

BUFFERS IN KESPUKWITK WORKSHOP

November 18-19th

Workshop Information Sheet

Our workshop will host over 120 conservation and wildlife professionals and students from Nova Scotia and beyond. Student awards will be given for best Poster presentations to support their continued work and career development. We look forward to the opportunity to explore the applications of buffers, share research stories, create partnerships, and mentor the conservation and wildlife biologists of tomorrow!

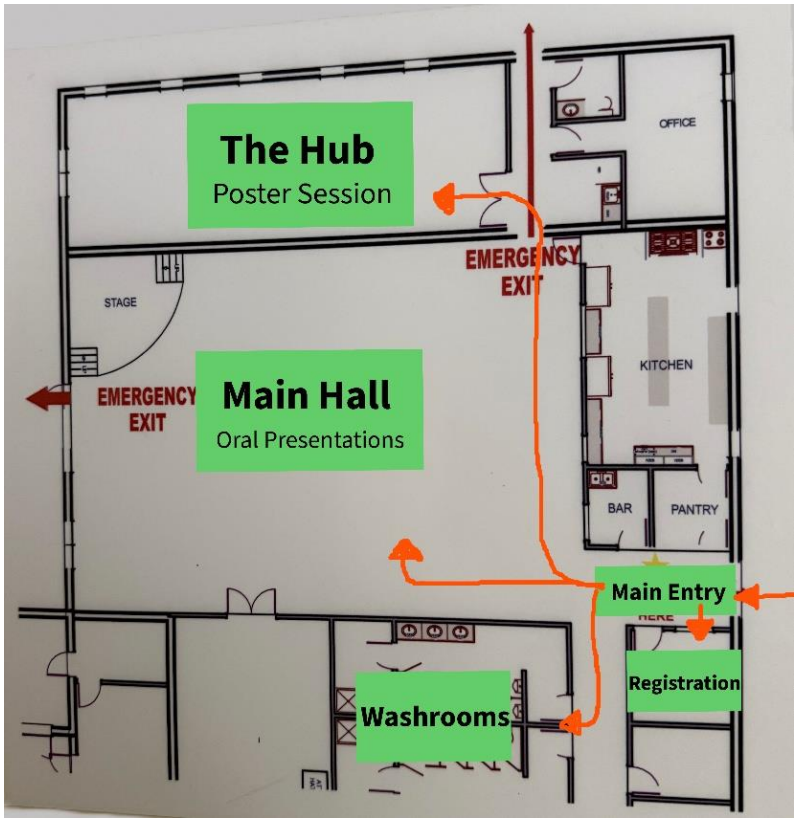
The Event:

Oral presentations and panel discussions will take place in the main hall. Snack breaks, lunch, silent auction, and the banquet will take place in the main hall. The poster session will take place in a separate room off the main hall.

The Venue:

The workshop will be held at the North Queens Volunteer Fire Hall located in Caledonia at 9793 Highway 8. The registration desk, located at the coat room in the entryway, will open at 8:30 AM. There are coat racks in this room where you may store your jackets. The main entryway for the workshop is at the back right side of the building. **If you are presenting a poster, please bring when you register in the morning.**

Please see the map below for the venue layout and where to park. Please ensure you are not blocking the exit route for emergency vehicles when parking.





Food and refreshments:

Coffee and tea will be available all day. Light refreshments will be served in the main hall during morning and afternoon breaks. Lunch will be served in the main hall during day one and two. The evening banquet on the first day will be held in the main hall and must be registered for separately.

For all meals and breaks, Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Vegetarian, and Vegan options will be available for guests who have indicated these dietary restrictions during registration. These options will be limited in supply, so we kindly ask that attendees who do not require special dietary options avoid taking specifically labeled food items. During the Public Poster Session, there will be an assortment of snacks and beverages.

There will be water stations and participants are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle.

Silent Auction:
Proceeds will go towards funding future student awards and the support of MTRI and SNBRA programs. Donations to the auction are much appreciated. Please bring your items to the main hall on the morning of the workshop.

For more information contact buffers2026@gmail.com with subject "Silent Auction."

Traveling to Caledonia (Queens County):
*****Please note there is currently no gas station operating in Caledonia. *****
Please ensure you have sufficient gas to get to and from the closest station. Closest gas stations include:

- Bridgewater: Irving and Esso
- Newcombville: Irving
- Greenfield: Shell
- Lequille: Irving (At Lequille Country Store)

Travelling to Caledonia from Halifax Stanfield Airport will take approximately 2 hours.
Directions: From the airport, head South via NS-102 for about 34km, then take exit 1A onto NS-103 for about 95km. From there, turn right to take exit 13 onto NS-325 for 25km then turn left onto NS-208 for 18km. From there turn right onto NS-8 for 5km and the fire hall will be on your left. Street address: 9793 Nova Scotia Trunk 8, Caledonia, NS B0T 1B0

Places to Eat:
Around Caledonia:

- Hollow Log Cafe: 9902 Nova Scotia Trunk 8
  - Local restaurant serving meals and homemade desserts. Open 10am-7pm.
- Clover Farm: 9871 Nova Scotia Trunk 8
  - Local grocery store for snacks and grocery items. Open 8am-9pm

Places to Stay:
Around Caledonia:

- Mersey River Chalets: 315 Mersey River Chalets Rd
  - Lodge rooms and cabins located on the beautiful Mersey River
  - Approximately 20 minutes from the workshop venue
- Kempt Country Inn
  - Inn rooms
  - Approximatley 10 minites from the workshop venue

Around Bridgewater:

- Best Western Bridgewater: 527 Highway 10 Exit 12, Bridgewater
  - Hotel with indoor pool and complimentary breakfast
  - Approximately 45 minutes from the workshop venue
- Travelodge Bridgewater: 49 North St, Bridgewater
  - Hotel with complimentary breakfast
  - Approximately 45 minutes from the workshop venue
- Days Inn Bridgewater: 50 North Street, Bridgewater
  - Hotel with complimentary breakfast
  - Approximately 45 minutes from the workshop venue

Around Liverpool

- White Point Beach Resort
  - Lodge rooms, cottages, and lakeside "glomes".
  - Onsite restaurant, indoor pool, games room
  - Approximately 50 minutes from the workshop venue
- The Quarter Deck Resort
  - A variety of single, double, and three-bedroom options
  - Approximately 50 minutes from the workshop venue

For more Information:
Caledonia Fire Hall
Workshop Webpage

Our Sponsors:
This workshop would not be possible without the financial and logistical support of:

Southwest Nova Biosphere Region
Nova Scotia Community College
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