

The Woodlot Product Development Council Levy

Direct Benefits to Woodlot Licensees

The Woodlot Product Development Council is supported by collecting levy funds which allow us to:

- 1) Promote a positive image of the woodlot industry and its products
- 2) Educate the general public and buyers about the benefits of BC Woodlots and small-scale woodlot management
- 3) Initiate and/or support research and extension programs for the development and enhancement of the woodlot industry in the province.

Council works closely with the Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations (FBCWA) on initiatives outlined annually in a work plan. **Your levy fund** is directed towards four main areas: Member Support & Communications, Timber Pricing Support, Streamlining Administration and Relationship Building.

Member Support & Communications

- The Woodland Almanac is a quarterly publication distributed to 1250 readers including BC woodlot licensees, FBCWA members, BC First Nations, BC Community Forest Associations, MFR woodlot staff and woodlot associations across Canada
- The Woodlot Communicator digital newsletter is distributed 6 times/year to MLAs, Industry and Academic institutions
- Council sponsors the Annual General Meetings & Conferences
- Council produced and maintains a Log Buyers & Sellers Directory
- Council provides telephone support to licensees for the Woodlot AAC Program
- Council produces a Woodlot Calendar on request from licensees
- Council supports local Woodlot Associations through links on the website
- Council features 3-4 licensees annually in a Woodlot Stewardship Recognition Program
- Council hosts the Website: www.woodlot.bc.ca

Timber Pricing Support

- Council hires Interior & Coastal Timber Pricing Foresters who provide advice to licensees and are involved in: Tabular Rate Negotiations, Stumpage Forecasts & Appraisal Advisory Committees

Streamlining Administration

- Joint Working Group representation with MFR
- Woodlot Licence Regulation Reviews
- Input to Reporting Silviculture Updates and Land Status Tracking Systems (RESULTS)
- Unified voice to government on woodlot issues

Relationship Building

- Member of the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners
- Representation on the BC Safety Council, Minister's Practice Advisory Council & UBCM
- Affiliation with BC Community Forests, BC Cattlemen's, Private Forest Landowners, Central Interior Loggers, Northwest Loggers, and Western Silvicultural Contractors Associations
- Liaison with the Canadian Forest Service and the Federal Government on tax issues, softwood discussions, federal beetle funding initiatives and carbon sequestration.

2012 FBCWA Priorities funded by the WPDC include:

Actively Being Managed

- Safety
- Economic Development
- Revise Vision & Strategy to reflect FBCWA & WPDC working together
- Natural Resource Road Act
- Association Building
- Private Land Withdrawal
- One Cutting Permit
- Free Growing Declarations
- WL Program (expansion, WLs for young people, WL surrender, WL sub-dividing, AAC)
- Training Course (freedom to manage, WL risks & responsibilities)
- Professional Reliance
- Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation
- Woodlot 4 Windows
- Seek FFT & other program funding
- Resolutions
- Land Based Investment Program

- Integrated Veg. Mgmt Plan template

Actioned as Time Permits

- E-FM
- Stumpage (Tab rates, annual rent, ERAA settlement & Land Rent)
- Tax Reforms
- BRIDGES (woodSource BC)
- Undercut Carry Forward
- Catastrophic Events
- MFR Communications with WL licensees
- Agro-forestry Initiative
- Rewarding volunteer efforts
- PL (non-sched A Land) fire protection
- Replace WL document
- Waste & Residue
- Fire Prevention/Protection
- Capital Gains wrt WL sales & transfers: Almanac notice

Maintenance Mode, being monitored

- Include incr silv. In WLPPR
- Group health/Affinity- CILA
- Woodworkers Lien Act
- Provincial Trails Strategy
- WL Surrender
- Migratory Birds Convention Act
- Commercial Forest Reserves
- Aboriginal Recognition & Reconciliation Act
- Receiving Licences
- Silviculture Discussion Paper
- Carbon Credits/Protocols

Much of the work is accomplished by woodlot licensees who volunteer for the Council or the FBCWA executive. When the work goes beyond what is expected of a volunteer, the Council hires contractors to meet its objectives.

In 2012 the following Contractors are hired by the WPDC:

- Brian McNaughton FBCWA General Manager
- Blain Arnett Interior Timber Pricing Forester
- Ed Hughes Coast Timber Pricing Forester
- Cathy McClary WPDC Coordinator
- Mike Bandstra Woodlot AAC Program Telephone Support
- Lisa Marak Communications coordinator
- Tom Bradley e-FM Project

The Council would like to remind you that it needs all licensees' levies to continue funding these important tasks.