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Fundy Model Forest Newsletter



Silver Maple Planted in Acadian Garden



From left to right: Maggie Paul, First Nation elder; Don Floyd, dean of Forestry and Environmental Management, UNB; Peter Curtis, TD Friends of the Environment; Natalie Young, TELUS; and Gary MacIntosh, director of marketing, Royal Canada, Irving Consumer Products. (David Smith photo)

Fredericton, NB (Sept. 21, 2011)—A silver maple was planted in the new Acadian garden at the High John Flemming Forestry in Fredericton to celebrate Canada's first-ever National Tree Day.

The planting ceremony was hosted by the University of New Brunswick's Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management, in partnership with the Canadian Forest Service and the Department of Natural Resources.

The ceremony began with a blessing and song by First Nation elder Maggie Paul. Dignitaries and sponsors then made remarks. Among those was Fundy Model Forest General Manager Nairn Hay, who was the New Brunswick representative for Tree Canada, which organized the event.

Hay said finding ways to support urban forestry has never been more important in Canada.

"Trees provide many things Canada have a worldwide reputation for," he said. "We're leaders in forest management, habitat for wild life, clean air and beautiful communities to live in. So by celebrating National Tree Day and encouraging others to do so, you're investing in Canada's long-term success in our environment, economies and communities."

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