



2026 Woodlots BC Conference and 29th Annual General Meeting

TIGH-NA-MARA RESORT, PARKSVILLE, BC

Retreat to the woods and waves of Vancouver Island this fall for the 29th Annual Woodlots BC Conference and AGM in Parksville from October 1-3. This year's event will be held at the tranquil Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort, located on the traditional lands of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As First Nations.

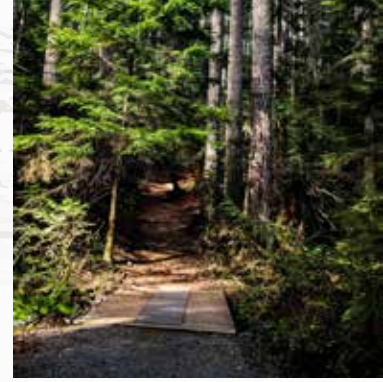
Explore the theme "Woods & Waves: Navigating the Narrative" through coastal field tours followed by a full day of speakers and sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity to combine professional development with a relaxing resort experience. Enjoy the 22-acre forested oceanfront resort featuring 3kms of sandy beach, the Grotto Spa, indoor pool and on-site restaurant.



WOODS & WAVES

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Parksville, BC | October 1-3





Navigating The Narrative

Beyond the engaging field tours, the conference offers the chance to connect with fellow woodlot licensees, First Nations communities, government staff, researchers, students and other stakeholders.



This year's theme is Woods & Waves: Navigating the Narrative. Woodlots in BC face unique, shifting challenges—from intense weather events to changing regulations. This theme uses “navigation” as a metaphor, positioning open communication and collective wisdom as the ultimate compass for woodlot managers.

Sessions and speakers throughout the day will spark insightful conversations, propel the exchange of valuable knowledge, and highlight the potential for exciting collaborations

And it doesn't end there! Unwind and network in a relaxed and enjoyable setting at the Woodlots BC Banquet. This signature event provides a fantastic opportunity to further connect with colleagues and celebrate the contributions of the woodlot sector. To encourage the next generation of forestry professionals, a special student registration rate is available. Adding to the excitement, the banquet will feature a Silent Auction, offering a chance to bid on unique items and support the Woodlots BC Bursary Fund.

Remember, active learning activities (e.g., presentations) at the conference are eligible for continuing professional development with Forest Professionals BC.

Win Your Registration Back!

Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to the future of woodlots while indulging in a rejuvenating getaway! Register by the Early Bird deadline on August 31, 2026, for a chance to win your Early Bird registration back. (\$400 max.)

AGM

In conjunction with the event, and to meet its legal requirements, the Woodlot Product Development Council will conduct its 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the evening of Thursday, October 1. All woodlot licensees are invited to attend the WPDC AGM portion of the conference “free of charge.” We require a minimum of 43 licensees to meet quorum. All woodlot licensees are members of the WPDC and may vote at the AGM. If you choose to stay for the remainder of the conference, registration and payment is required.



Conference Sponsors:



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Field Trips

Take your pick of East or West
when it comes to field tours!



West Option: Port Alberni & Indigenous Enterprise

Embark on a scenic journey across central Vancouver Island to Port Alberni, passing Mt. Arrowsmith, Cathedral Grove, and recent wildfire recovery areas along Highway 4. Situated within the traditional territory of the Hupačasath and Tseshaht First Nations, this region is renowned for its rich timber history and world-class fishing.

Tour Highlights:

- **Kleekhoot Gold Facility:** Visit the ground-breaking production facility of the first commercial-scale producers of Bigleaf Maple syrup, owned by the Hupačasath First Nation.
- **Woodlot W0011 Walk:** Explore the fertile Beaver Creek valley with licensee Todd Thompson. You will walk the historic Log Train Trail, view impressive Douglas-fir stands, and discuss managing multi-use recreation, neighbour relations, and First Nations partnerships.



East Option: Coastal Forestry & Community Recreation

This tour explores Nanoose Bay, Errington, Lantzville, and North Nanaimo, situated within the Snaw-naw-as, Qualicum, and Snuneymuxw First Nations territories. The itinerary highlights private forest management and community integration. Please bring high vis and hard hat.

Tour Highlights:

- **Mosaic Forest Management:** Tour their Nanoose Bay Dry Land Sort to discuss coastal log buying, and walk through a commercially thinned stand. Lunch is hosted at Shawn Flynn's Christmas Tree Farm.
- **Woodlot W1475 (Bus A):** Explore the Gregson woodlot in Lantzville to learn how the operators navigated a tumultuous history by successfully improving communication with the local council and neighbours.
- **Woodlot W0012 (Bus B):** Visit the Heikkila woodlot in North Nanaimo to learn how the licensee co-manages heavy recreational use—including hikers, motocross, and the Nanaimo Mountain Bike Club's famous "Fine China" trail.

**Spaces are limited, especially on the West Tour,
so register early for your top pick!**

Agenda At A Glance (subject to change)

Thursday October 1

- 6:00 pm Registration & No Host Social, Silent Auction
- 6:45 pm Info session / FAQ on the membership vote
- 7:15 pm Break
- 7:30 pm 29th AGM
(Note: Voting closes at the start of the AGM, 7:30pm)

Friday October 2

- 7:30 am Breakfast & Registration
- 8:30 am Field Tour 1 & 2:
Board the buses
Note: 2 buses for East Side Field Tour; 1 bus for West Side
- 4:30 pm Return to Tigh Na Mara
- 6:30 pm Casual Supper, No Host Social & Silent Auction

Saturday October 3

- 7:30 am Registration & Breakfast
- 8:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:00 am 1st Presentation
- 10:00 am Refreshment Break
- 10:30 am 2nd Presentation
- 11:30 am Minister's Award:
Excellence in Woodlot Management
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm 3rd Presentation
- 2:00 pm Refreshment Break
- 2:30 pm 4th Presentation
- 3:30 pm 5th Presentation
- 6:00 pm Banquet & Silent Auction

Registration Form, Information and Fees

Conference Registration fee includes:

2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, all refreshment breaks and transportation for field trips.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Before August 31: Full Refund
From August 31 to September 13: A \$50 admin fee charged.
After September 13: No Refund

Print your name as it will appear on Name Badge.

Please complete one registration form for each full Conference Registration.

Delegate Name #1:

Name #2 Guest For Banquet Only:

Only add a banquet ticket if the guest will only be attending the banquet. A separate registration will be needed if your guest will be attending the entire conference.

Woodlot # or Organization:

Mailing Address Street:

City & Province:

Postal Code

Phone:

Email:

Describe any Special Dietary needs:

Field Trip: ☐ West ☐ East - Please bring high vis and hard hat

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Rates	Qty.	By Aug 31	After Aug 31	Total Price
Woodlot Licensee Member		\$400	\$500	
Delegate Registration		\$480	\$600	
Student Rate (Saturday Only - does not include banquet)		\$100	\$100	
Field Tour Only (lunch included)		\$100	\$100	
Banquet Ticket Only		\$75	\$75	
Virtual Only (Saturday Only)		\$100	\$100	
Total				

Payment:

Two options to register and pay:

- Complete online registration <https://woodlotsbc.ca/w26> and send e-transfer payment to: admin@woodlotsbc.ca. Please include your **First and Last name in the e-transfer memo.**
- Complete paper copy of Registration Form and mail along with cheque payable to: **Woodlot Product Development Council**
15799 McDonagh Road, Lake Country, BC V4V 2E7

Host Accommodations

Tigh Na Mara Resort:

Phone: 1 800-663-7373

www.tigh-na-mara.com

Other hotels that are close:

Pacific Shores Resort

Rath Trevor Beach Provincial Park: \$35/night. Book three months in advance.

Located right beside Beach Club Resort downtown Parksville.

Travel

Tigh-Na-Mara is located on the sandy beaches of Parksville BC. Parksville is north central on the east side of Vancouver Island.

Parksville is located:

2 hours north of Victoria

30 min north of Nanaimo

45min south of Comox Valley

2.4 hours east of Tofino.

You will need to arrange car travel if arriving on the island by foot or air.

FERRIES:

Hullo Ferries by Foot: Arrives in Nanaimo.

BC Ferries: Foot passenger or car.

Reserve for all sailings.

Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay (Victoria)

Tsawwassen to Duke Point (Nanaimo)

Tsawwassen to Departure Bay (Nanaimo)

Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay (Nanaimo)

AIR:

Connecting flights from Vancouver
International fly into Nanaimo Airport, Comox Valley Airport, or Qualicum Beach Airport via Iskwew Air.

Air Canada: Conference package with 10% off booking if 10 people register. Promo Code: CNR4PD21.

West Jet: Use code 5K4J1FK

Helijet: www.Helijet.com

Offers return flights between downtown Vancouver and Nanaimo. Convention travel considered for 12 or more passengers travelling to same convention.

Harbour Air Seaplanes: Flights from Vancouver to Nanaimo.

SeaAir/Hullo Ferries: (Not sure if this will be offered in October) Fly one way sail back or vice versus. www.seairseaplanes.com/schedules-fares/special-offers/#_offers. SeaAir charters up to 9 passengers.

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