

New Canadians bring new business

Hadhad family launches factory in Antigonish

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How sweet it is.

Just more than seven months after arriving in Canada, Assam Hadhad has reached another important milestone with his small business.

He and his family — the first Syrian refugees to arrive in Antigonish — hosted a celebration Aug. 10 to mark the opening of the Peace by Chocolate production facility.

Nestled in the corner of their Bay Street yard, with more than 100 well-wishers on hand, Assam and his son, Tareq, cut the ceremonial ribbon in front of the rustic-looking shed, which now houses the equipment used to make chocolate treats that have been leaving people wanting more.

“It gives us hope again,” Tareq said of the fledgling, but ever-growing, business.

The son, who spoke on behalf of his father and family, described the occasion as an opportunity to “celebrate a new achievement,” in the place they “now call home.”

Since the family left Syria, Tareq said his father has been “anxious to start from zero,” fulfilling his desire to renew his passion and to start giving back to their adopted home.

Assam owned a chocolate factory in their native Damascus. Employing 30 people, the business shipped product throughout the Middle East.

Tareq noted what took his father 30 years to build was wiped out in a week because of the war in Syria.

The Hadhad family started



Antigonish's first Syrian refugee family opens a chocolate facility similar to one their family owned and operated in Damascus prior to the civil war.

making chocolate in March, and then selling it at the Antigonish Farmers’ Market and other venues.

It wasn’t long before more and more people started to nibble, including those at high-profile events, such as the St. F.X. President’s Dinner and a provincial Liberal party annual general meeting.

“We are impressed with how well we have been doing,” Tareq said.

The chocolate-making started in the kitchen of their home.

“My mother (Shahenaz) finally

said this is not a factory; move to the basement,” Tareq said to laughter from the crowd.

They made the move, while production continued to increase.

With the help of volunteers, the 16X10 building is now the location for making their sweet treats.

Tareq said they have big dreams of what they will be able to accomplish, including giving back to their new home of Canada, especially Antigonish, which has welcomed them with open arms.

As a reflection of their focus on giving thanks, the Hadhad family

donated profits from one month of chocolate sales to the Fort McMurray fire relief effort.

They also plan to start employing people, including St. F.X. students.

BIG HIT

Central Nova MP Sean Fraser described the opening as a “terrific occasion,” noting the volunteer effort provided in not only bringing Syrian refugee families, such as the Hadhads, to the Antigonish area, but also in helping them prepare for the launch of the chocolate business.

“I couldn’t be more proud,” he said.

Fraser added the Hadhads are a “particularly heartwarming story.”

After he spoke, Tareq offered him a chocolate. Of course, without hesitation, Fraser accepted. He noted his selection — a piece shaped like a maple leaf — was fitting.

Janet Becigneul read a message on behalf of Antigonish MLA Randy Delorey, who could not attend the opening. He was scheduled to tour the facility a couple days later.

“It is another step and a new level in your success,” Delorey wrote.

He recalled tasting their chocolate for the first time at a Cultural Connections potluck in Antigonish, describing the treats as a “big hit.”

Noting he helped make the chocolate part of a provincial Liberal function earlier this year, Delorey said people who attended continue to ask where they can get more.

He added his Antigonish office has fielded requests from as far away as Ontario.

BIG DEAL

Peter Wade, one of the volunteers who helped construct the chocolate factory, called the milestone a “big deal.”

“It feels like you have been here for years,” he said, in reflecting the effect the Hadhad family has had on Antigonish.

Wade added he was pleased to be “a small part of what you have accomplished here.”

“I will do quite a bit for chocolate, but even more for peace,” he said to applause.

Visitors not only enjoyed plenty of tasty treats, but also a variety of Syrian foods, along with taking tours of the newly unveiled facility.

“We want to thank the whole community for its support,” Tareq said.

Amtrak taps former freight railroad head to be new CEO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former head of the Norfolk Southern freight railroad, Charles “Wick” Moorman, has been tapped to be president and CEO of Amtrak, the nation’s passenger railroad, Amtrak officials said Friday.

Moorman’s ties to the freight rail industry should help strengthen the company’s relationships with those railroads, said Anthony Coscia, Amtrak’s chairman.

Amtrak owns most of the track it operates on in the busy Northeast Corridor, but throughout most of the rest of the country it operates on tracks owned by freight railroads. Amtrak envisions creating a network of interconnected rail corridors that would allow the company to expand passenger service to more communities.

“A big part of Amtrak being able to realize the vision that we think accommodates the kind of growth that we see in passenger rail requires us to get to a partnership with freight railroads that creates maybe a different operating environment than the one that exists today,” Coscia said in an interview.

“I can’t think of a better person to spearhead the effort than someone who was a real leader in the freight industry and who understands the passenger rail industry,” he said.

Moorman, a native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was president and CEO of Norfolk Southern Railway from 2004 to 2013.

He succeeds Joseph Boardman, a former head of the Federal Railroad Administration, who has led Amtrak since 2008. Boardman announced his intention to retire last fall.

Amtrak carries operates more than 300 trains daily and carries more than 30 million passengers a year. It connects more than 500 destinations in 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces.

INVITATION FOR OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE RECEIVER’S INTEREST IN THE ASSETS OF RIVERDALE FUR FARMS LIMITED, 3068810 NOVA SCOTIA LIMITED, AND LOWELL PERCEY SABINE IN RECEIVERSHIP AND CERTAIN ASSETS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA FARM LOAN BOARD

Offers are invited for the purchase of the Receiver's interest in the assets of Riverdale Fur Farms Limited, 3068810 Nova Scotia Limited, and Lowell Percy Sabine ("the Debtor"), and certain assets of the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board ("NSFLB"). Offers for the assets must be submitted in a closed tender process to the Halifax office of BDO Canada Limited, Court Appointed Receiver of the Debtor, at Suite 201, 255 Lacewood Drive, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3M 4G2, no later than 12:00 p.m., ADT, Friday, August 26, 2016. The highest or any offer shall not necessarily be accepted. The sale process will be managed in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein. The Receiver reserves the right to terminate or alter the sale process at any time without compensation to any party.

ASSETS FOR SALE

Parcel 1A

- Stumpage value of all standing timber located on Hilltown Road, Hilltown, Nova Scotia bearing PID's 30360960, 30360986, 30360978, 30359145, 30025811, and 30025647 with a combined area of approximately 179.5 acres.
- Stumpage value of all standing timber located on Langford Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia, bearing PID's 30024509, 30361687, and 30361695 with a combined area of approximately 281 acres.
- Stumpage value of all standing timber located on Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia, bearing PID's 30132583, 30217582, 30217632, 30249239, and 30249296 with a combined area of approximately 533 acres.
- Select forestry valuation information regarding this parcel may be obtained by contacting the Receiver at the address below.

Parcel 1B

- Real property, including any standing timber thereon, located on Hilltown Road, Hilltown, Nova Scotia bearing 30360960, 30360986, 30360978, 30359145, 30025811,
- and 30025647 with a combined area of approximately 179.5 acres.
- Real property, including any standing timber thereon, located on Langford Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia bearing PID's 30024509, 30361687, and 30361695 with a combined area of approximately 281 acres.
- Real property, including any standing timber thereon, located on Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia bearing PID's 30132583, 30249239, and 30249296 with a combined area of approximately 238 acres.
- Select forestry valuation information regarding this parcel may be obtained by contacting the Receiver at the address below.

Parcel 2

- Real property, including any standing timber thereon, located on Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia bearing PID's 30217582 and 30217632 with a combined area of approximately 295 acres.

- Select forestry valuation information regarding this parcel may be obtained by contacting the Receiver at the address below.

Parcel 3

- House and cottage, both located on PID 30217509 with civic addresses 582 and 610 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia and neighboring property bearing PID 30217517 with a combined area of approximately 28.5 acres.

Parcel 4

- House and property at 521 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia bearing PID 30217541 with an approximate area of 1.98 acres.

Parcel 5

- Building and property at 472 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia bearing PID 30217616 with an approximate area of 0.2 acres.

Parcel 6

- Cabin and property located on Oak Lake, in Municipality of the District of Digby, Nova Scotia bearing PID 30249502 with an approximate area if 1.38 acres.

Parcel 7

- Mink farm including all structures and equipment thereon at 411 and 429 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia bearing PID's 30355788, 30356513, and 30217657 with an approximate area of 26.55 acres. These properties contain approximately 27 mink sheds of varying dimension, a two story house, and several outbuildings.

Parcel 8

- Mink farm including all structures and equipment thereon at 1123 Langford Road, Riverdale, Nova Scotia bearing PID 30217871 and an area of approximately 100 acres. This property contains two large mink sheds, outbuildings, and a two story house.

Parcel 9

- Parcel 1A to 8 Inclusive. En Bloc.

Parcel 10

- Parcels 1B to 8 Inclusive. En Bloc.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The highest or any offer shall not necessarily be accepted. The sale is subject to the mandatory Terms and Conditions as set out by the Receiver and must be approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and where applicable, the sale shall be subject to the approval of the NSFLB. A ten percent (10%) deposit by way of certified funds, bank draft, or bank transfer, must accompany any offer submitted for each of Parcels.

INSPECTION OF ASSETS

Those parties wishing to submit an offer may make an appointment to view the assets or obtain any additional information, including the mandatory list of Terms and Conditions, by contacting Mark Rosen, LL.B., FCIP, or Jason Breeze, CIPR at (902) 425-3100 or at insol-halifax@bdo.ca. Interested parties can also obtain the Information Package and terms and conditions by visiting the Receiver's website at <http://extranets.bdo.ca/Riverdale/>

Notice of Application and Directions on Procedure Application to Export Electricity to the United States New Brunswick Energy Marketing Corporation

By an application dated August 20, 2016, New Brunswick Energy Marketing Corporation (the Applicant), has applied to the National Energy Board (the Board) under Division II of Part VI of the *National Energy Board Act* (the Act) for authorization to export up to 9,846,000 MWh of combined firm and interruptible energy annually for a period of 10 years. The Applicant, or its affiliates, has an interest in the following generation or transmission facilities in Canada:

- Belledune Generating Station, Belledune, NB
- Coleson Cove Generating Station, Saint John, NB
- Mactaquac Generating Station, Mactaquac, NB
- Beechwood Generating Station, Beechwood, NB
- Sisson Generating Station, Sisson, NB
- Grand Falls Generating Station, Grand Falls, NB
- Tobique Generating Station, Tobique, NB
- Nepisiguit Falls Generating Station, Bathurst, NB
- Millbank Generating Station, Miramichi, NB
- Grand Manan Generating Station, Grand Manan, NB
- Ste. Rose Generating Station, Ste. Rose, NB
- Point Lepreau Generating Station, Point Lepreau, NB
- NB Power Transmission Network within the Province of New Brunswick

The Board wishes to obtain the views of interested parties on this application before issuing a permit or recommending to the Governor in Council that the application be designated for a licensing procedure. The Directions on Procedure that follow explain in detail the procedure that will be used.

1. The Applicant shall deposit and keep on file, for public inspection during normal business hours, copies of the application at its offices located at:

New Brunswick Energy Marketing Corporation
515 King Street, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 2040
Fredericton, NB E3B 5G4
Phone: (506) 458-4465
Fax: (506) 458-4000
Email: NBEnergyMarketing@nbem.ca

and provide a copy of the application to any person who requests a copy. A copy of the application is available for viewing during regular business hours, by appointment, in the Board's library (2nd Floor 517 Tenth Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta). To make an appointment, please call 1-800-899-1265. The application is also available online at www.neb-one.gc.ca.

2. Submissions that any party wishes to present shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board, 517 Tenth Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2R 0A8, fax: (403) 292-5503, and served on the Applicant by September 20, 2016.
3. Pursuant to Section 119.06(2) of the Act, the Board is interested in the views of submitters with respect to:
 - (a) the effect of the exportation of the electricity on provinces other than that from which the electricity is to be exported; and
 - (b) whether the Applicant has: (i) informed those who have declared an interest in buying electricity for consumption in Canada of the quantities and classes of service available for sale; and (ii) given an opportunity to purchase electricity on terms and conditions as favourable as the terms and conditions specified in the application to those who, within a reasonable time of being so informed, demonstrate an intention to buy electricity for consumption in Canada.
4. Any answer to submissions that the Applicant wishes to present in response to items 2 and 3 of this Notice of Application and Directions on Procedure shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board and served on the party that filed the submission by October 5, 2016.
5. For further information on the procedures governing the Board's examination, contact the Secretary of the Board, at (403) 292-4800, fax: (403) 292-5503.



Sheri Young
Secretary of the National Energy Board