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## M&M Carpenters Make Their Mark

On Saturday, June 9, M&M Carpentry of Madawaska assumed the task of moving the Four Seasons Lodge project into the carpentry phase. From the onset of the young ski club's building discussions several years ago, Mike Guerrette, M&M owner, sat in on the planning stages waiting for the chance to put his crew and tools to the test. Guerrette's wife, Cecilia, serves as the club's secretary and there was not doubt in her mind that her husband's carpentry expertise and his dedicated crew would be just the answer to hammering together the wood construction phase of the lodge. Over two years later she can be proud to say her thoughts were right on the mark. At 3:30pm on Saturday June 17, Mike applied a touch of black pitch to seal the four nails securing the last piece of the roof cap on the very top of the two story, 3,600 square foot building. Exactly six days after starting, the two-story building was framed, sheathed and completely roofed.

The most amazing aspect of the entire week was the manner in which it came together. A huge fundraising effort coordinated by project manager John Ezzy, was one impressive aspect of the early stages of the project yet there was something uniquely special about the carpentry phase. Older folks might have seen as an old-fashioned barn raising. From day one to day six a constant flow of volunteer workers peppered the Spring Street site carrying their tool pouches and hammers. Others brought food and drinks and still others participated by cleaning debris from the work site.

Leading the volunteers of course was Guerrette, who was flanked by several key people during the week. Joel Fongemie, an experience Madawaska carpenter, guided the framing with Mike. Ron Albert, a former builder in the Madawaska area provided, his expertise as well. The additional crew, however, centered around regular M&M personnel which included, Aldeo Martin, a retired Fraser Papers millwright, John Ayotte, Norm Michaud, Ray Levesque, all fellow Fraser employees who unselfishly gave of their time, and of course, Guerrette's son Mark, the other "M" in M&M. An engineering major at the University of Maine and a big part of the team, Mark aggressively worked the power nailer to keep things moving. Providing support along the way was Cecilia, who managed to bring along her boss, local attorney, Robert Bellefleur, to help with roofing on the last day. Bellefleur orchestrated the legal



aspects of the project by graciously providing the legal services for the entire project. Other key helpers during the week included project manager, Cliff Ouellette, Jim Madore, Ross Dubois, Maurice Lizotte, Gilbert Roy, Jim Collins, .....

Being part of a volunteer project is nothing new for Guerrette, as a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus and Snowmobile Club, he has taken on leadership positions in both organizations and helped move substantial projects forward for both groups. Stepping up for Four Seasons has been something special, however, since Guerrette and his family live so close to the project site; directly adjacent to the Madawaska Water District land that was donated by the Madawaska Utility. In fact when the leaves fall, the Guerrettes anticipate being able to literally, keep an eye on the facility, from their living room window. Now's that's what we call dedication!!