

# Grand Opening

## Lower North Shore Bioprocessing and Research Facility

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, marked a very important, and strategic milestone for the Lower North Shore and the Bioproducts Solidarity Cooperative. The official grand opening of the **Lower North Shore Bioprocessing and Research Facility** in St. Paul's River, Québec on March 18<sup>th</sup>, represented a significant achievement in the economic and social development of the Lower North Shore. As a result of more than a decade of investments in research and business development, that was directly managed and **supported** by the Coasters Association, the communities of the Lower North Shore are now benefitting from the creation of more jobs, new and exciting career and educational opportunities, as well as the chance for all individuals to receive their fair share of proceeds from the sustainable development of our local biomass resources.

The grand opening received local, regional and national media coverage and was attended by a large number of community members and partners from government, industry, education and finance, all of whom came together to reflect and celebrate their collective journey of developing and diversifying the economy of the Lower North Shore. The prospects and benefits available to residents of the Lower North Shore are now brighter than they have been since the collapse of the fishing industry almost 2 decades ago. It is without a doubt that the future of the Lower North Shore is a positive one; one that allows more people to live and work in their communities, one that encourages our young people to stay or return home for both employment and educational opportunities, and, one that sees world class scientific research and development being conducted on our land by our people.

A lot of work has been done to date in biomass resource development, as a way to help build self-sufficient and vibrant communities on the Lower North Shore, but the journey is not over. The next chapter in the development of our region promises to be as exciting and the benefits equally rewarding to all those who share our vision for the future. **The Lower North Shore Bioproducts Solidarity Cooperative, the Lower North Shore Bioprocessing and Research Facility, and the Coasters Association** are committed to innovation, job creation and the sustainable exploitation of our resources for the benefit of our citizens. We encourage anyone interested in learning more about our activities, or how they can become a member to contact the Lower North Shore Bioproducts Solidarity Cooperative at 418-379-2626 or by email at [lnswildberry@gmail.com](mailto:lnswildberry@gmail.com), and/or the Coasters Association at 418-379-2006 or by email at [coasters@globetrotter.net](mailto:coasters@globetrotter.net).

