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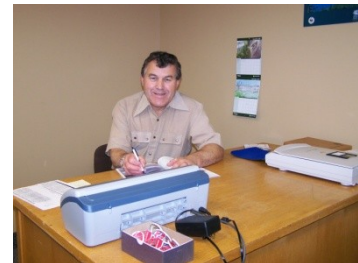
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New Saint John Office

Fundy Baykeeper now has an office in Saint John. The office is located in the Linden Place building at 199 Chesley Drive, which overlooks the harbour near the Harbour Bridge. Our office is located on the second floor and is large enough to accommodate meetings and gatherings of up to a dozen people.

Since moving into the new office, we have hosted the following meetings:

- The Conservation Council, Saint John Fundy Chapter.
- A meeting with outward bound college students.
- A meeting between representatives of the Fundy North Fishermen's Association and the St. Mary's First Nation Fishery representatives.
- Consultation meetings with government officials.
- An energy strategy meeting.
- A meeting to discuss remaining concerns regarding the Emera Brunswick Pipeline.
- A climate action day planning session.
- A meeting with Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission officials.



Fundy Baykeeper can be reached at our new office phone number: (506) 694-8780 or via email: fundybaykeeper@conservationcouncil.ca (Email checked on Monday/Tuesday only)

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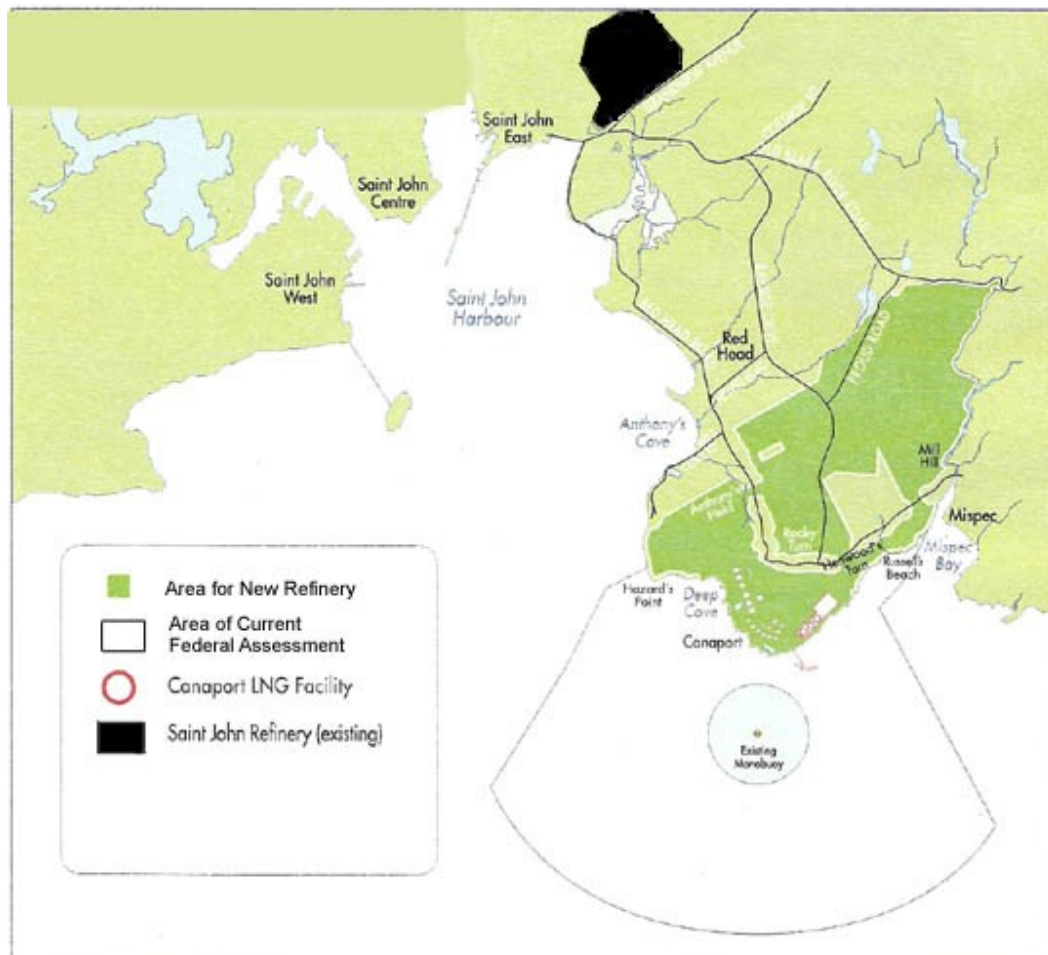
In Early January, Adam Todd began work as the Outreach Assistant for Fundy Baykeeper. Adam will be based in the Saint John Office and will be responsible for electronic communication and information. He will also be assisting with other public outreach activities. This is currently a part-time position and Adam can be reached in the office on Monday and Tuesday.



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Fundy Baykeeper Goes to Court after Federal Environment Minister Exempts Proposed Oil Refinery from Environmental Assessment

Irving Oil Ltd. has proposed to construct a new 300,000 barrel a day oil refinery to be called Eider Rock at Mispec on the Bay of Fundy. The refinery would be constructed to provide gasoline and refined fuel oil products to US markets. The proposed refinery could discharge up to three million tons of Co2 (Green House Gasses) into the atmosphere annually. In combination with the LNG Terminal being constructed near by, it would double ship traffic in the Bay of Fundy. Ship strikes are the major threat to the endangered Wright Whale and other marine mammals in the bay. The proposed refinery would also add to the serious air pollution problem and health risks in Saint John and the surrounding region which result from emissions at



the existing Irving Refinery. The new refinery site would be located immediately adjacent to the Mispec River, which hosts a population of the inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon, recently listed federally as an endangered species. The Harlequin Duck, another endangered species, inhabits the shoreline waters adjacent to the refinery's proposed tanker loading/unloading facilities.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act requires a comprehensive environmental assessment be carried out for large oil refineries; however, Federal Environment Minister John Baird has restricted the Environmental Assessment to an examination of the marine oil terminals and the immediate surrounding waters. The oil refinery, its emissions, the effects of increased ship traffic and risks of oil spills in the Bay of Fundy have been exempted from the Federal Environmental Impact Assessment Process. The proposed Oil Refinery, with all its infrastructure and ship traffic in the Bay of Fundy requires examination with the highest level of scrutiny, which Fundy Baykeeper hopes to ensure with the launch of the recent court action.

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First Pet Coke Shipment Arrives, Smudges Sky

When NB Power held their information session last February (2007) to explain plans to convert units at Coleson Cove Generation Station to burn petroleum coke, a solid residual waste product from oil refineries resembling coal, public concern regarding the unloading and handling of petroleum coke at the Port of Saint John quickly arose to the forefront. NB Power officials assured the public that the petroleum coke would be covered at all times, stating it would never see the light of day and there would be no escape to the environment.



This was not the case when the first shipment of 24,000 tons of coke was unloaded from the vessel, Atlantic Eerie, to the newly constructed plastic-covered storage building at the West Side port docks on January 2nd and 3rd. The petroleum coke was discharged through open air into the storage building, which was well documented on film by CBC TV News. This resulted in dust and material being released to the environment.

After a four day wait to obtain permission, Fundy Baykeeper representatives visited the petroleum coke facility at the port on January 7, were given a tour of the facility and interviewed officials from the terminals operator, Logistec and the Saint John Port Corporation.

Clearly the unloading of the petroleum coke was carried out and permitted to continue with the discharge trunk from the ships conveyer hanging in the open air above the inlet to the storage building. We were told that the discharge trunk from the ships conveyer was not long enough to reach into the storage building at all times during unloading. Also, we learned there was no provision for skirting the buildings roof port inlet holes to prevent dust release.

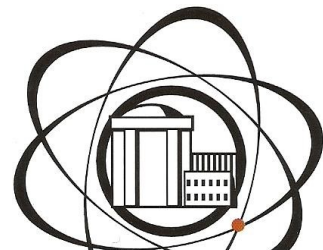
As a result of the investigation Fundy Baykeeper has requested that before any further shipments of petroleum coke are unloaded at the Port of Saint John, that:

- Discharge trunk of adequate length to reach well into the storage building during all unloading conditions is in place.
- That the storage building roof inlets are covered with a skirt during discharge of petroleum coke into the building to prevent any dust released occurring from the opening.

To view a copy of the letters sent: [NB Power Letter](#) and [Saint John Port Letter](#)

Nuclear Barge Shipments to Dipper Harbour: Headed Off/Ruled Out

Local Rumor and contractor activity appeared to indicate that plans were being made for barge shipments of large components for the Lepreau Nuclear



Station to be landed in Dipper Harbour. This was a matter of much concern for residents of the small community and local fisherman, who contacted Fundy Baykeeper.

Having previously reviewed the environmental assessment study and refurbishment approval for the nuclear station, Baykeeper was aware that the approved barge landing site was on the beach at Point Lepreau.

Fundy Baykeeper acted quickly to contact the responsible regulatory authority, The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, regarding the situation and concerns of possible barge landings at Dipper Harbour.

Fundy Baykeeper has since been assured by the Nuclear Safety Commission that all the barge landings will take place at Point Lepreau.

Baykeeper Continues Push for Old Fish Plant Removal

The Old Jackson Fish Plant at Wilson's Beach, Campobello is collapsing into the harbor. It is a threat to public safety and a threat to boats at the adjacent public wharf.

A complete collapse of the structure, which could happen at any time, would discharge the plant, its wharves and its contents into the waters of Head Harbour Passage; littering Passamaquoddy Bay beaches and creating additional hazards to navigation.

The old fish plant, in its current state, is in violation of both the Clean Environment Act and the Unsightly Premises Act of the Province of New Brunswick.



Baykeeper recently took this matter to a meeting on Enforcement Priorities with the Deputy Minister of Environment to outline the need for prompt action to have the old fish plant removed, disposed of and the area cleaned up.
