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CBU professor picked for provincial biodiversity panel

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HALIFAX — A Cape Breton University professor is among the 12 Nova Scotians named Thursday to help develop a new natural resources strategy for the province.

"The steering panel has selected 12 well-qualified technical experts for this second phase of the natural resources strategy process," said Constance Glube, former chief justice for the province. "The four expert panels will soon begin the job of consulting with stakeholders, and their findings will be reported to the steering panel late this fall," she said.

The four, three-member panels of expertise will focus on the key components of the strategy: forests, minerals, parks and biodiversity.

Joining the biodiversity panel is Martha Jones, associate professor, department of biology at CBU. Also on the panel is Cliff Drysdale of Middleton, director, Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association, and Steve Mockford of Wolfville, assistant professor, department of biology at Acadia University.

Other panel members include:

Forests: Bob Bancroft, Pomquet, biologist; Jonathan Porter, Liverpool, manager, Forestry and Fibre Resources, Abitibi Bowater; Donna Crossland, Bridgetown, senior park warden, Kejimikujik National Park.

Minerals: Jacob Hanley, Halifax, geology professor, Saint Mary's University; David Duncan, Wolfville, geologist; Marcos Zentilli, Halifax, geology professor, Dalhousie University.

Parks: Tony Charles, Halifax, professor of management science and environmental studies, Saint Mary's University; Bruce Martin, Bear River, parks planner; Dale Smith, Dartmouth, president, Nova Scotia Nature Trust.

Under the guidance of the steering panel, the four panels will define the process for researching the issues and themes that emerged during the public consultations. The panels will seek technical expertise and hold consultations. They will also prepare and submit draft reports and



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recommendations to the steering panel.

The third and final phase of the process will see the development of a strategy to manage Nova Scotia's natural assets, and guide the department of natural resources and government for the next decade and beyond.

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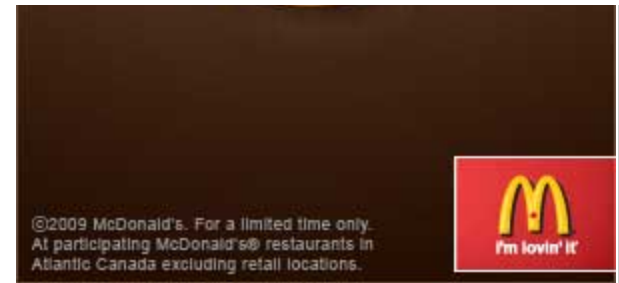
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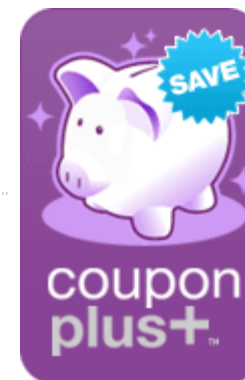


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