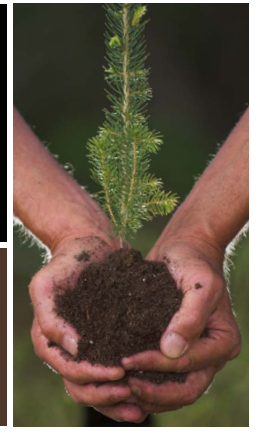




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WOODLOTS: Rooted in Learning



Woodlot Conference Organizing Committee Back Row (L to R): Rick Biller, Ryan Biller, Jonathan Smyth and Matthew Brine. Front row (L to R): Cathy McClary, Kevin Webber and Jacquelin McNichol Photo credit: Sara Grady

by Sara Grady

After two long years of Zoom, Teams and conference calls, the members of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and the Woodlot Product Development Council were finally able to gather in person.

The 2022 Annual Conference, Woodlots: Rooted in Learning, was hosted by the Fraser Valley Woodlot Association at the Clarion Hotel in Abbotsford on October 14th-16th. The conference planning committee, chaired by Kevin Webber, was supported by Rick Biller, Ryan Biller, Matthew Brine, Cathy McClary, Jacquelin McNicholl, and Jonathan Smyth. Over 140 delegates representing the FBCWA, WPDC, and small-scale forestry stakeholders,

gathered for an information-packed weekend.

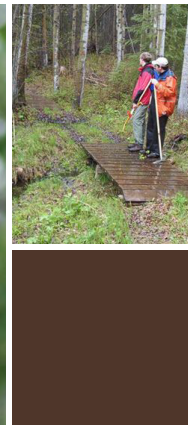
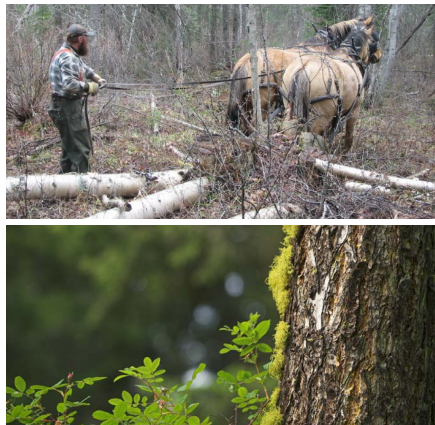
The learning launched on Friday evening with a panel discussion – Roots, Boots & Offshoots – moderated by Rick Biller, with Mark Clark (FBCWA President), Patrick Russell (Ministry of Forests) and Brent Petrick (WPDC President) sitting in the hot seats. Members were encouraged to explore issues such as the Old Growth Deferral, land claims, and the future of the woodlot program.

Saturday morning began with a welcome and greeting from Chief Dalton Silver of the Sumas First Nation, accompanied by his nephew Chris Silver. Chief Silver

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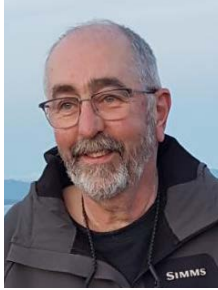
by Mark Clark

This October, the Woodlots of BC held their first face to face Annual General Meeting in 3 years, and it was awesome! A well hosted event with engaging topics, robust and open discussions, and plenty of time for socializing! Congratulations to Kevin Webber and his crew from the Fraser Valley Woodlot Association for a job well done.

The Strategic Planning Sessions (Governance Review) involving directors from both the Federation and the Council Boards is progressing well. This is a focussed exercise that has the potential to fundamentally change the process we follow to deliver benefits to all Woodlot Licensees in BC. It has been an inclusive process, with the next meetings scheduled for December. A rollout of the proposed recommendations is planned for January 2023. It is my hope that we will have an improved governance model in place by March 2023 – in time for the next fiscal year.

Equally important to the organization has been the selection of a new General Manager. I'd like you all to welcome Gordon Chipman to our group. More details on Gord and his impressive credentials follow in the pages ahead, but he does represent an increase in the service level to Woodlot Licensees. Brian McNaughton will remain as a Senior Policy Advisor for a period of time and Gord will be taking over day to day operations and will also be expanding other programs for woodlots.

The 2022 AGM capped off a very dynamic year for the woodlots of BC.



Mark Clark
President

There were record log prices in most markets across the province, but also record levels of uncertainty around tenure security. Woodlots are small businesses operating in a big forest, and the support of Government is critical for us to remain an integral

and important part of the province's forest economy. Provincial politicians need to understand that additional constraints on Woodlot licences' land base, downward pressures on Allowable Annual Cuts (AACs), First Nation treaty negotiations & reconciliation efforts, old growth deferrals, etc. create a great deal of uncertainty and are making it increasingly difficult for woodlot licensees to maintain the steady commitment to long term, sustainable land management that has been so typical in the past.

I would urge you to support and participate in your local Woodlot Association. Having a strong, collective voice at the local, regional and provincial levels is important. By making your opinions heard, we all grow. Also, look for the Federation to hold more province-wide Zoom calls for Woodlot licensees as a way to better inform and garner more support for licensees and the Woodlot Licence program.

Lastly, I would like to thank Nancy Pezel for her years of volunteering as a director and Treasurer of the Federation AND to congratulate the four new Federation directors - Hélène Marcoux, Kevin Webber, Steven Wright and Ken Dodd. It is good to see the organization evolve and strengthen. And frankly, it's good to see the average age go down a bit, too! ♦



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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:

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Well-deserved Kudos and Recognition

by Brian McNaughton

Annual Conference

Thank you to the Fraser Valley Woodlot Association – Kevin Webber, Matthew Brine, Jacquelin McNichol, Rick Biller, Ryan Biller, and Jonathan Smyth – and Cathy McClary, WPDC Coordinator for hosting an informative and excellent annual conference. It was great to meet face-to-face and get re-acquainted with so many friends and colleagues.

Minister's Awards

Congratulations to recipients of the Minister's Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management. There were twelve (12) nominations this year and the three (3), very deserving recipients were:

- Coast & Province - C & H Forest Products Ltd., W#0043 in the Chilliwack Natural Resource District, held by the Herb Carter family including son Cal and grandchildren Lee & Samantha.
- North - Guyishton Woodlot Ltd., W#1689 in the Nadina District, held by Cliff Manning.
- South - McPherson Woodlot Company, W#1834 in the Revelstoke District, held by Del Williams.

FBCWA Honorary Life Members

I would personally like to acknowledge the four (4) new Honorary Life Members of the Federation who were announced and recognized at the conference: Miles Fuller, Cliff Manning, Lisa Marak, and Nancy Pezel. I have had the privilege and pleasure to work with each of them for many years and can attest to the fact that each was/is an unbelievably dedicated and hardworking volunteer deserving of this recognition! They worked tirelessly on behalf all Woodlot Licensees and



Brian McNaughton,
General Manager

the Woodlot Program as a whole. Congratulations to each of you!!!

FBCWA General Manager

Gord Chipman, RPF was announced as the new, incoming General Manager, which I guess means I am officially the

outgoing General Manager. There is an article elsewhere in this Almanac introducing Gord. I have known Gord for a long time and am confident that he will do an excellent job. The Federation and WPDC have seen fit to arrange a good overlap between Gord and I to ensure there is a smooth transition and no slippage when addressing all the important files and government initiatives that are currently underway. There will be an overlap until December 31st, 2022 during which I will keep acting as the GM and Gord will shadow my efforts and gradually start assuming responsibilities. Starting in the new year, I have a retainer-like arrangement with the Federation for an additional 6 months to work on specific files and assist Gord as needed. For the record, I AM NOT RETIRING! Lone Tree Consulting Ltd. will still be in business and I will still be consulting.

FBCWA 35th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Federation held its AGM on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16, 2022, at the BCIT Forest Society Woodlot office. Four (4) new Directors were elected: Hélène Marcoux, Ken Dodd, Steven Wright, and Kevin Webber. Hélène and Kevin are from the Fraser Valley Woodlot Association, Ken from North Island, and Steven from Nadina.

The Members' Roundtable, when each member representative reports out on the key issues for their Association, identified three important priorities:

1. There is a great deal of concern about the potential impact treaty negotiations will have on Woodlot Licences, including a new Forest Act provision that allows the government to identify Schedule B land as a Special Purpose Area for a First Nation reason. The general sentiments were that Woodlots should not be on the table. If they are, then only as a last resort, compensation must be at fair market value, and that there needs to be a land replacement option so a Woodlot Licence can be relocated, i.e., a Woodlot licensee can opt to keep a licence and the province can honor its commitments to the tenure holder.

2. The current business environment is fraught with uncertainty that is leading to delays in approving cutting permits, woodlot licence plans, and management plans. Old Growth and First Nations consultation were cited as two of the main reasons.

3. Many associations reported large staff turnover within their Districts and the need for training, mentorship, and guidance for the new and inexperienced MoF district staff.

The Associations' messages were heard loud and clear and will be prioritized and addressed by the Federation accordingly.

Directors Meeting

Mark Clark and Tyler Hodgkinson were re-elected as President and Vice President, respectively while Steven was elected Treasurer and Kevin as Secretary.

I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable winter, including a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Welcome Gord Chipman New FBCWA General Manager!



The Federation of BC Woodlot Associations is pleased to welcome Gord Chipman as its new General Manager. Gord is a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) with extensive experience working in the BC forest sector including the North Coast, Northern Interior and Central Interior. He has his own consulting company – Xylem Resource Management Ltd.

For the past 12½ years, Gord has managed Alkali Resource Management Ltd. (ARM) - an integrated forest management company established to manage the Esk'etemc (Alkali Lake) First Nation's woodlot licence, community forest (27,000ha), woodland tenure (60,000ha), and several forest licences. ARM also had highly trained fire crews and carried out burning services, fire hazard reduction projects and tree spacing, including implementation of a landscape level Wildfire Risk Management plan

by utilizing provincial funding to alleviate wildfire risk around the Alkali Lake community. In his role as the manager of ARM, Gord mentored Francis Johnson to take over management of the company.

Prior to his work with ARM, Gord worked for over 20 years as an area supervisor, operations manager, and log buyer for major forest companies in the Williams Lake area, where he lives with his wife Georgina. In addition, he has experience working with Boards of Directors having served as a director for the BC Community Forest Association and President of the Cariboo Woodlot Association for many years.

Gord will be gradually assuming his new role with the Federation over the next few months as he fulfills some current commitments. He and Brian McNaughton will be working closely together to ensure a smooth and orderly transition. ♦

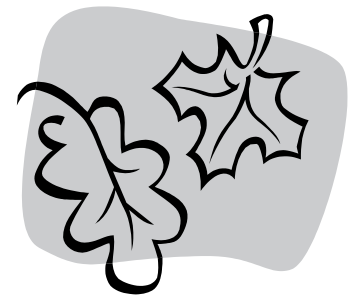


WPDC Director Vacancies:

*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: cjmclary401@gmail.com. ♦



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. ♦

Minister's Award for Excellence & Innovation in Woodlot Management 2021/22

Since its inception in 2010, the Minister of Forests has recognized innovation and excellence in Woodlot Management every year except 2021 due to Covid. The 2021/22 recipients were announced at the Woodlot Conference jointly supported by the Woodlot Product Development Council and the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations in Abbotsford. We are thrilled that these exceptional woodlot licensees were acknowledged by their colleagues for their work. We'd like to congratulate: Del Williams & Mike McPherson,

McPherson Woodlot Company, WL 1834 (South region)
Cliff Manning, Guyishton Woodlot Ltd., WL 1689 (North region)
Herb, Cal, Lee & Samantha Carter, C&H Forest Products, WL 0043 (Coast region)
The Carter family was also the recipient of the Province-wide award. All three licensees received \$2500, with the Carters receiving an additional \$2500, for this distinction. Cal Carter told the crowd he was shocked by the nomination, and the awards. But in true woodlot licensee

fashion he said, "This is our family woodlot. This is what we believe in. We believe in the program; we think it's a good program...and I think there should be more woodlots."

These licensees were recognized for excellence in three categories:

- Basic and Incremental Forestry
- Sales, Marketing and Utilization
- Good Woodlot Citizen

Recipients are nominated by fellow woodlotters and staff from the Ministry of Forests. ♦

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Herb, Cal, Lee & Samantha Carter, C&H Forest Products, WL 0043 (Coast region)



Cliff & Ron Manning, Guyishton Woodlot Ltd., WL 1689 (North region)



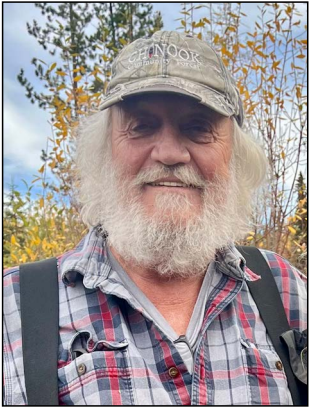
Del Williams & Mike McPherson, McPherson Woodlot Company, WL 1834 (South region)

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>. ♦

Federation of BC Woodlot Associations 2022 Honorary Life Members

The Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations announced four new Honorary Life members at the Woodlot Conference in Abbotsford, BC. Each has served the Federation with distinction and a commitment to the betterment of the Woodlot Licence Program. They join Peter Sanders, Al Waters, Len Bawtree (deceased), Wilf Chelle (deceased), Peter Kokoska, Dave Haley, Shawn Flynn and Rod Blake with this distinction. Welcome to the new Honorary Life members: Miles Fuller, Cliff Manning, Lisa Marak and Nancy Pezel.



Miles Fuller, described as “the right man in the right place at a critical time.” He spearheaded such initiatives as negotiating tab rates, the Forestry Revitalization Plan, woodlot licences program expansion, top-ups for undersized Woodlots and was instrumental in averting the practice of auctioning off woodlot licences to the highest bidder. Thanks to his hard work and perseverance, and attendance at UBCM, the Federation enjoys a higher profile and better relations with politicians and the general public.



Cliff Manning, a leader within the Federation who managed to advocate for all licensees while dealing with the devastating effects of Mountain Pine beetle on his own Woodlot. He finalized tab rates, protected Extended Road Amortization Agreements, and represented the FBCWA on the Woodlot Joint Working Group and Canadian Federation Woodlot Owners from 2008 - 2017. He served as the President and Director of the Nadina Woodlot Association for many years. As one peer said, “The Woodlot Program would not be what it is today without Cliff’s contribution.”



Lisa Marak, the public face of the Federation. In addition to serving as Secretary and Director of the Federation and President and Director of the Shuswap Okanagan Woodlot Association for many years, she acted as Chair for the FBCWA Constitution & Bylaws Committee, leading the transition to the Societies Act. She spearheads the external communications strategies for the Federation, promoting the woodlot program. She represents the interests of all woodlot licensees at UBCM tradeshows and oversees the website, social media and external publications.



Nancy Pezel, a rare member of the Federation who doesn’t have, and never has had, a woodlot licence. Regardless, she has been tireless in her dedication to the program over the past 18 years. She has served as a Director for the South Island Woodlot Association, and has shared her talents as Director, Treasurer, Secretary and Chair of the Scholarship Committee as well as member of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee for the Federation. She was described by a colleague as “the glue that keeps the South Island Woodlot Association together and active.” ♦



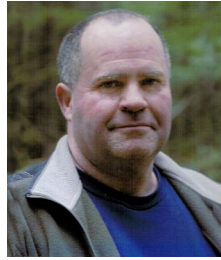
■ Coastal timber pricing

Redeterminations, Reviews and Reunions

by Ed Hughes

TAB rates 2022/23

Over the past year I have written articles describing the redetermination of our TAB rates that is expected to be done every 6 months, using a 12 month rolling data set. I have also noted that the Coastal Woodlot Advisory Group has reviewed the anticipated changes. Our advisory group supported the Timber Pricing Branch proposal which is expected to be included in the next update to the Coastal Appraisal Manual which was due on November 1, 2022. This change will closely align the coast and interior methods for redeterminations of both of our TAB rates.



Ed Hughes,
Coastal Timber Pricing
Coordinator

when the FBCWA and WPDC members get together for a timely woodlot conference. The individuals who attended expressed their thoughts and comments about all the changes to our Woodlot program over the past few years. There is concern throughout the province about the number and significance of disruptions. Our TAB rates are not top of mind for the first time that I can recall.

Over the past 30 years our stumpage system has evolved, through the efforts of many different individuals. Most are still involved and they often call me to discuss concerns with stumpage and timber pricing. Recently, the calls have been concerned with much more than just stumpage (e.g., Bill 28, Old Growth, First Nations land claims).

Many of the changes have already, or will over time, impact Timber Pricing in different ways. Many issues are being raised where there appears to be more questions than answers at this point. How will compensation be done? How do we prepare for the regulation that is expected this fall? How will the loss of Old Growth from harvesting profile impact average market values of our harvest, but not likely our stumpage? How do land claims impact timber pricing as we move forward with many questions still unanswered. In my opinion, it becomes even more important for Woodlot Licence holders to prepare for the anticipated changes.

Record Keeping - Update

A financial record keeping guidance document has been prepared and is now posted on the FBCWA web site. The guidance is specifically prepared to ensure Woodlot Licensees are

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Woodlot Conference - Abbotsford

It is amazing how the past few years can be forgotten in a flash



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aware of the requirement to keep records and report them when requested by government. The guidance will become valuable and should help prepare licensees in case their records are requested to be submitted at any point in the future.

The document was prepared following the completion of the Low Volume Cost Survey that was required of Coastal woodlot licensees. This document was based on three years of experiences from woodlot licensees who participated and submitted their costs for 4 years. This guidance document is the result of many, but I especially want to thank the collaborative efforts of Coleen MacLean-Marlow, Brian McNaughton, and Debbie Zandbelt.

Coastal Waste Manual - Update

The Coastal Waste Manual is under review following the implementation of the Interior Manual in 2022. Data from field work which is currently underway will be the basis for changes to the manual. The new manual is expected to be amended during 2023.

Timber Pricing Branch is very much aware that Woodlot (and other small-scale operators) waste surveying and reporting must be different than larger tenures. Our low Allowable Annual Cut (AAC), harvesting rates and often small block sizes requires a methodology that works. Our goal remains the same: to produce a waste surveying and reporting system that works for Woodlots on the Coast.

Market Pricing System Technical Sub-committee (MPSAC)

The MPSAC meetings are coming to an end of our annual summer/fall cycle. The data reviewed since June has now been updated to produce a new Coastal Appraisal Manual expected on January 1, 2023.

Coastal Timber Pricing Steering Committee


The Timber Pricing Director has formed a new Timber Pricing steering committee to provide input on proposed changes to our stumpage system. Based on our continuous efforts for collaboration towards an equitable stumpage system, the FBCWA was offered a seat on the committee to provide a thoughtful look at potential changes to the Coastal Appraisal Manual, based on our small-scale operational experiences. It is expected that this may avoid changes that could damage industry and our woodlot businesses.

Coast Low Volume and Woodlot Crown Tenure Management Cost Survey

No new information has been provided.


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 (office), (250) 954-8926 (cell) or by email at ed@huock.ca. ♦



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Shanley Valley Woodlot Association
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Sea to Sky Woodlot Association
West Coast Woodlot Association
Robson Canoe Woodlot Association



Planning for Safety in Partial Cutting

Licensees and contractors involved in planning forest operations are responsible for the identification of risks and hazards unique to partial cutting systems. They must carefully consider and identify measures which ensure that worker safety is adequately addressed in all phases. (e.g., Emergency Response Planning, Safe Work Practices, Hazard Identification).

Guiding principles for partial cutting should be built upon operating procedures used for the planned harvest methods in order to minimize hazards and optimize worker safety. Those involved in the planning process must have or source expertise in the systems they are proposing and key measures to minimize risk. Worker safety requires the integration of management objectives and operational activities, both in the office and in the field.

To provide flexibility in the partial cutting applications, operational plans should not be overly restrictive with regards to operating criteria. Instead, they should place increased emphasis on communicating management objectives to all supervisors and workers. In this way, individuals who are carrying out field verification, layout, engineering and harvesting may apply their knowledge and expertise to meet the stated objectives safely and efficiently.

Key planning activities:

- review landscape-level management objectives identified in both higher-level plans and Woodlot License Plans to identify the range of silvicultural systems that might be applied under different stand and site conditions to meet those objectives
- identify probable or known locations of hazardous/problem/special resource areas e.g., unstable class IV and V slopes, landslide and blowdown events, avalanche tracks, wind exposed areas, floodplains, steep slopes, rock, organic soils, old-growth management areas, wildlife habitat areas or other significant wildlife/recreational/cultural features. Traditional and non-traditional weather patterns must also be considered (e.g., prevailing wind direction, seasonal storm events)
- propose mitigative measures where operations may impact identified values and other resource users
- Once a site-specific area has been identified the plan needs to ensure the presence of site hazards, critical stand characteristics, safety concerns and resource values that may influence the choice of silvicultural systems or partial cutting methods are addressed

All information related to planning should be considered within the context of both landscape-level & stand-level objectives and are instrumental in the development of the site plan and subsequent forest operations. In addition, field verification may drive planned layout/engineering to be modified to ensure both operational feasibility and worker safety.

*Planning must address worker safety as it relates to:

- felling patterns and techniques
- yarding/skidding methods
- equipment access limitations/operability
- ground stability: risk of rock and mud slides, organic materials
- reserve and management zones, machine free zones
- danger tree removal
- wildlife tree/patch retention
- wind exposure hazards and windfirm stand characteristics
- avalanche hazards
- fire protection
- emergency evacuation and first-aid requirements
- environmental factors i.e., rain, drought, wind

Comprehensive planning is critical in ensuring partial cutting operations meet forest stewardship, operational, and safety objectives. Careful consideration of the potential hazards in concert with comprehensive field verification, monitoring and follow up is critical. This, along with effective communication and coordination of key information between all phases from layout to silviculture is essential in ensuring operations are conducted in as safe a manner as possible.

*Key elements. Others may be present and will depend on site characteristics

Resource Links:

Website Links	Link Descriptions
https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/pubs/docs/sil/Sil435.htm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOFLRO’s partial cutting safety handbook
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/stand-tending/3partial_cutting_overview_of_training_and_gy_models_6.pdf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOFLRO’s partial cutting training materials, standards, systems and models
https://www.bcforestsafe.org/resource/harvesting-resource-packages/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCFSC’s resource packages & best practices for chain shot, lock out, steep slope and winch assist
https://www.bcforestsafe.org/construction-initiated-slides-working-group-ciswg/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCFSC’s Construction Initiated Slides Working Group’s (CISWG) resources for road construction personnel, workers, supervisors and professionals including presentations, training, videos and posters
https://www.bcforestsafe.org/news/tree-planter-danger-tree-awareness/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCFSC’s free interactive online training course for tree planters to help recognize dangers trees and what to do when working near potential danger trees
https://www.bcforestsafe.org/resource/audit-submission-support-sebase-isebase-emergency-response-plan-erps/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCFSC’s sample emergency responses plans and exposure control plans
https://www.bcforestsafe.org/resource/avalanche-safety-resource-package/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCFSC’s avalanche safety resource package

New Dates for Stumpage Rates, Volumes for Harvest and Waste

by Debbie Zandbelt, RPF

Redetermination Dates for Stumpage Rate Changes in 2023

In 2023 Interior licensees will need to add two new dates to their calendars. May 1st and November 1st. Going forward on these dates the Interior licensees will have their stumpage rate redetermined.

No longer will Woodlot stumpage rates change on August 1st. Interior woodlot stumpage rates are based on a data set of all major tenure active timbermarks in the interior. Log market volatility and the wish for stumpage rates to reflect that volatility is the reason for this change. The dates were selected to coincide with the start of spring log deliveries and the fall/winter delivery schedule. Table 6.2 in the Interior Appraisal Manual will remain to be updated biannually on May 1st and November 1st as it has been in the past.

Monitor your cut control

As the log market cools slightly monthly log volumes harvested are easing. However, the noted historically high harvest volumes woodlot licensees incurred in the last few years is resulting in licensee calls of unease about reaching or exceeding cut control. The Harvest Billing System (HBS) is a free public resource that enables everyone to see the volume harvested not only by cubic meter but by species and grade as well. There is a “How to determine your cut control volume” video on the FBCWA website. I encourage everyone to review these volumes consistently if logging. Cut control letters are based on the reported HBS volumes, so it is in a licensee's best



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interest to make sure HBS is right and matches your load slips and contract volumes.

Financial Record Keeping

By now you all would have seen the Almanac notice regarding financial record keeping. This is a licence obligation that

should not be ignored. Section 136(3) (a) of the Forest Act requires Woodlot licensees to keep accurate records with respect to timber harvesting including: volumes harvested, silviculture, harvest costs, log hauling costs, roads and bridge costs and all forest management administration costs. This section of the Forest Act also requires a Woodlot Licensee to report this information (when requested) to the Ministry of Forests in a form, manner and at the times required by the Minister. Now posted on the FBCWA website are support documents and sample spreadsheets to assist you as licensees to meet this licence obligation. The link is: <https://woodlot.bc.ca/financial-record-keeping/>

Waste Assessments 2022

A friendly reminder that woodlot licensees are required to complete a waste assessment post harvest. As of April 2022, the sample method for woodlots is the same as all other licensees in the Interior. Part of this obligation is reporting into the WASTE system the results of the assessment survey. In the fall of this year the plan is for the FBCWA to receive a data download of all surveys completed since April of 2022. With this data we will be able to assess how our waste volumes compare to

the major tenures waste volumes. The current District averages are based on the major tenure data. If there is a statistically significant difference between these two data sets it is hoped that in the future, we will have a separate table of district averages just for woodlots. This may negate the need to do field surveys. As the data submitted increases the more statistically sound the WL district averages will be. With your help we hope to be able to support an improved method of calculation of your waste volumes that is more economical, less field intense than the current method we are faced with.

If any questions or concerns, please note my prior email address of Debbie@woodlot.bc.ca is no longer functional. For the time being please contact dzandbelt@telus.net. ♦

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Links of Interest

- Our own website: <http://woodlot.bc.ca>
- BC Government: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca>

Woodlot Product Development Council Extraordinary Project Proposals (EPP) Awarded and Completed

EPP #	Description	Product	Reference	Status
2022-001	Small Forest Tenure Capacity Building Phase 3	Explore partnerships		Ongoing
2021-003	Small Forest Tenure Capacity Building Phase 2	Network Database	Almanac Summer 2022	Complete
2021-002	Small Forest Tenure Capacity Building Phase 1	Final Paper	Almanac Fall 2021	Complete
2021-001	Silviculture Survey Practices	High Gain vs Minimum Practice Decision Chart	Almanac Spring 2021	Complete
2020-002	WL Association Building was awarded but not completed and is now replaced by Association Projects as part of the FBCWA approved Budget & Work Plan for 2022/23.			
2020-001	Mixedwood Management in Northeastern BC	Measurement Data and Report	Almanac Fall 2020	Complete
2019-002	WL Succession and Tax Planning	WL Succession and Tax Planning Guide November 2020	Almanac Fall 2020	Complete
2019-001	Fire Mitigation and Fuel Hazard Reduction on Woodlot Licences	Fire Mitigation and Fuel Hazard Reduction on Woodlot Licences Phase 1 - Situational Analysis	Almanac Summer 2019 & Presentation 2019 Woodlot Conference	Complete
2018-001	WLP Training	Training at various locations	Almanac Winter 2018	Complete

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Woodlot Product Development Council Extraordinary Project Proposals:

The Board of Directors for the Woodlot Product Development Council (WPDC) has an 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 annual 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

For more information, please contact WPDC Coordinator:
Cathy McClary, Email: cjmclary401@gmail.com | Phone: 250-961-0271 ♦

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. ♦

shared knowledge about the history of the Fraser River – the Stó:lō – and beautifully illustrated the belief of First Nations that “We are the land and the land is us.” The concept he was describing aligns with the woodlot program’s notion of stewardship and resonated with the audience.

Attendees had an opportunity to learn more about the BCIT Forest Society Woodlot 0007, which truly is rooted in learning, during the Stewardship video, honouring their achievements in forest stewardship and education. They were one of last year’s recipients of the Minister’s Award for Excellence & Innovation in Woodlot Management.

Brent Petrick, outgoing WPDC President, conducted the 25th Annual General Meeting for its members. With 70 woodlot licensees in attendance and another 16 represented by proxy appointments, the quorum of 5% of the membership was met and exceeded. Woodlot licensee, Russ Clinton was selected to randomly pick a name from a hat for the winner of the early bird draw, who basically wins cash back equal to the amount of their registration fee. Interestingly Russ drew his own name and requested that the cash be donated to the FBCWA Silent Auction fund.

The conference is a great time to celebrate the success of our current, and future, forest stewards. The Minister’s Awards winners, the Honorary Life Members, and scholarship recipients were recognized before the licensees dove into their morning of learning.

The first afternoon panel discussion explored the theme of First Nations Engagement more deeply, with moderator Stacey Gould (BCTS) guiding a panel that included Rob Deines (Chartwell Resource Group), Matt McGinnity (Stó:lō Resource & Research Management Centre, People of the River Referrals office) and Catharine Charman (Ministry of Forests). Key messages included

the acknowledgement that there isn’t a “one size fits all” way of working with 200+ First Nations, and that transparency and clear communication are paramount to successful collaborations.

The last panel of the day focussed on Forestry Education in BC. Jonathan Smyth (BCIT/Woodlot 0007) moderated an interesting discussion among educators who approach forestry from three different angles but share one common goal: attracting more students to the field. Coleen MacLean-Marlow (North Island College), Dominik Roeser (UBC Vancouver), and Jody McInnes (Stillwater Consulting Ltd.) all shared their perspectives on forestry education. They illustrated the variety of options and described how they have evolved with changing demands in the industry. Delegates learned about options, from degree programs to introductory trades classes that offer the opportunity to work in the field or continue with further studies.

In keeping with the theme of Learning, and to entertain the guests while they mingled before dinner, three talented young children all from the same family, who are students at the Abbotsford School of Music, played

their instruments in beautiful harmony.

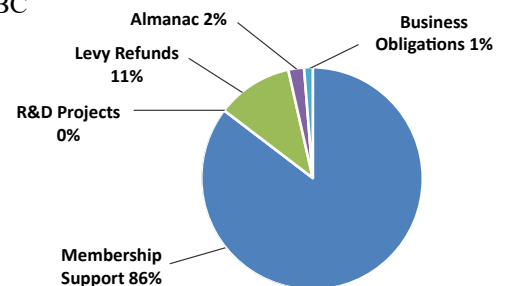
Following a delicious meal with foods featuring a Taste of the Fraser Valley, the day wrapped up with an entertaining presentation by Shawn Flynn, Honorary Life Member, and retired woodlot licensee. He regaled the audience with tales of his woodlot, particularly the functioning Outdoor School of Common Sense and Logic and the numerous field trips he hosted – and continues to facilitate – for school kids of all ages. He surprised the audience with a live auction of one of his famous carved wooden salmon – and generated \$850 for the FBCWA Scholarship Fund in addition to the \$2995.00 raised from the silent auction.

Members had the opportunity to tour BCIT Woodlot 0007 or a visit the Sumas First Nation Longhouse on Sunday morning before heading for home.

It was three days of learning – about First Nations, educational opportunities, and the challenges woodlot licensees share around the province. There were some new faces, and many familiar ones. It was a great opportunity to reconnect, celebrate and plan for a strong woodlot future. ♦

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. ♦



Learnings from the Woodlot Conference 2022



photos by Sara Grady

No More Road Tubes

by Tom Bradley

Back when we first started RESULTS reporting, I and many others cut the footprint of non-productive areas from permanent access structures (PAS) into the SU and forest cover spatial data. It was an easy way to measure the NP area, and if they were going to make me do this reporting, I darn well wanted my roads visible on the map!

Those NP-Road areas got christened “road tubes” by some wag. Good name!

In 2018 or so, Marc Rousseau of FAIB explained to me that he paid workers to laboriously remove the road tubes, by hand, before the RESULTS forest cover spatial I reported could be added to the provincial VRI data. They do not want road tubes in the VRI, and the task of eradicating them had proven impossible to automate. He asked that we stop making road tubes, and I passed the request on to WLGML users.

This request has now been formally made in a guidance document by the Office of the Chief Forester / Harvesting and Silviculture Practices, paraphrased as follows:

In an effort to improve data flow between RESULTS and the VRI data management system, we are requesting that the reporting of in-block roads, trails and landings be submitted consistent with the non-mappable component standards. The tabular information associated with the area occupied by those features is still required to satisfy the practice requirement for maximum soil disturbance, but the spatial data is not necessary.

We still determine the area of permanent roads, landings and skid trails within harvest units. But we are not to



Tom Bradley

show the features explicitly in the SU and ForCov spatial data. The PAS features are accounted for by (a) deducting the PAS area(s) from the gross area of the SU polygon when deriving Net Area Reforestable, and (b) reporting the same PAS area(s) as a Non Mapped Area net-down in the forest cover attributes.

TRIM Data Access

Many things changed (for the worse, in my opinion) in the transition from the Land and Data Resource Warehouse to GeoData BC. Among the changes was that many WL and their consultants lost no-charge access to TRIM data.

No-charge access to TRIM was arranged in 2008, partly because WLP-PR Section 8 requires WL to show some TRIM information on a Woodlot Licence Plan map. GeoData BC was not aware of this legacy commitment to no-charge access to TRIM for WL.

This was a sleepy issue for years as most everyone already had the TRIM data they needed on file. Or knew someone who did. However, as us old timers fade away and younger people take over WL and consulting tasks, a new generation of mappers need access to TRIM. It came to a head this summer when one service provider was looking at a multi-thousand dollar charge to get the TRIM needed to meet the WLPPR 8 requirements.

We have reached an understanding with government that no-charge access to TRIM will be restored. “How” is not resolved yet. More info next time, I hope.

NROS Portal

The government Natural Resource Online Services (NROS) project

grinds on.

Back in March, 2022 I distributed a memo to WL associations to pass on to their members that discussed what tasks WL are “supposed to do” using the NROS portal, and which of those tasks (may) actually work for a WL in NROS.

In short, use NROS to apply for a Road Use Permit to authorize industrial use of a Forest Service Road, and to notify government that you are planning to start hauling on that road. I also recommend you ask your District WL forester if NROS actually works for them before you count on an NROS application for a RUP getting you what you need in time.

The NROS folks circulated a 3 page memo in August. The meat of the memo is that “A Business BCeID is required to register your company’s information into the NROS Portal so you can submit applications.” A Basic or Personal BCeID will not work. Has to be Business. Note that a sole proprietorship, when your WL is held in your personal name, can obtain a Business BCeID. ♦

NOTICE:

The Woodlot Product Development Council’s Annual Report for 2021/22 was approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting in Abbotsford on October 15, 2022. A copy is on the website: www.woodlot.bc.ca Paper copies are available on request. Contact Cathy McClary cjmclary401@gmail.com. ♦

Connecting the Present to the Past

*Submitted by the
Conference Organizing
Committee*

With kindness extended from Chief Dalton Silver twenty people attending the Woodlot Conference were invited inside the Sumas First Nation longhouse. Greeted by Chris Silver, the Chief's nephew, the group was immediately warmed by the heat from the woodstove and the smell of the cedar and other wood from which the structure was built.

Using his powerful and mesmerizing voice, and noting that we "come in Peace," Chris greeted us with a welcome song in his traditional dialect. Using his skill as a storyteller, Chris led us on a personal journey with stories from his current family connections intertwined with tales from past generations.

We learned about the importance of the Cedar tree, the purpose of the longhouse now as a gathering place, how families all lived together under one roof years ago, and the meaning behind the expression "all my relations."

As a coil of cedar strip was passed among those present, we learned how long ago, the strips were woven into clothing, and used by each family. While Chris spoke of stories that had been retold through the generations, we looked up to see that the strips are still being used today, as he was wearing one of his own woven cedar hats.

The longhouse was built as a gathering place. Chris smiled as he



talked about weddings, welcoming new babies and school children who have visited, all producing lifelong memories for the families. One could almost feel the happy times created from the dancing and singing in those celebrations reverberating up through the hard-packed dirt floor. Sadly, after the group left, Chris and his family had to prepare for a funeral for one of their close relatives.

We left the longhouse and walked a short distance to where Chris's uncle, Ray Silver Jr was turning a cedar log into a canoe. A wood carver by trade, it had been twenty years since he built his last canoe. He admitted that he needed to do research and was learning by trial and error. Ray decided to take on the task to honour his father who is no longer living. He remembers his father building small canoes for children and wanted to do

something with his own hands as a lasting tribute to him. He recognized the importance of showing young people the materials that can be harvested from nature. When Ray spoke, the group felt his sense of pride that he demonstrated while working with his own hands to create a beautiful and functional object.

While attending the entire woodlot conference, more than 120 delegates shared laughter, entertainment and learned a bit. As a whole, the conference was full of emotion and passion which truly embodies what woodlot tenure holders and those working closely with woodlots are all about. It is the sincerity and caring of woodlot people that makes us who we are: a likeminded group of individuals who care so

deeply about the land that they have been given the privilege to manage. At the core of their passion, there is a commitment to work on growing meaningful relationships with First Nation communities and others who have the same passion for the forest lands and natural areas that play a significant role in providing a place for reflection and enjoyment.

We are extremely fortunate in our lives to be able to share our passion for the forest lands of BC and this is something that will definitely continue.

Woodlot licensees have said it is their belief that relations between woodlots and First Nations will grow stronger as we move forward, and the conference is proof of that. ♦

FBCWA 2022 Scholarship Award Winners

by Nancy Pezel

We are very pleased to announce that Claire Livingston and Braden Flett are winners of our annual scholarship award given to students who are related to a woodlot licensee &/or a Private Forest Land Owner or are 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.

Claire Livingston is our \$2000 scholarship winner. She is the daughter of Dion Livingston, W1502 and W0233, Peace River Woodlot Association.

Claire grew up in Fort St. John. Throughout her high school years, she was involved in many community and extracurricular activities. Something that she is most proud of is the work she did this past year as a volunteer coach for a local non-profit cheerleading club, where she had been a cheerleader herself for the past seven years. Claire says she loved being able to share her knowledge and passion for the sport with the athletes she coached and is proud of the progress and improvement she saw from her team, as well as the personal growth she has experienced so far.

This fall Clair moved to Vancouver to start her BSc in Natural Resource Conservation at UBC. She hopes to pursue a career in forest management or environmental research. While gaining practical forestry experience on her family's woodlots, Claire says she developed her interest in learning more about the many species that make up the forest and work together to create one cohesive ecosystem. She says she always had an interest in the environment and learning about how social and environmental issues correlate, so hopes to be able to use her degree in a career path that will allow her to be a part of the effort to develop solutions to the issues that our planet is being faced with today.

Braden Flett is our \$1000 scholarship winner. He is the son of Aaron Flett, W1480, Peace River Woodlot Association.

Growing up in Prince George, Braden has been involved in many volunteer and extracurricular activities. For many years he has volunteered for the Canadian Cancer Society, and for the past 3 years he has been a volunteer assistant coach for a hockey team for 12-13 year old players. Braden himself plays high level AA hockey and is looking to continue to play hockey into the future. He says he enjoys the outdoors, fishing,



Claire Livingston

hunting, and hiking and wants to work and play in Northern BC.

On the family woodlot he has helped his father with planting, pile burning and health walk-throughs. This fall Braden is enrolled at UNBC in the Civil Engineering program. With an interest in forestry bridges he hopes to make a living working with bridges in the forests of northern BC.

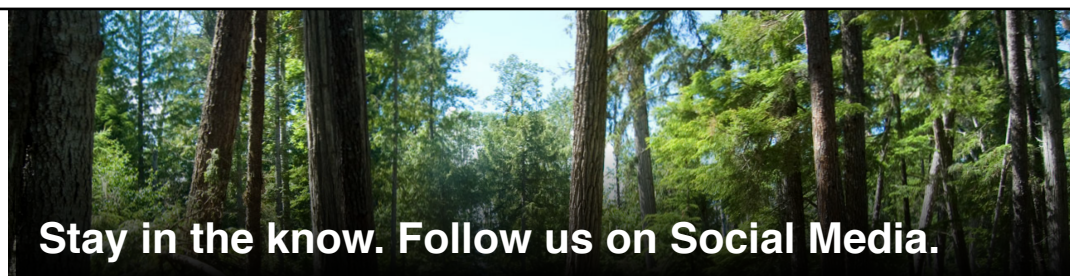
On page 19 you can read Brendan's essay that answers "What are the pros and cons of protecting rare and ancient old growth on Woodlots?"

The funds for these scholarship awards were generated through the "Silent Auction" at the FBCWA AGMs. Thank you for your continued support of the FBCWA Scholarship program! ♦


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Scholarship Award Winning Essay



Braden Flett

“What are the pros and cons of protecting rare and ancient old growth on Woodlots?”

by Braden Flett

I live in Prince George, BC and we have some old growth forests. At the Ancient Forest park we have old growth cedar that are amazing to walk through and be a part of. Our family has also fished in coastal areas such as Bella Coola and Kitimat BC where there are very large trees that are old growth. To protect these old communities means that they will be here for the next generation to admire and walk within the giants. This can also mean that forestry companies and also woodlots can be impacted by reducing the amount cut from an area if it is left to grow and not be used for cutting

trees. Old growth wood is valuable, and some specialty wood is used for guitars and other specialty items so to have zero harvest of these areas would impact these industries. There should also be thought to future old growth areas, such as a coastal 200 year old forest that could become a future old growth area once another old growth area dies out naturally. This planning needs to happen to ensure we always have old growth forests, not just the next few hundred years. Some of this planning is happening with caribou range areas as they require old growth for their life and diet.

BC is an area of the world where there are still old growth forests and enormous trees that make us people feel small and insignificant. People do come from all over the world to see these areas, and tourism is a growing industry that needs to continue to have these attractions. Although cutting these trees is attractive for timber, as we have learned there are only so many of these areas left and they can take up to thousands of years to grow back. Obviously this is not sustainable to cut these trees and also have areas where people can see trees that were

alive before our immediate families were.

This area of central BC was hit by the pine beetle and many forests were impacted by that, with the death of the trees and the logging of the areas. Pine is by nature not an old growth species, historically relying on fire or disease to reproduce every few hundred years. My family’s woodlot was also hit by the pine beetle and there are very few pine trees left that survived this infestation. To me these are areas that we would favour harvesting on a cycle over keeping old pine trees that could die and have no timber value.

We in BC need to keep a mix of old growth, areas for cutting, and respect all values in the forest such as animals, rare plants, and water values. We truly live in an ecological wonderland in BC, and we would not want to turn it into a monoculture of the same trees nor would we want to shut out industry from utilizing the fibre available to benefit the world. Woodlots are no exception to these expectations, and I hope to be able to work within the forests of BC someday and continue to see old growth trees. ♦



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

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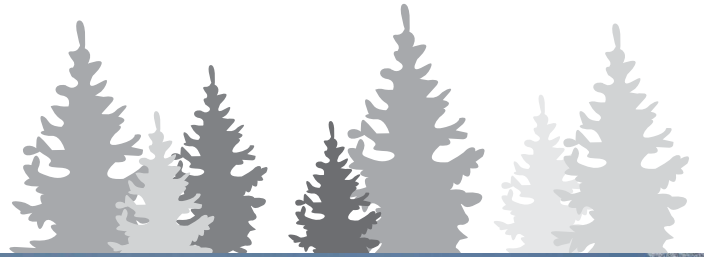
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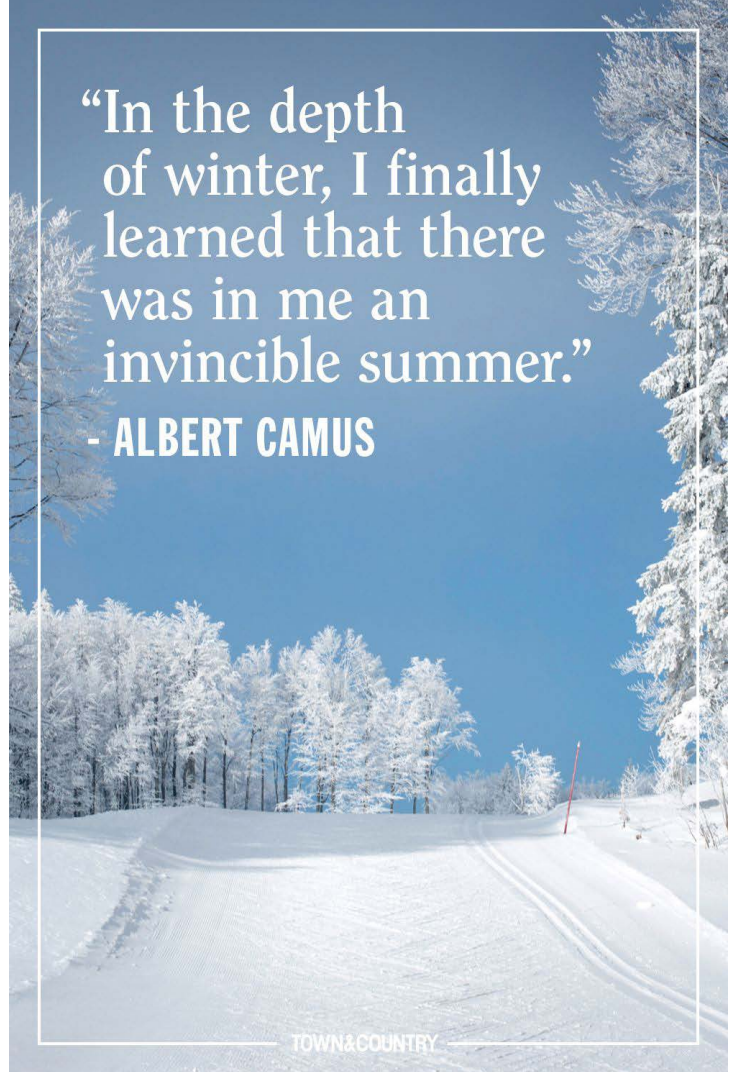
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