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PropertyGuys.com franchise has new owner

PropertyGuys.com president Ken Luffman announced this week that the Moncton franchise of the online real estate listing company has a new owner.

Moncton broker Sarah Albert has taken over the Moncton franchise as Deputy Luffman will pursue a career in general work.

"Sarah Albert is the person, very capable of our flagship Moncton location and she can't wait to bring the same 'WorkSmart' attitude to private sale that has made her such a top performer as a top-notch mortgage broker," said Luffman. "In the future, she intends on all that character John Roberts played, the busy type who changes the industry."

"I have first hand that Sarah has been a genuine voice in the mortgage industry for those who don't know how to sell and I have no doubt she is the kind of graduate who will battle it out in the trenches for the private sale commission and not only help them sell their homes, but do so without the high cost of real estate commissions."

With over 200 franchise units used to assist, PropertyGuys.com is now targeting the Greater Toronto Area, Calgary, and parts of both Manitoba and Saskatchewan for new franchise locations. PropertyGuys.com got its start in Moncton 10 years ago.

Mount A scientists receive grant

Dr. Colin Laroque and Geoff Kershaw of the Mount Allison University Dendrochronology (MAD) Lab have received funding from the Association of American Geographers (AAG) to pursue research relating to the Alberta Oil Sands.

The scientists will use dendrochronology — tree ring analyses — to help measure environmental changes in areas around the tar sands — a process not commonly used in this type of research.

The team will begin do their field research in Saskatchewan and then travel west by canoe to Fort McMurray.

Support meeting planned for April 20

The Greater Moncton C.I.P.F. Chapter is setting an information session on "What It's Like to Be a Senior in Greater Moncton," on Saturday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at the LaSalle Club on St. George Street. Guest speakers will be Joe Smith, Director of Social Development, and Commissioner Tom Priddy. For more information, call Marie or Beth Serrano at 843-2227.

N.B. Arts Board has new director

The New Brunswick Arts Board has announced the appointment of Adrienne Côté as Executive Director.

Côté returned to New Brunswick five years ago after five years in British Columbia and an eight-year stint in Montreal. She completed a B.A. in English Literature at U.F.V., followed by a year of Interior Design at York U., and then an M.A. in English Literature at McGill. Over the years, she has worked in both the private and public sectors — as both writer, marketing writer, freelance writer,



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office project manager, communications officer, and most recently as managing editor at Green Lane Editors. She grew up in a small town in the north-western part of the province.

Student receives engineering award

Eric Pilon of Moncton has been named the Atlantic scholarship winner and one of five undergraduate engineering students who will receive ride awards for research in engineering across Canada. He is studying chemical engineering at UPEQ.

Other winners are Audrey Robert Dumas of Calgary, Kim Nguyen of Calgary, Yvonne Liu of Moncton, and Marissa Smith of Brandon, Man.

The \$2,000 scholarships are awarded annually to the most promising students in an excellent undergraduate engineering program in Canada.

Case made order against Stinger won

The New Brunswick Securities Commission has made a temporary order against Stinger Inc. and several individuals. These persons are Scott Joseph Smith of Whittier, Rick Landon, Partner of Stinger, and Lee Thomas Johnson, Jr., administrative employee. The order was issued on March 24 and will remain in effect until a further order by the NBSC. The case against Stinger Inc. is ongoing. "We want to keep those orders who have been approached about investing in Stinger Inc.," said Rick Smith, executive director of the NBSC.

Complaints will allege that several people took part in the sale of the company. The NBSC will continue to investigate the case with the Commission. Stinger Inc. is purported to be in the business of real estate development. The company was first formed in Nova Scotia in July 2009 and has registered offices in Moncton. More information about investment involving Stinger Inc. can be found on the NBSC website. To report suspicious investment of Stinger, contact the Commission at 1-800-555-5555. Information only is provided.

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