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Congratulations Cliff Fillmore Woodlot #471: Boundary Lifetime Membership Award

It is not very often we get to honour an individual that has worked continuously for 68 years in one industry, let alone the logging sector. To this day, Cliff Fillmore is still actively logging, doing his own falling, skidding, processing, loading and hauling at 80 years old. Usually we give up long before we reach 65 years old. Cliff, you are an inspiration to those of us that are so much younger than you.



Cliff started to work in the bush at the tender age of 12 years old with his father up Wildhorse Creek. He soon gravitated to the mechanised side through the noisy Super 33 McCulloch chainsaw. Which, at the time, was the "hot dam" in the logging industry with a dealer at the Westbridge Store. At the time most logging was done in the Boundary area with Log Jammers usually mounted on an old truck frame for mobility. Some skidding was accomplished with old crawler tractors. Cliff soon mastered the skill required to handle the heavy noisy chainsaws with ease except for the damage to his ear drums. Cliff preferred to always work by himself and the fact that he is alive today, is a testament to his approach to safety, even though he did have a few close

calls over the years.

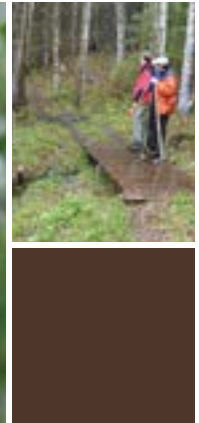
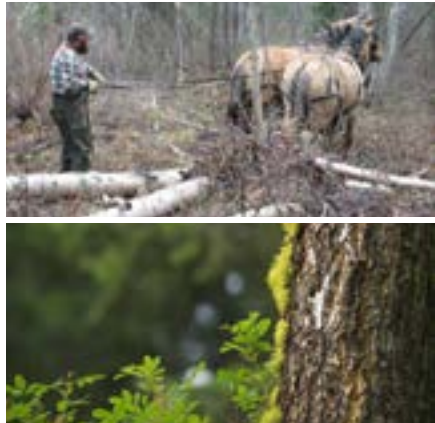
Cliff married Blanch in 1961 and has three children. He has lived in the Westbridge area in the Boundary Forest District most of his life. His grandfather was one of the early pioneers in Westbridge that goes back prior to

the KVR/CPR putting the railway through the Kettle Valley area which has since became part of the Trans Canada Trail. The original homestead is still in the family.

Cliff demonstrated his skill at getting the most out of life at a very young age. When his mother would bake cookies, he would always ask for extra cookies for his imaginary friends, Dukey and Hoaks. He always claimed that they lived down in the meadow below the house and they liked his Mum's cookies. With extra cookies in hand he would head off down into the meadow and come back when the cookies were gone.

Another time Cliff demonstrated his concern for animals by putting baby "ducks" in a pail of water and watch them swim around. One day he came crying to

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Highlights of the FBCWA's Meeting with Minister Donaldson

by Brian McNaughton

On October 5th, just prior to the start of the 2019 Annual General Meeting, the Federation's Board of Directors met with Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations. Following introductions, in his opening remarks, Minister Donaldson expressed his 'like' and support for the Woodlot (WL) Program. He acknowledged that Woodlot Licences are generally well managed and an asset to the Province. He thanked the Directors for all their hard work and acknowledged the Federation's participation and contributions to the various Boards, Committees and Forums dealing with the numerous initiatives that are currently underway.

We discussed Bill 22 – the Forest Act amendment that requires the minister's approval to transfer a forest tenure, including WL licences. You might recall from the GMs report in the last edition of the Almanac, the Federation had sent a letter to Premier Horgan expressing its dismay and concerns over Bill 22 and requesting the legislation be amended to exempt WLs; and the Minister had responded.

The Federation reiterated its concerns that Bill 22 discourages management beyond the minimum standards and



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unduly affects WL licence holders and their families. While the minister acknowledged that Bill 22 created uncertainty for WL holders and their families, and that WLs weren't really the problem when it comes to the concentration of tenures, he was unwavering in his position that Bill 22 would continue to apply to woodlot licences. However, without fettering himself, the Minister did drop a clue about what woodlot licensees should consider and practice

Purpose of the BC's Woodlot Licence Program

The Woodlot Licence Program (Woodlot Program) was established to increase opportunities for small-scale forestry in British Columbia and is designed to:

- increase the amount of private forest land being managed on a sustained yield basis;
- increase the productivity of small parcels of forested land;
- promote local employment opportunities; and
- promote excellence in forest management.

Support for the concept of small-scale, locally based forestry rests on several perceived benefits over large-scale operations, including expectations that there will be:

- increased economic opportunities in BC's forests;
- better management of the forest;
- a greater investment in silviculture;
- more attention paid to environmental and other non-timber values; and
- more benefits flowing to local communities.

when conducting their everyday business so they would be in a favorable position if they ever wanted to transfer their WL. Interestingly, he referred to the "Purposes of the Woodlot Licence Program" which date back over 2 decades and, at least from the minister's perspective, are

still valid today! The message was if you act consistent with the purposes of the program, there is a good likelihood your request for transfer will be approved.

The WL Joint Working Group; i.e. the Federation and Forest Tenures Branch, is monitoring disposition/transfer decisions being made out of the minister's office so we get a better understanding of what the minister is, or isn't, looking for – and so we can provide advice to licensees.

Another topic was all of the various provincial initiatives that are underway; e.g. coast forest sector revitalization, interior forest sector renewal, FRPA improvement, professional governance, old growth, big trees, caribou, etc. The Federation noted that it does its best to stay actively involved in all of these initiatives, but the number and magnitude of them was overwhelming. We also expressed frustration that they all seem to take on the one-size-fits-all approach, and there is very little interest or willingness to consider woodlot licences for what they are – a small area-based, sustainably managed forest tenure that

is very different than other tenures. We were able to emphasize this point by referring to the very same "Purposes of the WL Program" that the minister had cited during the Bill 22 discussion. Minister Donaldson re-iterated that

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■ Coastal stumpage + timber pricing

TAB Rate Projections and Pellet Potential

By Ed Hughes

Coastal Woodlots TAB rate projections for 2020/2021

The Coastal Appraisal Manual Section 7.2 (TAB) **projected** TAB rates (Table 1) are now updated based on 10 months of data (final rates are based on a full calendar year) and should be considered preliminary estimates only. Appreciation to Western Forest Products for providing the projections which are used as a planning tool for Coastal Woodlot Licensees. The updated rates based on 10 months are similar to the 6 months of data used in the last Almanac article. The trend is towards stable TAB rates, with most species having slight decreases.



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Coastal Timber Pricing
Coordinator

slow downward trend in TAB rates is likely to continue based on decreasing log values and BCTS bidding behaviour during the first half of 2019. For comparison to the projected rates for 2020/2021, the current rates until the end of

February 2020 (bold italic print) are also noted.

Log markets stabilized on the coast

The log market turmoil that occurred in the middle of 2019 has stabilized after log buyers held off on purchases to reduce their inventories in the late spring through to the fall. Some mills

(specifically cedar mills) shut down or significantly curtailed purchases from the peak in mid 2019. Some sorts (15" +) for cedar for example have been stable, while others 8'+ gang and 5" + Chip/Saw took significant decreases. The cedar gang

and C/S in October have begun to rebound. Lots of influencing factors like Western Forest Products strike and mill curtailments. Now that winter is coming and inventories have been reduced, there will likely be a trend towards rising log prices. Increased log prices over the past month, offered by log purchasers, are required to attract



FBCWA Vision

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licences and private forest lands, making significant contributions to local communities and providing a sustainable supply of forest products. The FBCWA will have a voice in forest and economic policy. BC's woodlots will be models of forest management excellence, and world-renowned for their social, economic, recreational, cultural, and educational contributions to rural communities. ♦

Please note:

The opinions expressed in the Almanac do not necessarily reflect those of the Federation, the Council, or their members.



Table 1: Projected TAB rates (based on January 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019 data) for March 1, 2020 are compared to current rates. Current rates are effective until the end of February 2020 within section 7.2 of the Coastal Appraisal Manual.

Species	North Coast	South Coast
	Projected/ <i>Current</i>	Projected/ <i>Current</i>
	\$	\$
Balsam	12.09/ 4.51	3.27/ 3.56
Hemlock	2.51/ 3.75	3.63/ 4.10
Cedar	4.84/ 8.44	7.22/ 7.06
Cypress	2.22/ 4.04	4.29/ 4.98
Fir	3.36/ 5.53	5.65/ 6.42
Spruce	2.26/ 3.89	3.73/ 6.59
Other	2.71/ 13.82	6.09/ 5.03

The TAB rates for all species within the north and south zones are projected to decrease, except for Balsam in the north (significant increase from \$4.51 to 12.09/m³), Cedar (slight increase from \$7.06 to 7.22/m³) and other in the south zones. Final rates will be different when based on 12 months, but the changes will be minor. The

the log supply that was redirected into other sorts or markets, for species that have that option.

As an example, for 15" + Fir, Balsam, Hemlock and Spruce the replacement option was to manufacture boom sticks to obtain a comparable price to sawlogs from mills that curtailed prices or stopped purchasing altogether. Both boom sticks and sawlogs on the truck were \$140/m³ for fir and \$110/m³ for Hemlock, Balsam and Spruce during different periods of 2019.

The option to move from one sort to another relatively quickly takes a good log broker relationship (so you know when prices have changed), a willing crew, good communications (changing bucking cards that are understood from the faller through to the trucker) and decisions (month to month) made during the harvesting process.

One of the most important relationships is loyalty to log buyers, so that they remember from year to year that those woodlot operators will supply logs on a steady basis to a standard that is required for the mills to survive and prosper. Most of the log buyers understand that having many log suppliers vs a few, has its advantages.

The most significant impacts on log prices declining in the middle of 2019 was a significant oversupply. While log prices were high, the industry glutted/over supplied the mills and log sorts on the coast. One of the main reasons for boom sticks increasing in price was the need to contain the over supply in the water in thousands of log booms, which significantly increased the demand (and price) for boom sticks. Good news the past several months, with 15" + sawlogs now back to a reasonable price at the same time as boom stick prices have softened. Makes the head spin, but worth the time to maximize log values over time.

Conference 2019 in Smithers gave licensees lots to think about waste

The theme for the Conference was timely, based on the government policy changes, especially with regards to waste/utilization. There were lots of discussions about how to increase utilization, that will help to encourage changes throughout the province and hopefully on the coast. The coast tends to be very slow at making investments especially when the industry is in turmoil!

Waste and low-grade fiber log purchase locations on the coast are separated by long distances. The existing waste purchase locations are often not buying on a consistent basis. The problem is especially difficult for hog fuel where waste needs to be trucked to a large mill that has a Cogen plant. There is a very limited market that is usually hot or cold, but rarely consistent. In many cases by the time woodlots have a waste supply large enough to deliver, the market has changed. Fortunately, we have the firewood market, which is usually consistent, where supply meets demand. Demand from locals and supply of waste that can be turned into firewood is usually comparable and works quite well by maintaining the social licence within the rural areas where woodlots are located.

Over time it would be great to see pellet plants spread out every 100 km up and down Vancouver Island so that the low-grade fiber could be delivered economically by ensuring that the trucking costs are affordable. Often the answer to why pellet plants are not located on the coast is saltwater contaminates the pellets. Significant volumes of waste could be trucked all over Vancouver Island and the lower mainland, where the second option is to burn slash piles (not popular). The other reason given is the slash is wet, which is a seasonal limit and something that can be looked after effectively by most operators (delivery in the summer/fall).

After seeing firsthand during the conference, the well managed pellet plant operated by Pinnacle, during the

tour in Houston, there is a significant opportunity for the coast to follow the Interior model. The well distributed Pinnacle facilities throughout many parts of the interior demonstrate how to make it work. The time is right for some policy changes to help encourage waste facilities to be built on the coast, so that waste can be utilized vs burned.

Market Pricing System Advisory Committee (MPSAC)

The MPS Technical Sub-Committee had one last meeting before the Coastal Appraisal Manual is approved in December. There have been numerous meetings/conference calls over the past three months that have reviewed the technical data and policy decisions being looked at by government. To maintain our seat on the committee a confidentiality agreement has been signed which prevents me from discussing any specific changes until after the new manual is signed.

New Appraisal Issues – Continuous communication

The Coastal Timber Pricing portfolio aids Woodlot Licensees upon request. If you have any concerns or issues, I can be reached at 778-424-6129 or by email at ed@huock.ca. ♦

The FBCWA has several items that would make great gifts for Friends, Family, Contractors and others on your list. Items in stock include Screen-printed logo on T-shirts and Coffee Mugs, Embroidered FBCWA logo on golf shirts, oilskin ball caps and knitted toques. Order through the WPDC coordinator, Cathy McClary. ♦

Licensee Obligations

by Debbie Zandbelt, RPF

HBS queries- tracking load deliveries.

A useful Harvest Billing System (HBS) query request is the scale report. HBS can be queried on a chosen timber mark, for how many loads have been scaled, at the scale site of choice, and for any past dates chosen. This is particularly helpful to compare to your load slips and ensure none are missed. On the home page of the HBS website the 5th section down is labelled “special reports”. If you select scale site summary and fill in the requested data on the next screen, hit submit and the information needed for your timber mark should appear. Please contact me at Debbie@woodlot.bc.ca for with any help you may need. HBS is found at <https://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/hbs>.

Waste Assessments are a licence obligation

Reminder that waste assessments are a license obligation – a cost to doing business and are required to be reported. Just as RESULTS reporting



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Interior Timber Pricing
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is required; waste assessments and reporting your waste is also required. Policy is in place to issue fines if failure to do your assessment and report in a timely manner. You

can also use HBS (at the same web address above) to track your waste volume billed to your license.

For those licensee’s on Full Market Pricing System appraisals.

For those licensees ONLY on Market pricing system appraisals. (i.e., if you are on tabular stumpage rates this does not apply to you). The Interior Appraisal manual has requirements for a Post Harvest Appraisal review. This includes changed circumstance reappraisals if required and certification via ECAS. The Regional offices conduct risk ranking for field reviews of these reappraisals and woodlots on MPS appraisals are not exempt. If selected

for an office review the submitting Forest Professional is notified and the District decides whether do to do a field review. If the District decides to do a field review the district should be inviting the submitting Forest Professional and the woodlot owner along. Keep this in mind when organizing your office documents – duly diligent MPS appraisals keep the paperwork on file to support the costs submitted in ECAS.

November tabular rates Updates

On November 1, 2019 The Interior Appraisal Manual was updated with the normal fall update to table 6.2. This table holds the stumpage rates for woodlots in the interior of BC. Any new Cutting Permits issued between Nov 1, 2019 and the next IAM update (scheduled for May 1, 2020) will have these stumpage rates apply until August 1, 2020.

Please contact me if you have any questions: Debbie Zandbelt, RPF, FBCWA Interior Timber Pricing Forester, Debbie@woodlot.bc.ca 250-549-3089 ♦

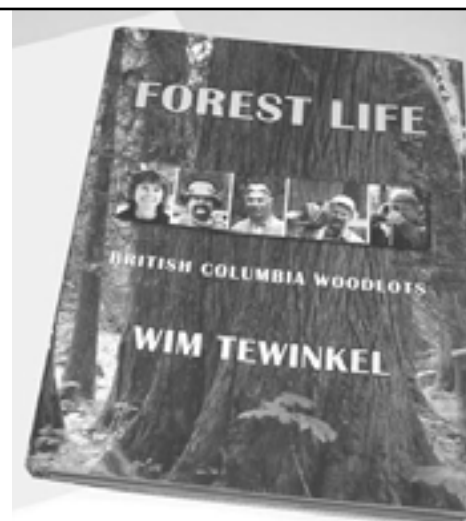
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“Forest Life” makes a great gift

Are you looking for a great gift idea? Look no further! Forest Life: British Columbia Woodlots by Wim Tewinkel showcases and celebrates BC’s woodlots, woodlot licensees, and their families.

Through beautiful photos and a few words, this book captures the seasonal beauty of coastal and interior woodlots and portrays the landscapes and diversity of our forests as well as the stewardship of those who manage them.

You can order it from www.woodlot.bc.ca for only \$39.95, or woodlot licensees can buy it from their woodlot associations for only \$20.00 ♦



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice to Potential Purchasers of Managed Forest Land

*BC Assessment sent the following email and notice to the Federation.
It is being distributed at their request.*

BC Assessment is committed to providing, fair, accurate and reliable assessment services and property information for British Columbia. As part of honouring that commitment, we are writing to request your assistance in alerting your members of two aspects of tax law that have caused significant concern for some purchasers of private managed forest land:


1. Purchasers of managed forest land may be responsible for paying taxes on timber previously harvested by the Vendor; and,
2. Purchasers of managed forest land may be responsible for paying exit fees to the Managed Forest Council if the property is removed from managed forest class.

Attached is our IMPORTANT NOTICE: Purchasers of Private Managed Forest Land. ***Please distribute this Notice to your members at your earliest opportunity.***

More information on understanding Managed Forest Land Classification and Assessment, is noted below and available on our website at bcassessment.ca/managedforest:

- [Understanding Managed Forest Classification in BC](#)
- [How Managed Forest Land is Assessed](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, its enclosure or other managed forest land assessment issues, please contact me by email to managedforest@bcassessment.ca or phone at 1-866-valueBC (825-8322), Ext 00225. ♦



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- The land may be assessed at a higher value to account for the economic benefit of timber previously harvested on that land; and,
- Exit fees, as administered by the Managed Forest Council, may be charged if the property is removed from managed forest land class.

Private managed forest land and harvested timber are valued on the basis of legislated rates prescribed by BC Assessment through regulation each year and given Class 7 - Private Managed Forest Land. This property class is valued on a two-part basis, as detailed in Section 24 of the *Assessment Act*:

- Bare land value, which incorporates such factors as soil quality, accessibility, topography, parcel size and location; and,
- Added value of the timber on the land, which becomes assessable when it is harvested:
 - For example, timber harvested in the 2017 calendar year will show as added value on the 2019 Property Assessment Notice. For property taxes payable in the summer of 2019, part of the value may also come from the harvesting of trees two years previously, i.e. timber harvested in the 2017 calendar year.

Prospective purchasers of property classed as private managed forest land are advised to enquire about previous timber harvesting on the property and its potential property tax implications.

Exit fees may be incurred for properties removed from managed forest land class. The exit fee is intended to encourage long-term participation in the Managed Forest Program and is applied to property that is removed from managed forest land class prior to fifteen years enrolment. These fees are administered by the Managed Forest Council.

For more information on exit fees, please visit the Managed Forest Council website at mfcouncil.ca or call (250) 386-5757.

For information on Managed Forest Land classification or details regarding your Managed Forest property assessment, please contact us at:

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Regards,
BC Assessment

Please help us out! If you are transferring or selling your woodlot make sure the new licensees get their own copy of the Almanac by asking them to send their contact information to the WPDC Coordinator. Also if you wish to remain on the Almanac's mailing list let Cathy know. ♦

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the NDP is concerned over corporate concentration and intends to diversify the forest sector. He did acknowledge the Federation's call for more WLs as good step towards diversification, but he did not make a commitment one way or another.

The last topic of note was raised by the Minister, and it was about innovation on WLs. The Minister expressed that he thinks that WLs are well suited to innovation, wants to see more, and asked what the impediments were. The Federation's response was that it agreed with the Minister, noted that many WL holders would like to do more innovation, that FRPA allows for innovation on WLs, and the main barrier are decision-makers who discourage innovation, want too much information, certainty of outcome and are risk averse. The minister and his staff that were present took notes. As a follow up to this part of the discussion, the Federation sent an email to Diane Nichols, BC Chief Forester passing along the minister remarks and requesting that facilitating innovation be on the docket for changes to FRPA.

All in all, it was a good meeting. It will be interesting to see what progress will be made in the weeks and months to come.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2020. ♦

Purpose of the WPDC

The primary purpose of the WPDC is to ensure that levy fees are spent on woodlot licensee priorities to benefit and promote the woodlot industry throughout BC. Funds are collected through powers granted to Council under the Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act. ♦


Woodlot Product Development Council Extraordinary Project Proposals:


The Board of Directors for the Woodlot Product Development Council (WPDC) is commencing a pilot initiative to allocate funds to Extraordinary Projects that are not included in the joint work plan with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA). Eligible proponents must be one of the following: Woodlot Licensee, Woodlot Association, WPDC Board of Directors or FBCWA Board of Directors. The total amount allotted is \$100,000. Applications will be received throughout the fiscal year. In the event of competing proposals, the Board will assign the highest priority to Provincial projects that benefit the most woodlot licensees, a medium priority for regional and a lower priority for association level projects. Application forms can be found on the website: www.woodlot.bc.ca


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Fraser Valley Woodlot Association (FVWA) Update

Rick Biller is stepping down as president after 9 years. When asked what was his biggest accomplishment during his term, he responded “keeping the association going and rebranding it to



Kevin Weber



Rick Biller

what it is now. We went from monthly meetings to periodic meetings, both with little turn out. Over the last year we have found a compromise that seems to be working. We now meet twice a year with one being the AGM. Each meeting ties in a field trip and one of the meetings involves the District Manager. Everything else is done electronically. All our meetings are during work hours as the nature of our association is that most of the woodlot reps are employees (consultants), not the Woodlot Licensees.”

As for key issues Rick said “they continue to be species at risk, loss of land within our Woodlots and the inability to replace lost land due to an over committed land base. Our urban interface is like other woodlots, loaded with other resource users except our urban interface is with 4 million people! The growth of the urban areas has put incredible pressure on our

few woodlots so it is increasingly important that we stick together and face challenges as a group.

For most of our woodlots we have lost the ability to use fire as a tool so there are challenges

around waste management and hazard reduction. Our primary saving grace is our resiliency and our productive growing sites.”

The Federation would like to thank Rick for his long-term volunteer work in representing the interests of the woodlot licensees in the Fraser Valley and ensuring that the association provided value and remained relevant to its licensees.

Kevin Webber will be taking Rick’s place as the FVWA president. Kevin is an RPF with over 25 years of experience in Coastal forestry in British Columbia and is the Forestry Manager with Ts’elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Ltd. Kevin has been working on and managing W0084 on behalf of the Ts’elxwéyeqw Tribe since 2010 and is thankful for the opportunity to work closely and collaborate with the Woodlot Licensees of the Fraser Valley. ♦

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his mother that there was something wrong with the babies that he put in the pail. They simply were not swimming around like he thought they would, but rather sank to the bottom of the pail. His mother was not impressed as the chicks were her future spending money.

Some of you may have seen on the news where a car with a skidoo on its roof was photographed going down Highway 97. It created quite a stir both on the TV and on social media and even the RCMP taking an interest. It was not Cliff driving. However, we think he has one better. He was operating his excavator on the landing recently moving some logs around in preparation for loading his logging truck. He felt the excavator go up in the air and as he did not remember any logs on the ground, he swung the hoe around, and much to his surprise, he was sitting on the hood of his pick-up truck. Being the handy person that he is, he began trying to straighten out as much as he could but not before he painted the word “Bentley” on the damaged hood. He commented that that was as close as he was ever going to get to drive a Bentley. It is nice to see that he still has a sense of humour at 80.

We wish you another 68 years of happy logging. Congratulations!

The Boundary Woodlot Association ♦

WPDC Director Vacancies:

Interested in providing direction on the spending of the woodlot levy?

Volunteer Directors are needed to sit on the Board for 2-year terms. Annually the Board needs to fill 3-4 positions.

Directors must be woodlot licensees. The Board meets twice a year in Spring and Fall and conducts business through monthly teleconferences that last about one and a half hours. Expenses are reimbursed for travel to the annual woodlot conference, meetings and phone calls. Contact Cathy McClary for more information: 250-961-0271 or email: cjmclclary401@gmail.com. ♦

OBSCR Information to Woodlots: November 12, 2019

The new Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation (OBSCR) came into effect on September 15, 2019. Therefore, the regulations governing our work to abate fuel accumulations from harvesting operations changed at the start of this burning season, with little opportunity to provide extension

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/>

Select the link at the top of the web page that opens that says “View an interactive map of venting index zones and the current venting index.” (see diagram 1)

YES (1 Day)

NO

The two “YES” classes are varied shades of blue on the map at this time, which is quite confusing until you see an area with both shades of blue.

Know the Smoke Sensitivity Zone

The new OBSCR Division 1 provides the definitions of what the three class names above mean. Reviewing OBSCR Division 1 will quickly show that sometimes you also need to know what Smoke Sensitivity Zone your planned burn lies within. The web map will provide this info. There is a small icon with a lower case italic i in the bottom left corner of the map.

Click the icon, click your planned burning location, and open the pop-up report to get the detailed info you need. (see diagram 2)

The web map is a very useful tool, but it is a landscape scale tool. “The map said I could” is not a defense if your burning activity contravenes another section of OBSCR, such as Section 13 -Setbacks for Open Burning.

More information including training, interpretations, advice, etc. will be provided as it becomes available. ♦



diagram 1

training to Woodlot licensees. The Federation is reaching out to government to provide this crucial education component. In the meantime, licensees are encouraged to discuss their burn plans with the ministry and ensure their operations are compliant with the new OBSCR.

Two key pieces of information you will need to know

- Venting index
- The Smoke Sensitivity Zone the planned burning is in.

Know The Venting Index

A web map of venting conditions throughout BC, translated into allowable burning activity, can be found by going to:

You can also Google “venting index map” and pick the link with “arcgis” in the URL.

The map can take a while to load. The map does not show woodlot licences, but with some pan and zoom you can navigate to where your WL is located. If a burning status divide runs right through your WL, you will need to be careful in determining which area your planned activity lies within. Given the magnitude of the penalties associated with this regulation, it might be wise to err on the side of caution.

The map divides the province into three classes:

YES (> 1 Day)



diagram 2

Summary of Open Burning and Smoke Restrictions

By Emma Neill

The revised Open Burning and Smoke Regulation (Environmental Management Act) came into effect on September 15, 2019. The OBSCR governs the burning of vegetative material associated with a range of activities including forestry operations, but also extends to land clearing debris and agricultural operations. The revised regulation supports the objectives of reducing impacts on human health, enabling and encouraging compliance, and minimizing undue costs to industry.

The regulation does not generally prohibit burning but is more restrictive based upon which area of the province you are located and the designated smoke sensitivity zone. Burning requirements are strictest in the “High” smoke sensitivity zone immediately around communities, while burning is made easier in the “Low” smoke sensitivity zone away from population centers. It also includes new

provisions to facilitate burning required for community wildfire risk reduction.

Your first action should be to check and determine the smoke sensitive zone applicable to the location of the planned burn(s). Different burns on the same WL could be in different smoke sensitivity zones. Based on the zone the burning is in, there will be different operational constraints. The best map to determine which part of the regulations apply which combines the ventilation index with the smoke sensitivity zone is located here: <https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6d288bc667b24528a5c1e3b4c0373d07>

In high and medium smoke zones, the OBSSR stipulates that only seasoned vegetative material can be burned, and this means it must have been on site for 4 months. There are different rules for burning based upon the amount of time you wish to burn, generally fires can be set one hour after sunrise and must be out by 4 pm that day.

The rules are slightly different should you want to burn for multiple days and a quick summary can be found here: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/air/factsheets/obscr_general_factsheet.pdf

Licensees should also be aware there are setbacks with specific conditions in play for all burning – 500 metres for buildings and 1000 m for schools and hospitals. If your woodlot is located in a high sensitivity zone you are restricted to burning a maximum of 12 days per year and no more than 6 of those days in a specific month.

This article is meant only to summarise the new burning restrictions, licensees are also still required to meet the requirements of the Wildfire Regulation and obtain Burn Registration Numbers from the BC Wildfire Service. More information can be found online and any questions can be directed to the Ministry of Environment by email at OBSCRCVF@gov.bc.ca ♦

Log, Lumber & Forest Products Market and Pricing Information

With the recent downturn and volatility of markets, some woodlot licensees are interested in getting more information about log, lumber and other forest products’ prices and price trends. In addition to pricing information obtainable from local and regional buyers, WL licensees may find useful information from the following sources.

The Ministry routinely posts monthly and 3-month log markets for the coast and interior. The reports can be found at:

- Interior: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/timber-pricing/interior-timber-pricing/interior-log-market-reports>
- Coast: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/timber-pricing/coast-timber-pricing/coast-log-market-reports>
- BC Log Market - <http://www.logmarket.com>
- Forest Economic Advisors - <https://www.getfea.com/publication/wood-markets-monthly>
- Madison’s - <https://madisonsreport.com/bc-coastal-log-prices/>
- Trading Economics - <https://tradingeconomics.com/commodity/lumber>
- Global Wood - http://www.globalwood.org/market/market_prices_america.htm ♦

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Burns Lake Community Forest

Gold

Babine Forest Products Ltd.

Bulkley Valley Credit Union

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Skeena Sawmills Ltd.

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Conference Highlights

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Conference



George Delisle accepting award on behalf of Ross Gardner Freer and family (Son Ranch Timber Co.)



Mountain View Silviculture (Mark and Pauline Adamson and family are the proud recipients of the North and Provincial Forest Minister's awards)



Beyond Sawlogs: Woodlot Opportunities & Challenges

by Lisa Marak (with files from Sara Mah)

Woodlot licensees from across the province met in Smithers October 6-7, 2019 for their annual conference. This meeting came at a time when closures and curtailments have impacted the forestry sector - especially rural communities in BC.

Beyond Sawlogs: Woodlot Opportunities & Challenges was a fitting theme.

Following the welcome by the Wet'suwet'en First Nation, licensees took part in roundtable discussions about operational and economic challenges facing sustainable forestry practices in BC. They explored how to work within the multitude of competing resource management objectives, government regulations and policies.

Fibre recovery zones, fuel management and post-harvest fuel abatement with the implementation of the new Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation (Sept. 15, 2019) were the main issues discussed.

As for opportunities, the renewable energy sector and increasing fibre utilization and how wood adds sustainability to ecosystems were explored.

The Roundtables

Josh McQuillan of Pinnacle Pellet shared the progress the company has made — and continues to make — in the industry alongside tenure holders, including woodlot holders. When the provincial government began

phasing out beehive burners, Pinnacle emerged as a progressive, value-added alternative to sending the waste fibre up in smoke at the mill.

Now their sights are set on fibre in the bush. As Josh said, “[We] helped support the transformation of the forest sector away from beehive burners. We now want to be part of the next transformation that sees the **end of harvest residuals** being treated as waste.”

With contracts in the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia that represent 109% of its production capacity through 2026, the relationships they’re developing with licensees show great promise for mutual benefit.

McQuillan acknowledged that for the small tenure holders, like Woodlots, maximizing value and recovering costs of production is absolutely vital. Pinnacle is keen to forge agreements with Woodlots, which would potentially fulfill one quarter of their 800,000m³ annual log and grind requirements.

Among other benefits, he pointed out that if the tenure holder applies to have the wood scaled under the new Concurrent Residual Harvest System, the “waste” wood can be hauled to a Pinnacle facility before the waste assessment is completed.

Stuart Spencer introduced a new technology under development at FP Innovations - BiOS App. Currently in the beta-stage, this app is designed to calculate available biomass volume and secondary harvest costs after

the primary harvest is complete. A tablet-based, step-by-step guide walks a licensee through all the factors impacting a “waste” pile and helps assess the best use - rather than burning it.

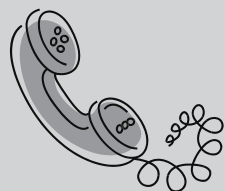
FP Innovations believes this tool will help foresters better assess the amount of logging residue, measure the supply chain costs and track carbon emissions. As Spencer pointed out, with Canada’s 80% reduction target for 2050, the industry will have to stay on top of any advances in measurement and waste reduction that decrease our carbon footprint.

Ed Hughes gave a thorough breakdown of the challenges and opportunities facing Coastal Island woodlots - including waste fibre. He pointed out that a variety of factors make transport a challenge - from the forest to the mill to the end consumer of “waste” wood.

The Campbell River fibre mill closed, even though it’s located in the middle of the largest TSA on the Island. A lack of demand for chips, the economic liabilities of only producing and shipping chips make it financially untenable...at a time when waste penalties are triple the stumpage rate.

He also touched on the issue of extreme winter storms that result in significant blowdowns - a source of unavoidable waste. He gave the example of W2045 in Gold River, where the only alternative to restoring the plot after a severe windstorm was to clearcut, creating an unusually high rate of waste...and expense.

Telephone Support for using the Woodlot for Windows AAC program is available to all woodlot licensees or their representatives.



Contact Mike Bandstra
ph: 250-847-4822 fax: 888-273-0209 email: mbandstra@forsite.ca ♦



The other challenge with blowdowns - which many other licensees can understand - is the “weekend warrior factor”. Outdoor enthusiasts will buck a perfectly good sawlog to clear a recreational trail, leaving completely worthless timber at the side of the road. It’s a source of frustration around the province.

Steve Kozuki, RPF, Executive Director of the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. (FESBC) attended the conference and tour to learn more about the innovative practices in the area and said, “The forest sector in the past few decades has seen tremendous advancements in the use of technology to inform forest management and develop improved forest products, including clean bio-energy.”

“Woodlots in our province can provide eco-friendly biomass for the new bio-economy. Furthermore, B.C. woodlots are very much at the innovation forefront of earning social license through their deep commitment to excellent forest management and relationships with their neighbours.”

The annual field trip included tours of three value-added facilities in Houston that are working cooperatively to utilize and convert wood fibre into wood products.

Canfor Houston is a supermill that makes commodity lumber products for domestic and international markets; Corewood’s small, nimble mill uses low-value logs to make wood products such as square cants for overseas markets and rig mats for local shipping; and Pinnacle Renewable Energy uses the remaining woody biomass to make wood pellets that are sold domestically and overseas, as well.

This innovative partnership is a stellar

example of “big picture thinking”. Each facility focuses on producing the most marketable product possible, sharing resources and specializing so that the quality is unsurpassed and the waste is virtually non-existent. It creates jobs, fueling the local economy, adds value to the timber and is reducing the sector’s carbon footprint.

Jay Baker shared his experiences with Wetzin’kwa Community Forest - which began in the late-2000s supplying sawlogs to West Fraser - acknowledging that in order to uphold the best practices for long-term sustainability, choices can sometimes mean giving up short-term profit.

While licensees discussed fuel mitigation and fibre recovery, Karen Price of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre shared information about the importance of biodiversity on the forest floor. As licensees know all too well, meeting the demands of a diverse ecosystem while trying to extract value from the timber license is an ongoing balancing act.

Looking to the future

The biggest opportunity identified for woodlots is future generations – a large contingent of the second and third generation licensees attended to learn more about managing a woodlot licence and the challenges of natural resource management.

Social licence, skills and knowledge of managing a forest and running a small business is generally passed on through the generations, making woodlot licences a model forest tenure for the future.

Scholarships for the next generation

In support of youth the Federation of

BC Woodlot Associations provides scholarships each year to the younger generation. \$3,170 was raised at the silent auction, the main fundraiser for the scholarship fund with an additional \$200 from Mark and Norma Clark who donated their registration fee in honour of Dave Buker (Norma’s dad).

Minister’s Awards honouring past work and present

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development, Doug Donaldson, was on hand to present the Woodlot Stewardship Awards, a peer-based award that recognizes innovation and excellence in forest management.

The Minister recognized three woodlot licensees for 2019:

- Mountain View Silviculture Ltd. (Mark and Pauline Adamson and family) - provincial award and north area
- Son Ranch Timber Co. (Ross Gardner Freer and family) - south area
- Kevco Timber Ltd. (Howie, Shari and Kevin Griessel) - coast area

Of the top performer Minister Donaldson said “congratulations to the Adamsons on receiving this award. Over the years, they have shown significant commitment to reforestation and forest health, leadership in protecting caribou habitat, dedication to the local community and have educated local youth on the importance of personal responsibility in taking care of our forests.”

Our forests are in good hands with innovative practices, exemplary forest management and future generations of woodlot licensees. ♦

Roads at End of 1 CP

by Tom Bradley

I recently advised an associate to not apply for a Road Permit over a Woodlot (WL) road he had constructed under 1 Cutting Permit (CP) authorization as his 1 CP came to an end. He said he was “Sure he had to do that for some reason”.

Erm, yes. A possible reason is that I told him, and all the Almanac readers, to do that in the Winter 2015 Almanac. And the 2015 1-CP Business Process Manual also said that. We were wrong.

During the rollout of 1 CP, the Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operation and Rural Development (FLNRORD)/ Federation working group agreed that all WL roads (a) built under 1 CP authorization that (b) the tenure holder wished to continue to use for industrial purposes would (c) have to be transitioned to Road Permit at the end of the 1 CP. We accepted a FLNRORD viewpoint that the industrial road use authorization provided by the CP would expire with the CP.

Jim Simpson, now retired from FLNRORD, was the first person I heard say “Why? No need. Next 1 CP will also convey industrial use authorization. This is extra work and an extra tenure for no reason.” Jim was right.

FLNRORD raised a second point. They would like to know where on a WL the licensee had constructed permanent roads that were to be used for industrial purposes and maintained on an ongoing basis, and / or constructed roads for which they now had a deactivation responsibility. (By the way, WL obligations regarding road maintenance and deactivation are established by FRPA and WLPPR, not the road tenure type. How the road construction was authorized does not impact your legal obligations.)



Tom Bradley

We ended up with confusion and variance in road reporting and tenure practices across the province. After discussion, all parties agreed that WL will report new permanent roads constructed in a calendar year under

1-CP authorization by May 31 of the following year; the same schedule as our other reporting obligations under WLPPR 76. But no “requirement” to obtain a road permit tenure over the new road would be stated. Roads that were constructed, used, and fully rehabilitated in the calendar year do not need to be reported.

The Chief Forester has authorized this approach in a memo on July 5, 2019. The reporting package is a PDF map of your road, a shape file or other geo-data type of the road center line, and a 1-page form, all submitted via email. In other words, not a new type of e-FM XML/GML submission. Not a new “RESULTS report”.

The memo and form are on the FLNRORD woodlot program web site. The link to the site is a paragraph long. I suggest you Google “woodlot program” to find the page. Memo and form are halfway down the page, in the “One Cutting Permit Over the Woodlot Licence” section.

The Federation regards this as a much better option than encumbering WL with unnecessary Road Permit tenures. However, there are reasons why a WL could wish to have a Road Permit tenure over a road built under 1 CP. Individual circumstances must be considered. For example, if the road leads to timber resources outside of the WL, you could want a road permit to ensure that your interests are considered during any use of the road by other industrial users. But for

many WL roads, continuing 1 CPs will provide the industrial use authorization needed for timber harvesting or transport of machinery for silvicultural treatments. (See FRPA 22.1 for reference on Industrial Use of a Road.)

The “New Forest Cover” Trap

FLNRORD monitors the extent of serious errors in RESULTS several times a year. Serious errors are those that prevent the RESULTS system from tracking silviculture obligations or that compromise RESULTS’ ability to provide data to other data systems, such as the Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI) system. The Federation reviews the error reports for WL.

One particular error has been and continues to be pre-dominant. In June 2019, 547 errors, or 41% of all serious Woodlot RESULTS errors, were due to “missing forest cover spatial data”. In these situations, there are text/attribute entries that describe the vegetation cover in the unit, but no spatial data (aka “map”) is linked to that veg cover info.

Why care? The people in FLNRORD who revise the VRI data to reflect harvesting and Free Growing declarations rely on that spatial data to do their job. “No link to data” is the same as “no spatial data”. It is not possible to revise the VRI if you have no info on where the new forest cover attributes apply.

We believe we know why this error is so prevalent.

The on-line, web-based RESULTS interface allows the user to revise the attribute entries for vegetation cover (species, density, age, height, unmapped NP areas, etc) without re-reporting the relevant spatial data. This makes sense if all you are doing is saying that the forest cover polygons

reported as NSR a decade ago are now free growing and have a forest cover of <xxx>. No change in spatial/map data, just in forest cover attributes.

However, there are two ways to accomplish this task on-line. The obvious (and wrong) way and the less obvious (and right) way.

When you click the Forest Cover tab in on-line RESULTS, you are dropped into screen RESULTS320. Right there, in the header, towards the right, is a link for <New Forest Cover>.

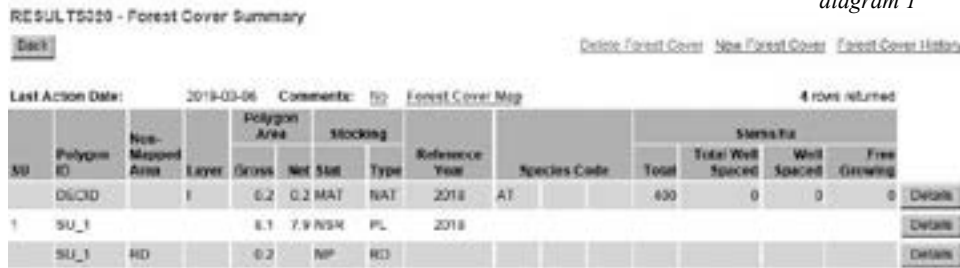


diagram 1

Sounds like what you want to do, add some new forest cover information. It is not. (see diagram 1) Click it and you are dropped into an interface to add forest cover information. Add info, <Save> and..... break the link to your spatial data. This creates the “missing forest cover spatial data” error. There is no “Oops, I did not mean to, please bring it back.” button. The only fix is to submit a full XML/GML report to replace the forest cover spatial you just unintentionally incinerated.

The correct way is to click the <Details> link beside any of the entry lines in RESULTS320. That brings up RESULTS321, which has an <Edit> link top right. (see diagram 2)

Click the <Edit> and an interface opens that will allow you to revise the forest cover info to reflect the results of

your surveys, without breaking the link to the spatial data. This is the right way to do it.

At this time, I can find no way for a user to tell if the spatial link is healthy or not. RESULTS show you a forest cover map and forest cover information regardless of whether link to spatial data is working or broken. (The forest cover map it shows is an old map it has on file.) If we find a way to check/verify, I will pass it on in a future column.

This is a very frustrating situation, and many of the 547 errors found in June 2019 were no doubt made by people earnestly trying to meet their reporting obligations. So, if you use the on-line, web-based RESULTS interface to update forest cover attributes, please be careful to use the correct, edit based method to do the work.



diagram 2

(Thanks to Coleen MacLean-Marlow for her help with this material.)

Woodlot Geographic Mark-up Language (WLGML)

When doing the prep for this article, I used the on-line, web-based RESULTS interface to enter some forest cover data. Can't say that I liked it. It was not willing to <Save> until I had everything correctly entered. More than half-way through the task, the RESULTS system(predictably) timed out and I lost all my work. Re-do.

An alternative for Woodlot Licensees is the WLGML (Woodlot Geographic Mark-up Language) app. It installs on any Windows based system and allows the user to import a shapefile of spatial data, then add the required forest cover attributes. You can save, quit, and come back later and finish if necessary. The app writes an XML/GML file that you upload through the ESF portal (sounds hard, it isn't) to update RESULTS. You can open the file you used to report the NSR forest cover after logging, add the Free Growing stand attributes in a few minutes, and report.

Interested? Google WLGML for more information and to download. ♦

R & D Project Funding Available

The annual work plan has an allotment of \$5,000 for R & D Projects that will benefit woodlot licensees. If you have an idea for a project, submit a proposal to the Woodlot Product Development Council by January 31. Once submitted, proposals will trigger a discussion between the Council, Federation and proponent(s). The project proposal form can be found at: <http://www.woodlot.bc.ca/wpdc.html#projects>. ♦

FBCWA Scholarship Awards

by Nancy Pezel, FBCWA Treasurer

We are very pleased to announce that three FBCWA Scholarships and a bursary are being awarded this year! Generally two annual awards are given to students who are related to a woodlot licensee &/or a Private Forest Land Owner or sponsored by a woodlot licensee and are attending or planning to attend either a post-secondary institution or a trade school, preferably in a forestry-related area of study. However, this year, because there was a tie between the 2nd and 3rd ranked applicants, the FBCWA Board of Directors approved a third scholarship. And the fourth applicant was also close in the ranking, so was provided a bursary from the Ernie Day Education Fund.



Logan Sewell is our \$2000 scholarship winner. He is the grandson of Anne and Bob Davidson, W0294, Stuart Nechako Woodlot

Association, and lives in Vanderhoof. Logan recently graduated from Nechako Valley Secondary. He is currently employed with the BC Forest Service as an initial attack forest firefighter and plans to save up some money so he can attend the University of Victoria in the fall of 2020, where he plans to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Tye Beecroft is one of the \$1000 scholarship winners. Tye is the stepson of Dave Baxter, W0300, Clearwater Woodlot



Association. He has fond memories at age 12 of working with his step dad and grandpa Donald Baxter burning slashpiles on the woodlots in the Clearwater area. More recently he has helped with cruising, block layout and pest surveys. He is currently enrolled in his second year of the Forest Technician Program at Selkirk

College. Tye is registered with the Applied Science Technologists, and Technicians of BC, has worked two summers for Forsite Consultants and is considering becoming a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) and working overseas.



Sonja Hadden, the second \$1000 scholarship winner, is the daughter of Bill Hadden, W0812, South Cariboo Woodlot

Association. She is currently enrolled in her second year of the Natural Resources and Forest Technology Program at the College of New Caledonia. Sonja has gained considerable forestry experience working the past two summers for DWB Forestry Consulting and a PRT Nursery respectively, as well as many years working with her father on his woodlot. Sonja says that “the memories of assisting my father in his woodlot drew me back to realize that I wanted nothing more than to be able to spend my days advocating for the sustainable harvest of timber, to keep forest cover for wildlife protection, and to eventually share my passion for nature with others.” Through her hard work, continuing education in the forest technology program and membership in the Association of BC

Forest Professionals, Sonja is well on her way to achieving her goals.

Colton Despot is the recipient of \$500 from the Ernie Day Education Fund. He is the grandson of Greg Lee, W2074, Boundary



Woodlot Association. Colton lives in Kamloops and recently graduated from Westsyde Secondary. He is currently enrolled in the Heavy Duty Technician Program at Thompson Rivers University, and is gaining experience working for Munden Ventures Ltd, which specializes in forestry equipment. Colton hopes to work as a heavy duty mechanic in the forest industry upon graduation.

In this and future issues of the Almanac you can read the applicants essays that answer *“In addition to providing timber, jobs and supporting local economies, why else would communities want woodlot licenses in their community?”*

The funds for the \$2000 and \$1000 awards were generated through the “Silent Auction” at the FBCWA AGMs. Thank you for your continued support of the FBCWA Scholarship program! ♦

Links of Interest

Our own website: <http://woodlot.bc.ca>



FBCWA Scholarship Winning Essay: “The Importance of Woodlot Ownership”

by Tye Beecroft

In addition to woodlots providing timber, jobs and supporting local economies, communities would benefit from licensed woodlot owners for the protection of species, for sharing with neighbours, and for personal recreation and enjoyment.

In today’s growing concern for the environment, it would be incorrect for me to not include how important it is to maintain and even improve the health of the natural ecosystem. Fallen stumps and logs support wildlife habitat by providing areas for their survival from predators as well as nesting areas. The brush, needle and stump decay also returns essential nutrients to the soil. As well, travel corridors can be made or maintained for the safe passage of wildlife. There are many species of wildlife in Clearwater that I have seen such as the black fox, red fox, black bear, cinnamon bear, white-tailed deer, weasels (Ermine), bats and frogs. With careful consideration to these animals habitat and being mindful of not destroying their environment, we can help to preserve their future and avoid extinction. If we become more diligent in saving the animal’s environment, projects such as the Burrowing Owl Conservation Society of B.C. would not have to exist. Their mandate is to save the Burrowing Owl’s nesting grounds which has been destroyed in the southern interior grasslands.

In small communities such as Clearwater, there is a comradery among the local people who work together for the good of the community. It is important to be an environmentally

responsible owner and to discuss and share opinions with neighbouring landowners for everyone’s use. Some examples of this would be allowing cattle to graze on certain areas of your property for part of the year, allowing cutting of Christmas trees (for personal use), as well as cross-country skiing and quadding trails being used by locals.

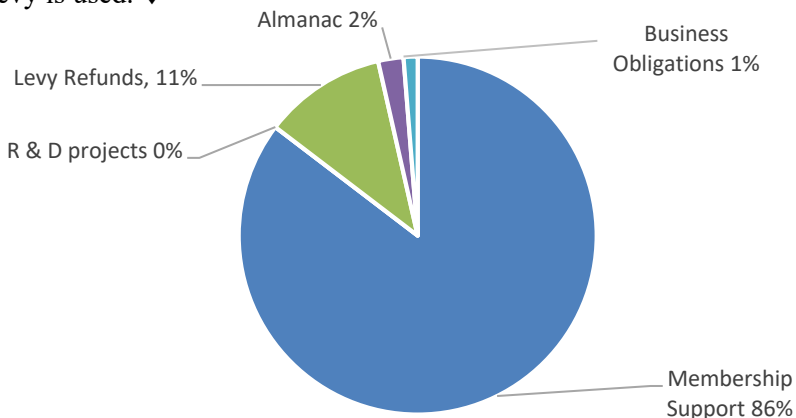
Lastly, having family enjoyment has to be a huge benefit of being a woodlot owner. Making memories and starting new traditions with family that will last a lifetime is an important aspect. It could be from hiking through the trails looking for tracks of the illusive moose, or quadding on your own man made trails looking for wildlife. Or maybe it’s a challenge to see who can

ride their quad through the highest part of the muddy creek and still make it out, or target shooting to see who the best is. Or, gathering timber to make a fire that will not only cook your meals, but provide heat and light during the dark, starry nights. Serenity is just being out in the wilderness with only the sound of the crackling fire and occasional hoot.

Being a responsible woodlot owner will ensure that there will be protection of wildlife, resources for future generations and that this valuable land can be utilized for families in the present and passed down as an inheritance for future families enjoyment. ♦

Where your \$0.25 annual levy goes

The Woodlot Product Development Council has a responsibility to ensure funding originating from the woodlot levy is prudently managed and used only for work and activities consistent with the Purpose of the Council which are to: Promote a positive image of the woodlot industry and its products; educate the general public and buyers about the benefits of BC woodlots and small-scale forest management and initiate and support research programs for the development and enhancement of the woodlot industry in the province. The pie chart shows a breakdown of where the levy is used. ♦



FBCWA Scholarship Winning Essay: “Why Woodlots are an important part of a community”

by Logan Sewell

In addition to providing timber, jobs and supporting local economies, communities want woodlot holders in their community for many reasons.

People

For starters, it's the people. Holders of woodlots are the type of people any community needs. People who can properly manage a woodlot are smart, organized, dedicated, hard-working and motivated to succeed. These people are usually community minded, and bring a lot of these skills to other aspect of the community, or other community based organizations. These are the type of people who get things done and are an asset to any community.

Wood lot holders tend to be generous and often donate to community events or fundraisers, and sometimes even support local sports teams. In a small community this support is critical to the success of some of these events.

Long term stability

Woodlot holders are stable long term members of a community. To manage a woodlot requires many years of commitment, as the holder has to plan and manage the forest land base over the full rotation of the forest. Often woodlots are passed down through the family to the next generation, which results in grown children, and their families, not leaving the community where they grew up to find employment opportunities in other centers.

Education

Many woodlot holders are very proud of how they are able to manage their land base, and excited to share their accomplishments with other members



of the community. They can work with local schools and community groups to provide educational opportunities for the students. These opportunities usually consist of tours of the woodlot to demonstrated intensive forest management. The woodlot holder may work with the schools or community groups to have the children actively participate in some forestry activities such as tree planting, or other silvicultural work. These opportunities provide a much greater understanding of forest management and help to contradict some of the negative perception that can be held by people who don't understand why logging is important to BC. Another benefit to the community is that some of the children who are exposed to forest management by woodlot holders, will choose to make forestry their career, which brings professional well paid jobs to the community.

Many woodlot associations are very supportive of students and provide local scholarships to recent graduated which enable these students to pursue post secondary education.

Forest Health

As woodlots are fairly small in size, they can be managed much more

intensely than the overall provincial land base. The small size allows the holder to deal with forest health issues while they are still small enough to control and can prevent the spread of these health issues before they can spread to a larger area, which can have huge impacts to the local communities.

Community Safety

Communities also benefit from the intense level of forest management that a woodlot holder can conduct on these small parcels of land that surround the communities. Older fire prone timber can be removed in a manner that provides fire breaks to reduce the chances of a forest fire reaching the community.

Biodiversity

Small area harvesting can also increase the biodiversity of the area providing improved habitat for fish and wildlife species. Improved habitat supports increased fish and wildlife populations that can be enjoyed by community members for hunting, fishing, trapping and viewing.

Recreation

As many of the woodlots are located very close to cities and towns, the land base is in high demand for all types of recreational opportunities for the community members. Woodlot holders may work with the community, government or community groups to develop and maintain trails and other forms of recreational opportunities.

These are just a few of the reasons why the value of woodlots to a community is much more than just providing timber, jobs and supporting the local economy. ♦

Doug Stewart Retirement

At the beginning of January, Doug Stewart retired from the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations. His career spanned 34 years in Alberta and British Columbia.



played an important role in the last major expansion of the Woodlot Licence Program. He was also a strong supporter of the Federation; recognizing the important role it plays in supporting licensees and improving the program. In his

thank you note to the Federation for the retirement card and gift, Doug wrote “Woodlot holders do a great job of managing crown land on behalf of the people of the Province.” So, it’s not surprising that that Doug took great pride in supporting the Minister’s woodlot excellence awards.

Doug has many woodlot friends and acquaintances who, along with the Federation, wish him a long and enjoyable retirement! ♦

In the 1990s when Doug first started working in BC, he was the woodlot forester in the Fort St John district. He later became the woodlot coordinator for the coast region; and was involved in the inventory and timber reallocation files as well.

For the last decade, Doug has been the Director of Forest Tenures Branch. He was always a strong advocate for small tenures. He particularly appreciated the diversity they brought to the sector. Doug

Woodlot Licence Signs

Having a sign on your woodlot has many benefits – it promotes social licence and the woodlot program, provides awareness of a managed crown forest and identifies who is managing this small forest tenure.

If you are interested in putting up a woodlot licence sign the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has created two templates with the following specifications

Recommended Sizes:

- 48 in x 36 in (4 feet x 3 feet)
- 96 in x 48 in (8 feet x 4 feet)

Colour Standards:

- Gold: CMYK 0/30/100/0; or Pantone 130
- Blue: CMYK 100/67/0/23; or Pantone 288

Font Standards:

The corporate font that should always be used is Adobe Myriad Pro.

The templates must be used with Adobe InDesign publishing software (nothing older than Adobe InDesign CS5). Adobe Myriad Pro may be purchased online at www.adobe.com/type or from Adobe Customer Service at 1-800-682-3623. These typefaces are available from other reputable font vendors as well.

Printing Standards - All printing of government signage (including these) must be printed with Paula Peterson at Queens Printer. It is core government procurement policy that all printing be managed through Queens Printer (QP).

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UBCM 2019: Lisa Marak and Coleen Maclean-Marlow attended the Union of BC Municipalities tradeshow in Vancouver on September 25th and 26th meeting many mayors and regional district representatives from around the province and speaking with them about Woodlot Licences and their contribution to local communities.

Logger's Poem

written by John Kehoe from the Boundary area

A little boy stood watching a logging truck go by.
It was loaded to the gunnels, ten feet wide and much too high.
He just stood there a-watching till it vanished in the fog.
"That's what I'll be when I grow up, by gosh I am going to log".
Just then a broke old logger came hobbling down the street.
He was looking for some whiskey, or a crust of bread, to eat.
He had also seen the logging truck. His eyes lit up with joy.
But then they slowly saddened as he spoke to the little boy.
"So you want to be a logger, and lead a logger's life".
Come listen to me, sonny, cause I've been one all my life
You work hard spring and summer, but you are still broke in the fall.
I'm telling you, a logger's life ain't no life at all.
You work hard spring and summer, and you throw your money around,
and you are walking plumb bare footed when the snow is on the ground.
You think you are rich on pay day, your cup filled to the brim.
But two or three days later, your pocketbook is thin.
You think I'll make it next year, a better deal I found.
I'll surely give her Hades, when the snow goes off the ground.
"And then you get rolling, but don't count your chicks too soon.
You're in mud up to your eyebrows, in the months of May and June.
"And then you make a dollar, but you still can't relax".
The devils are still hounding you for last year's income tax.
"So don't you be no logger, and lead a logger's life".
If you don't believe me, ask my wife". ♦

The Woodland Almanac is always looking for creative submissions for "Member Reflections" related to small-scale forestry. We'd like to hear from you on stories from the woodlot or see your photos from the block. "Member Reflections" can also be used to share obituaries on licensees who are no longer with us. If you'd like to submit an article or photo, contact Cathy McClary at cjmclary401@gmail.com.

FBCWA 2019/20 Priorities

(FBCWA BoD accepted – Dec. 9, 2019)

Topic	High	Medium	Being Monitored
Government Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior Forest Sector Renewal* • Old Growth Review* • Chief Foresters Leadership Team • Species at risk¹* • Follow up re Minister's messages about WLs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat Improvement* • Land Use Planning* • Coast Revitalization* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Forest Land Management
Legislation, Regulation & Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRPA* • Big Trees* • Glyphosate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDRIP legislation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Governance Act • Bill 22 • OBSCR
FBCWA Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020/21 Budget & Work Plan • Association Building • Election Messaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BoD governance (extension) • BCWS Engagement Agreement – annual review • Explore liaison with FN Leadership Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union of BC Municipalities
Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference Guide (WL manual) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve website's utility for extension • Pilot use/value of podcasts & videos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 'app'; e.g. CP checklist
WL Joint Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WLs exceeding cut control • WL undercutting • Approving FSPs over WLs • Must approve RPs for non-WL holders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP handbook revisions • Accumulating WLs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 CP road reporting • WL attrition
Timber Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WL Waste Assessment methodology 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fibre Recovery Zones • Log exports • Tab rates
E-Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W4W upgrades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise/update WLGML Manual 	
Safety Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote safety • New committee member (preferably coast) 		
Government Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forests for Tomorrow/Land Based Investment • FESBC (fuel mitigation & uneconomic pulp) 		
Practicing Good Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Forest Management Committee • Promote innovation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FPB audits & investigations
Fair & Reasonable Administration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLNRORD support for WLs (prof reliance, licensee reliance & district advice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance admin streamlining
WPDC – FBCWA Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority setting • Reporting • EPP process – approvals, administration, etc. 		
EPPs			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Succession Planning²
WPDC Special Projects			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Hazard Assessment

Notes:

1. The above noted priorities are in addition to the Federation's regular business and routine deliverables stated in contracts; i.e.

- Governance - meetings, conference calls, minutes, reporting, bylaws, etc.
- Presentations
- WPDC annual survey
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Liaising with the FLNRORD and other ministries
- Supporting WL Associations, licensees and landowners
- Communications – Almanac, Communicator, website, social media, etc.

2. Priorities for which Council provided additional funding for in the current B&WP and may be considered as EPPS are italicized.

3. Retaining the access to and management of the THLB in WLs is a 2019/20 strategic priority. See * in table for topics.

¹ MAMU, NOGO, caribou, CDF, etc.

² WPDC led; FBCWA to provide support when request.

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