2010

Location: Saskatchewan Research Council (large boardroom), Prince Albert, SK

Minutes by: Sindy Nicholson

Present:

1. Keith Dodge Keith Dodge Consulting
2. Brian Poniatowski BioForest Technologies Inc.
3. Phil Labrosse SIAST
4. John Thompson Ministry of Environment – Forest Service
5. Larry Fremont MoE – Fire Management and Forest Protection
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19. Andrea Atkinson Ministry of Environment – Forest Service
20. Susan Carr Prince Albert Model Forest
21. Satpal Viridi MoE – Fire Management and Forest Protection

Regrets:

1. Shannon Poppy Saskatchewan Research Council
2. Grant Harrison Pacific Regeneration Technologies (PRT)

Meeting called at 12:37pm

12:37pm – Presentation: Prince Albert Green Energy Park by Doug Currie

1:27pm – Bernadette presented an overview of the new (still undergoing changes) website:

- Special trees section – goal is to make it as easy to use as possible (old site was hard to use)
- Presented brief introduction to Inquiry Based Learning
- Last hard copies/CDs of FoF at the convention yesterday (Mar 17), and thus will direct all teachers to the website in September