

# Petitcodiac Watershed Monitoring Group

## Groupe de surveillance du bassin de la Petitcodiac

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## Hello everyone !

Before I start with this Issue, I'd like to introduce myself. Since August 9, 2000 the group has a new coordinator. My name is Eric R Arseneau and I've been living in Moncton for the past 6 years. I'm originally from Bathurst in northern New Brunswick. I've done my studies at l'Université de Moncton where I completed a bachelor in Arts with physical geography and general biology as my two majors. In 1998, I enrolled in a master's degree at l'Université de Moncton in Environmental studies. I am presently completing my thesis where I am looking at the possible impacts of fine sediments on salmon redds in relation with forestry and agricultural processes.

Isabelle Frenette had to leave us in June as she accepted a new position with the Fundy Model Forest. Isabelle will be their new Communications Coordinator. The group has to give Isabelle a lot of credit for organizing and promoting this group in the past year. So next time you see Isabelle, say thanks! Further more, Isabelle will still be involved in the group, as she will be sitting on the steering committee. Finally, from my part and from the group, I wish Isabelle a lot of luck with her new position.

If you have any comments / suggestions or you want to donate your time to the group's activities, do not hesitate to contact me at 384-3369 or by e-mail at: [pwmg@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:pwmg@nbnet.nb.ca).

Have a great day!  
Eric

## PWMG moves into new location in Highfield Square

Since September 1, PWMG has moved to a new location in Highfield Square (Suite 103) which is located on Main street in Moncton. Our group was formally located in the Environment Canada building on Morton Avenue. It was decided by the steering committee that the group should be more accessible within the community and that is why we moved to Highfield Square.

Our group owes a big thanks to Environment Canada in Moncton for making our stay at their facility a good one. Further more, the group never paid for rent the whole time we where there. So again, thank you for making a significant contribution to our group.

The Université de Moncton (Biology dept.) is also to be thanked for lending space to our group so that we could store some sampling equipment and a computer for the past year. Thank you!

<http://www.web-maestro.com/pwmg/default.htm>

### Questions, comments, suggestions?

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### Information session / Grand opening

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the group held an information session / grand opening at its new location. In all, about 25 people attended. During that evening, we had informal presentations from Jane Tims (Min. Environment) who talked about the water classification in N.B., Daniel LeBlanc (River Keepers) announced a stream clean up on October 14, and from myself (introduction to the members of PWMG). The goal of this information session / grand opening was to gather everyone who is involved with the Petitcodiac in a same room so that we could discuss and interact with each other. I thank all of you who participated.

### PWMG assists the Coastal Zones 2000 conference which was held in Saint John N.B.

From September 14 to September 17, PWMG attended the Coastal Zones 2000 conference. This conference was mainly focused on youth involvement. Paper presentations, oral presentations and poster presentations permitted the participants to show their work and also to put focus on the problems observed world wide with coastal zones. PWMG had a poster presentation which explained water classification of our watersheds and the community aspect of our group. Why did PWMG attend a coastal zones conference? The answer is simple, all the water that flows into our watersheds eventually end up in the oceans. In essence, it means that if we negatively affect the water quality of our streams it will eventually negatively affect our oceans.

### PWMG presents at l'Université de Moncton (August 29<sup>th</sup>)

After a request was made by Serge Jolicoeur who is a professor in physical geography at l'Université de Moncton, PWMG presented their objectives and goals to about 15 students who were following a field course in the Moncton area. The presentation went very well, and a lot of questions from students as well as professors were asked about the water classification and the water quality in both Petitcodiac and Memramcook watersheds. Further more, pamphlets describing our group's objectives and goals were given out to professors and students present at the presentation.

### Water Sampling:

Since there was no coordinator, the water sampling for the month of July had to be postponed. Sampling for August was carried out by Georges Brun, Sheila Goucher, her technician and myself. Because my appointment was so close to the sampling date, it was impossible for me to contact all the volunteers in time for sampling. I am glade to say that the September 24<sup>th</sup> water sampling was in part done by volunteers and PWMG's field technician. To those people who braved the rain to sample, I greatly appreciate it and keep up the good work! In conclusion, one more sampling run is needed for this season and it will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in giving a hand or you know someone who is willing to give his or her time, please do not hesitate to contact me at 384-3369 (W).

### Upcoming activities:

- ✓ Stream clean up -- October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000, contact me or Daniel LeBlanc (382-0707) to register your group or to get more information.
- ✓ If you would like to add your activity to our newsletter, contact PWMG (384-3369)

