



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Christmas Eve Dec 24
- Christmas Day Dec 25
- Boxing Day Dec 26
- New Years Eve Dec 31

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# Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

## Wastewater Treatment Study

The City of Corner Brook and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. are proceeding with a study on the feasibility of partnering on co-treatment of wastewater.

After being approached by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper in 2019 on partnering to study the possibility of co-treating wastewater, the city requested a proposal from CBCL Ltd. to determine if there are advantages to treating the effluent from both sources in some form of a combined process.

The estimated cost of the study came in at \$112,500, plus HST.

The city applied for a Green Municipal Fund grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to cover part of the cost of the study and was successful in obtaining \$56,200.

During Monday night's council meeting, Coun. Linda Chaisson presented a motion that was later approved by council to award the wastewater co-treatment investigation project to CBCL Ltd. for the estimated cost of \$112,000, plus HST.

The mill has committed to contributing \$28,125 (plus HST) toward the cost, with the city covering the remainder.

During discussion on the motion, Coun. Josh Carey said it was a worthwhile project.

"If it comes to light that we can actually do it, it would save us a lot of money," he said.

The cost to build a wastewater treatment plant has been previously estimated at more than \$80 million.

Mayor Jim Parsons said the city has had a good relationship with the mill recently on a number of fronts.

"Their willingness to look for places where we can co-operate I think makes us all a little healthier and a little more viable. If something like this did work out it would be fantastic."

Darren Charters, the city's director of community, engineering, development and planning, said it was hard to say what impact the study would have on the city being able to meet federal requirements on wastewater treatment.

"What I will say is it could save the city a lot of money in the end," Charters said.

It will take several months to do the study, he said.

**Article by Diane Crocker published in The Telegram November 14, 2020.**

# Safety Moment

## Snow Build-Up on Vehicles

**Another Canadian winter storm, another generous helping of snow - that means a whole lot of time you'll have to spend brushing the snow off your vehicle.**

It is tempting to just clear the windshield, but it is very important to get all the white-stuff off your ride before you venture out for a drive. Not removing all the snow poses a safety hazard to you, your passengers and other road users.

For example;

If your headlights and taillights aren't cleaned off, you may not be easily visible to other drivers. That increases your risk of being in a collision.



Not clearing your back window renders the rear-view mirror useless and creates a massive blind-spot.

### ***What about that snow on your vehicle's roof that is hard to reach?***

It can become dangerous too if, as you are driving along, the motion of driving and the heat from the inside of the vehicle causes it to loosen and slide down onto your windshield.

Even if you are able to react quickly by turning on your wiper blades, thick and heavy snow does not clear easily or quickly. If the snow is heavy enough, your wiper blades may not be able to move at all, creating a lapse in visibility that can have dangerous and deadly implications.

Instead, realize that part of staying safe through a Canadian winter is properly preparing before you leave your parking spot!!!!!!

So, what's the best (and fastest) way to clean off the snow?

- ◆ Start by protecting yourself from the elements, dressing in warm layers and wearing waterproof snow boots and gloves.
- ◆ Check that your vehicle's tailpipe isn't blocked by snow. If it is, clear the snow, and then start the engine to warm it up. Turn the defroster and fans on to max.
- ◆ Once you're outside the vehicle again, start from the top and work your way down. A truck, SUV or van may require the use of an expandable snowbrush or scraper to pull the snow from the roof. Taking one side at a time, work your way around the vehicle until the roof is clear.
- ◆ Then clear snow away from the windshield, back window, side windows, mirrors, lights, doors and around the license plate.
- ◆ Be sure to clean around the wiper blades and windshield washer nozzles, and test the wipers before you put your ride in drive.

For more information on safe driving, visit [www.canadasafetycouncil.org/traffic-safety](http://www.canadasafetycouncil.org/traffic-safety).

## Message from the Executive Director

Mother Nature has decided that it is time for us to put away our ATV's and get our snowmobiles ready for another season of fun on the trails. Some of you prefer the unbeaten path and that's fun too. Please remember to wear the appropriate clothing for the season and always wear your helmet. Having a job that allows you to use a snowmobile as a part of your work makes for a great day. As the old saying goes, "A bad day in the woods is better than a good day in the office". When using a snowmobile remember to do your pre trip inspection because you can ride further in half an hour than you can walk in a day. Communication devices are paramount in the event of an emergency and always let your supervisor know where you're going and when you are anticipated to return. As well if you are using your snowmobile for work you need to have a safety training course on how to safely use the machine. **Remember, using a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is against the law and carries the same penalties as a motor vehicle.**

When it comes to dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic we have done really well with regards flattening the curve in our province. Our Chief Medical Officer Janice Fitzgerald and Health Minister Dr. John Haggie have worked very hard to help keep us safe and they have had to make some hard decisions. My hats off to them for the tremendous task they have had to deal with. We are seeing a second wave sweep across the country with infections rising at an alarming rate. Just because the numbers here remain low does not mean we can relax. Keep doing what you have been doing and let's beat this thing together. Please make sure you get your flu shot. If you have the flu and do contract Covid-19 it will be difficult to fight it off. Christmas is a time for family and friends and unfortunately this year we have to change the way we celebrate as we are advised to only get together within our established bubble. As I am writing this message things are constantly changing. Please stay informed with the most up to date public health advisories in your area. You can check the government website at [www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19](http://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19) This pandemic has had a huge toll on people's mental health. We don't have to be afraid of Covid-19 but we have to be aware of it and know how to safely live with it in our society. Follow all public health measures, wash your hands, wear your masks, social distance and be nice to all you see.

If you are struggling from a mental health issue whether it's related to Covid-19 or not reach out for help. That's the first step. Nobody can help you until you ask for it. If you work for a company that has a Employee Assistance Program (EAP) please reach out to them. It is 100% anonymous. Your employer does not know you have called and never will. The service puts you in touch with professionals in your area that can help you in whatever situation you are in. All you have to do is ask. The NL government also has web resources available at [www.bridgethegapp.ca](http://www.bridgethegapp.ca) There are services available here for adults and youth.

Please remember as you enjoy your activities to keep safety as your first priority. Obey all rules and regulations related to your activity and please be sure to wear all appropriate safety gear required. Have fun, be safe and keep the sawdust out of your boots.





# Blow Me Down Trails

FSANL would like to thank Blow Me Down Ski Park for their continued support and look forward to working with them to reduce injuries in the forest industry.

Contact Blow Me Down to purchase a season or daily pass for your next cross country skiing or snowshoe adventure.



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Programs offered on a continual basis!

Contact us to book your seat in the  
following courses.

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Power Line Hazard

OHS Committee Training

Emergency, Standard, Wilderness First Aid

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Confined Space

Lock out/tag out

ATV, UTV, & Snowmobile Training



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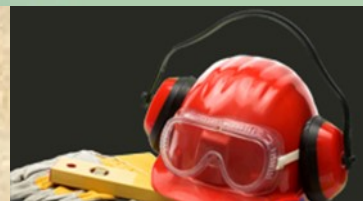
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proper safety equipment  
for the job!**