

## **January 21 2019 Sandy Lake Regional Park Coalition (SLRPC) news**

Happy New Year SLRPCoalition member groups

- Our Steering Committee has begun the Action Plan from December's meeting.
- Attached is our letter to Mayor and Councillors that does three main things: It supports the proposed city budget allocation of \$7million for general park land acquisition; it requests a focus on PCB, BMBCL and Sandy Lake; it in effect, launches our awareness campaign for the Sandy Lake Regional Park goals.
- If your group also sends a letter to Mayor and council, or to your councillor, if you can, please mention Sandy Lake and any other areas you are aware need mentioning.
- Attached is our "Why we need to save 1000 acres more at Sandy Lake Bedford" document. It is the 600 acres to the west of Sandy Lake that are at most risk of development, so the "Why" doc speaks mostly to that.
- Thanks to the Halifax Field Naturalists for including an article about Sandy Lake in its quarterly publication.
- We are arranging various meetings with councillors, staff and others and we continue to do talks to community groups to build support. An article is being drafted to go to newspapers soon.
- The previous newsletter mentioned Dr. David Patriquin's talk on Sandy Lake and Environs. Here is the link to his talk and slides: <http://goo.gl/ipYCR2>

Also, in his Nova Scotia Forest Notes Blog, Dr. Patriquin, is introducing the forests of Sandy Lake into the illustrative discussions. Even without Sandy Lake it is a most informative blog! Government, including Lands and Forests Minister Ian Rankin follow this blog and even take part. Thank you Dr. Patriquin!

<http://nsforestnotes.ca/what-is-old-growth/> half way down the page it refers to Sandy Lake and links to:

<http://versicolor.ca/sandylakebedford/>

And uses Sandy Lake forests as an example in this post as well: <http://nsforestnotes.ca/what-is-old-growth/the-polygon-problem/>

And thanks to each of you for your support. The Action Plan is just begun. As it ramps up, we will guide any who will take part. Stay tuned.

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*Sandy Lake and environs website: [www.sandylakebedford.ca](http://www.sandylakebedford.ca)*

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