

MIRAMICHI (MARTA) BRANCH DIRECTOR REPORT

May 14, 2025

Being a Director of NBSRT, and representing the members of my branch, MARTA, has been an education and an honour. As I come to the end of my tenure as President of MARTA, I have to say that I have learned a lot and appreciate so much more the work, time and commitment of all committees that are instrumental in the growth, happiness and dedication to the members of NBSRT. I am pleased to realize that several MARTA members either head, or participate, at the provincial level.

I have always known that we were surrounded by many devoted people, but during the past two years I have had the privilege of seeing everyone in action. Now, rather than hearing about something, I can put a face to the names of those who have been involved at the provincial level and to learn their level of commitment, in their respective and crucial roles.

Currently, we have 285 members of MARTA. Our committees are vigilant and caring, and they do what they can for everyone. Our two, yearly breakfasts are traditionally hosted at the Portage Restaurant: The Back to School (not for us), in September, and the Wellness Breakfast in February, both of which are very well attended. Our Fall General Meeting and our Spring AGM, always have our members turn out in record numbers. Last November, we were honoured to have the NBSRT President, Rod Campbell, attend our Fall General Meeting and Dinner to bring words of welcome from NBSRT and to enjoy time spent with our branch members.

MARTA is a very active branch, and we make it a priority to celebrate several times during the year. In addition to the two seasonal breakfasts, the Fall General Meeting and Dinner, and the AGM Meeting and Dinner, we also have bowling, a Christmas social, an auction to raise money toward the MARTA Scholarships and Bursaries fund, for our five high schools, and a very popular summer day trip, via tour bus, to attend a matinee theatrical performance at the Arts and Confederation Centre, in Charlottetown.

MARTA remains a vital contributor to the success of the NBSRT and the well-being of its members. At the 2023 Miramichi Branch AGM, members unanimously passed a motion to host the NBSRT's 50th Anniversary AGM on May 13 and 14, 2025. Since then, an ambitious planning committee, consisting of five Executive Coordinators and 12 Event Coordinators, supported by nearly 30 Committee Members, has been working tirelessly to organize a memorable celebration with a unique Miramichi flavour. The General Membership of MARTA may stand proud of what it offers to its branch, as well as its continuous commitment and contribution to NBSRT at the provincial level.

Submitted by,
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