

this year's workshop will be on EMO efforts and will include a panel presentation from our regional EMO coordinator, Mike LeBlanc, as well as local Red Cross and EMO coordinators. The workshop will provide a chance for those working on climate change issues (researchers, planners, EMO, NGOs, municipal reps, government reps, etc) to network, hear updates, and coordinate the next steps in climate change planning and adaptation. These issues are too large for any one group, or community to tackle alone. A regional approach is crucial. Representatives from Amherst and Cumberland County will also take part. Please get in touch with EOS at 536-4487 or [eos@nb.aibn.com](mailto:eos@nb.aibn.com) if you would like to attend by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Transportation Projects**

The regional GoTranspo project is wrapping up. The GoTranspo network (involving transportation representatives from Tantramar, Albert County, Shediac/Cap Pele, Greater Moncton, and Petitcodiac/Salisbury) will continue to meet on their own to network and for professional development opportunities. EOS will be submitting a final report to the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation (ESIC) and the local Community Inclusion Network (Westmoreland Albert CIN) in early January.

—Carsharing and community transportation work, funded through the MTA Green Investment Fund, is also wrapping up. EOS has helped get the local community group called Transportation for Tantramar Network off and running. It is now chaired by Mike Fox. EOS, the Network and Enterprise Carshare have worked to bring carsharing to Sackville. The Network will continue to work with Enterprise Carshare, and anticipate starting the carshare service in January. EOS has also helped a group of local Sackville residents interested in starting a community-based cooperative carshare. Finally, this funding has also helped with some preliminary public survey research to design a Tantramar shuttle service. The online survey can be found at [www.eosecoenergy.com](http://www.eosecoenergy.com). All residents of Tantramar interested in using a shuttle service are encouraged to fill it out. A final project report will be submitted to MTA in January.

### **Tantramar Shuttle Pilot Project**

EOS has been very fortunate to receive \$5000 from Renaissance Sackville and \$5000 from ESIC to conduct a pilot project that will see a shuttle service run in the Sackville and Tantramar region for one month this coming winter (likely starting in February). EOS will be meeting with community groups and representatives to help design routes and schedules.

### **Professional Development**

Executive Director, Amanda Marlin, will be attending training on facilitating climate change discussions in Moncton as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainability Conference in PEI. Both events will provide invaluable training opportunities for Amanda to bring back to EOS and the Tantramar region.

Amanda also recently represented EOS at the David Suzuki Climate Change evening in Moncton.

**Astor Group Environmental Services Co-op**

EOS received a presentation by Astor. This new organization is a for-profit business of environmental consultants that will also make money to support non-profit organizations in New Brunswick. It will also provide some support services to non-profit groups. Benefits plans, D&O insurance and general liability insurance will eventually be made available to non-profits, through this new business (and this will help with employee retention by non-profits). [www.astorgroup.ca](http://www.astorgroup.ca)

**Next EOS board meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Mount Allison Facilities Management Building**



Community Business Development Corporation  
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Westmorland Albert

November 29, 2013

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Mayor Berry *Bob.*

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to thank you for your generous financial contribution to the Southeast Regional Entrepreneurship Gala, which was held during Small Business Week.

We are proud to say that the event was a great success again this year, with a participation that surpassed our expectations. Great regional partnerships continue to make this an ever-growing celebration of our business community.

Once again, thank you very much for your contribution. Because of sponsorships such as yours, we are able to continue to provide this special occasion to honour the entrepreneurs in our region.

Yours truly

CBDC Westmorland Albert  
Karen Robinson  
Executive Director



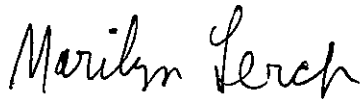
December 29, 2013

Dear Mayor Berry and Members of the Sackville Town Council:

It is with gratitude and humility that I accept your appointment of me as Sackville's Poet Laureate. I will do my best to honour your trust and expectations. Stepping into the shoes of our beloved first Poet Laureate, Douglas Lochhead, is challenging, but I hope that my love of this town, its people and Tantramar, will provide the motivation to carry out my duties with some success. Certainly, I will bring great enthusiasm and energy to them.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year,

I am sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Lerch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marilyn Lerch