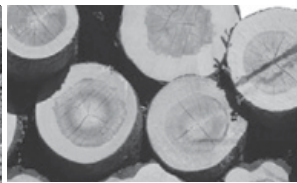




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## The Path Chosen:

John Massier's life among the trees, rivers and mountains  
of Canada's Forest Capital

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*By Deborah Greaves for the  
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***Editor's Note: John was  
the chair of the 2010 AGM  
Organizing Committee. The  
AGM was successfully held  
in Quesnel September 16-18,  
2010.***

John Massier wasn't born in the province of British Columbia, but it seems he was meant to be here. A military kid whose father enjoyed a varied and honourable career as a pilot with the Canadian Armed Forces, Massier spent most of his high school years in Europe. He and his family returned to Canada in time for John to complete his Grade 12 year in

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John Massier - enjoying the good life in beautiful British Columbia



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# Exploring Future Directions

## FBCWA and WPDC Joint Annual General Meeting and Conference Report

By Sara Grady

Licensees from woodlots across BC gathered for the FBCWA's 23rd and the WPDC's 13th Joint Annual General Meeting and Conference to address issues ranging from invasive species to carbon credits and environmental stewardship and got some great hospitality and entertainment wrapped up in the deal.

It was a fitting venue for this year's meeting: the Cariboo Regional District was recently named 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada by the Canadian Forestry Association, an honour that recognizes the innovation and dedication of the area's forest practitioners.

Friday's agenda was chock full for delegates. After a hearty breakfast and warm welcome from Quesnel Mayor Mary Sjoström – the first civic leader to pass a Wood First bylaw – delegates dove right into business with committee reports and updates from all quarters.

The afternoon Keynote Speaker, Antony Marcil, delivered a thought-provoking talk on the merits of the Forest Stewardship Council, a certification program designed to harmonize economic, social and environmental imperatives in the industry. Members were interested to learn that a considerable number of standards set by this international watchdog are already entrenched practices in the BC Woodlot program.

Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and



Minister Pat Bell addressing the delegates at the AGM in Quesnel

Range, was on hand to recognize three licensees from Williams Lake, Vanderhoof and Quadra Island for their lasting contribution to woodlot management. The honours, awarded at the Friday night banquet, came with a \$500 dollar award for each recipient. Rod Blake, Anne Davidson and Alex Hartford were lauded by Bell.

"A woodlot licensee is a tree planter, harvester, miller and small business manager – all at the same time," said Bell. "While all licensees have long-term relationships with the forest they manage and the communities they live in, the three I recognized have created true legacies."

Consistent with the conference's theme of "Future Directions", Bell

also addressed some emerging trends in the industry. He spoke to an initiative aimed at encouraging younger families to enter the woodlot program, as well as advances in aerial fire-fighting techniques. He discussed the changes in building codes that allow wood frame construction up to six storeys and cited several examples of structures already under construction or near completion. The Minister suggested that consumers will be keen to pursue this renewable and economical alternative to concrete in the future.

The Minister shared his optimism regarding BC's expanding presence in China and committed to actively pursuing greater opportunities in that burgeoning market. It was suggested that the government aims to increase the proportion of lumber and value-added products destined overseas in order to reduce our reliance on any one trading partner.

Bell also announced that the first of the "Minister of Forests and Range Award of Excellence for Woodlot Management" will be presented in 2011, with a total of up to \$8,500 awarded across the three forest regions. Successful candidates will be recognized for accomplishments and contributions in site productivity, improved utilization and streamlined administration. Members can check out the details and get submission forms at [www.woodlot.bc.ca](http://www.woodlot.bc.ca).

Members of the Quesnel Woodlot

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# Thanks for a successful AGM!

By Brian McNaughton

A great big THANK YOU to the Quesnel Woodlot Association and all those who helped plan, organize and carry out this year's Annual General Meeting. From the speakers to the field trips to the fabulous meals, it was a wonderful event. The highlight of the weekend had to be Friday evening's entertainment by a group of young people who go by the name of YES, which stands for Youth in Exchange for Service. This is a group of Quesnel young people who sing and dance to songs from a particular era. In our case it was 1970s; which was a very good decade for most of the gray hairs or baldies in the audience. The money they raise goes towards youth suicide prevention. It was very inspiring and an awful lot of fun ... just ask Mary Jo Tewinkel who was rockin' and a rollin' with the lead singer during one of the audience dance participation segments of the show!

Minister Pat Bell and his wife Brenda attended on Friday evening for dinner and a speech. Pat awarded the first three Minister's Awards for



Brian McNaughton,  
General Manager

Woodlot Excellence to three very deserving recipients - Anne Davidson, Rod Blake and Alex Hartford. Each received a certificate and \$500 cheque. There's \$8500 more to be awarded this year. More information about the award, the criteria and how to be nominated can be found on the Federation's website.

The Minister advised that he will decide about private land removal by December 31st. The Ministry is currently in the process of doing its due diligence.

Expansion of the Woodlot Licence Program is proceeding quite well. It's a bit behind in terms of timing but the commitment is still there to award 150,000m3 of new WLs. The expansion plan has recently been revised and expansion should be complete within the next two years. Minister Bell also expressed a strong interest in figuring out how to get some WLs into the hands of young people. The Joint Working Group will be setting its mind to this challenge – one that the Federation supports.

The staged implementation of 1 CP (cutting permit) is going so well in the Campbell River, Peace and Quesnel Forest Districts that the JWG

committee responsible for this project has started drafting the procedures necessary for expanding 1 CP into other parts of the province. With the MFR executive's approval, the use of 1 CP in more districts could occur early in 2011.

Professional reliance generated a fair amount of discussion. Essentially this is where the MFR grants an approval based on a submission that has been signed and sealed by a professional. It has huge implications to WLs in terms of costs and workloads. In many respects it is taking management of the WL away from the licensee who is the person most familiar with the WL and placing it with someone who does not know the area as well. The Federation is on the Professional Reliance Working Group tasked with making recommendations to the MFR regarding the implementation of professional reliance.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge Nigel Ross for all his efforts as a member of the Executive Committee for the last few years. I would also like to congratulate Wolfram Wollenheit who was voted onto the executive. Shawn Flynn, Nancy Pezel and Tom Bradley were all re-elected to the Executive. ♦

## FBCWA Vision

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licenses 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. ♦

# Looking a-Wood-lot like fall

by Blain Arnett

I hope everyone had a good summer; it goes by too fast doesn't it! It was nice to meet all those who attended the Quesnel AGM on September 17 and 18th. The meeting was a good place to get some insight into forest policy changes and direction, potential markets, stumpage discussions and updates from the Minister of Forests. Who knew that it was also an opportunity to find out how the fishing is in Prince Rupert, how the fall grape crop is in the Okanagan, how ranching is doing in the Peace, how moose hunting is going in Prince George, where good summer beaches are in Qualicum, and where some good campgrounds are in the Kootenay area. Where else can get you all this information at one meeting? My thanks to the Quesnel host committee for putting on a good show!

Now that it is the fall season it is time to decide if some logging is in order. If you have dead pine beetle stands the answer is to get it logged as soon as you can. If you have green wood then maybe waiting for better markets is a good idea. A dead pine beetle stand is a detriment to the woodlot; it is losing value and is not contributing to your AAC. Check your pine stands for viability - you may find the shelf life is not as long as you might be led to believe. Once the pine starts rotting at the stump and falling over it makes a real mess; in fact you will find the logging actually



Blain Arnett,  
Interior Timber Pricing  
Coordinator

becomes a form of site preparation for preparing the area to plant new trees. Simply trying to break even and pay for the planting costs becomes a challenge.

The stumpage rate for your woodlot is known, it is shown in Table 6-2 of the appraisal manual (page 100). The manual can be linked through the BC Woodlot Federation website/members/workplan portfolios/timber pricing/interior appraisal manual.

Some of the current rates are (\$/m3):

North Central:	0.86 Fir, 0.89 Pine,	1.11 Spruce
North East	: 0.74 Pine, 1.02 Spruce	
North West	: 0.44 Cedar, 1.99 Pine,	1.58 Spruce
South East	: 1.41 Cedar, 1.11 Fir,	1.47 Pine. 1.65 Spruce
South West	: 2.71 Cedar, 1.46 Fir,	1.20 Pine, 1.44 Spruce

The above rates are as of August 1, 2010. The rates in Table 6-2 do change during the year when the table is updated to allow for new appraisal data; expect an update to Table 6-2 with new rates in November. The rate applied to a new cutting permit will use the rates from Table 6-2 at the time of permit approval. Please be aware of possible rate changes to Table 6-2 when applying for a cutting

permit in October and November. Once your permit has a rate it is fixed until July 31, 2011.

Log markets continue to be weak, lumber is currently \$200 to \$220 US\$ per 1000 BF. Housing starts in the USA are around 560,000 per year (at the peak they were over 2,000,000), the unsold inventory of houses in the US is high, defaults on mortgages are increasing and the unemployment rate in the US high, all are not good factors for increasing the demand in lumber from our number one 2 x 4 buyer. Expect stable market conditions but with weak prices for the near term.

Please feel free to forward any comments, phone calls and emails of your concerns or issues. I can be reached at 250-964-4105 or at [greggcreek@shaw.ca](mailto:greggcreek@shaw.ca) and remember managing your forest is a good long term investment, don't be discouraged by current market conditions they will eventually improve. ♦

## 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. ♦

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Saskatchewan.

He was just sixteen when he first visited BC. He arrived to attend his brother's wedding, and was smitten enough to return each summer while attending university to work in BC's mills. By 1974, Massier decided to make his life in the province. While he'd been a geography major at university, on graduation Massier became immersed in the tree planting business.

'When I moved out here,' Massier said, 'I fell in love with the forest, with the rural lifestyle.' Tree planting and doing brush work kept him outside. To be able to work outside in winter, he earned First Aid certification so he could get work as a First Aid attendant on oil drilling sites.

He met his wife Hazel when she applied for a job with his firm in 1984. While in their twenties, the pair bought 180 acres of land along the Cottonwood River with two other partners. They built a home of logs hauled one by one by Massier and his pickup truck in a forest clearing on the land.

Massier and Hazel later bought out each of the other partners and remain in the original house which is 'well off the grid,' with their Golden Retriever dogs and several family members nearby. Their fridge, stove and lights are propane, sometimes they use a generator and there's satellite for internet and television. They pump water from a well and burn wood for warmth. Complimentary to their interests in wetland remediation and forestry,



## “If you had a choice in life, why wouldn't you live here in BC?”

both remain actively involved in silviculture.

The land that John Massier and Hazel purchased along the river decades ago had been clearcut. Now, both their private land and the woodlot they manage are generously treed and picturesque, and the untrained eye has a difficult time spotting the slender cuts and stumps of harvested trees. The tree species there are 40 percent pine, 40 percent spruce, the balance a mix of Douglas fir and balsam along with deciduous aspen, cottonwood and birch. The details on the acquisition of their woodlot licence are unusual.

When their private land was first

acquired, John and Hazel realized theirs was the only private land within five kilometres, and possessed special features, including riparian areas surrounding the river and two major creeks. They discovered their property was bordered by Tree Farm licence #52 held by West Fraser, the activities of which could greatly affect their land. They also learned West Fraser was willing to contribute a percentage of their allowable cut area into the Woodlot program.

Massier knew West Fraser through his silviculture business, but had heard for years the woodlot program was tough to access. In 1991 Hazel became a forest technician which supported their application. Meanwhile, West Fraser gave up some of their tree farm licence area to create a generous boundary around Massier's land. They were able to apply for a woodlot licence - something they'd hoped to do for years - and in 1993, they had their licence for Woodlot #1406.

'The community ties didn't hurt,' Massier said in July. Their silviculture business, carried on exclusively in the Cariboo region, hit the '40 million trees' mark during the 2008/2009 planting season. Through the tree-planting and later involvement with the local government - John was elected to the Board of Directors for the Cariboo Regional District by acclamation in 2008 - John and Hazel are long-established in the community of Quesnel.

Massier is proud of Cariboo Regional District's newly awarded title, Forest Capital of Canada.



‘We’ve been hammered here by the pine beetle, but we’re still a forest-dependent region, and forestry is so much more than boards coming out of a mill.’ Massier said the region wanted to highlight the diversity of its forestry activities, including log home building, wilderness tourism, non-timber forest products such as birch toffee.

Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House and Wells, he said, form a dynamic forestry group that’s the log home capital of Canada as well as a regional centre that includes two busy pulp mills owned partly by West Fraser with Japanese partners, plywood mills, manufacturers of strand board and specialty products. Though the entire region has been beset in the summer of 2010 by a new plague- numerous forest fires- Quesnel is still harvesting some high-quality beetle-killed trees.

John Massier is proud to serve his community through volunteer time as a Regional District director, member of numerous commissions and Director with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations.

‘You can be as active as you like,’ Massier said, ‘it is interesting work and you meet interesting people. It’s opened up some great opportunities.’ He’s also pleased that other forest managers are involved, with two woodlot licensees on the Board of Directors for Cariboo Regional District and another on city council at 100 Mile House.

Despite the many challenges, John Massier believes in the future of forestry in BC. He clearly feels the woodlot program is important,

that he and his partner are fortunate to have a woodlot licence. He also feels that, even in the Forest Capital of Canada, few people know about British Columbia’s woodlot program, which is a reason he agreed to be interviewed.

Massier feels woodlots like his are an important asset to wildlife habitat, as well as a measure of protection for fish, wetlands and waterways. His private property, adjacent to the Crown land in his woodlot licence, acts as a buffer between possible abusers of the land and water. Meanwhile, while open to various community uses such as horseback riding, hiking and fishing, his woodlot is partially protected.

Within his woodlot licence which includes his private land, bear, lynx, deer, moose, mountain caribou, the occasional elk, cougar and sometimes wolves live their lives in the forest at an almost ideal elevation. He was pleased to take part in a Forest Renewal program, and while out in the woodlot on tour, displays several small trees, about two feet high, that are thriving.

Despite the challenges, Massier believes in the woodlot program, and though he spends hours behind the wheel of his truck to meet his many commitments, he’s happy with the lifestyle.

‘If you have a choice in life,’ Massier said in Quesnel, ‘why wouldn’t you live here in BC, surrounded by rivers, forests and mountains?’ ♦

## Life Membership Policy Approved

The Federation Executive Committee recently approved a Life Membership Policy. The policy is intended as a guide and will hopefully encourage people to nominate worthy individuals. It outlines a simple process to follow as discusses some of the criteria that will used to evaluate any nominations. The policy can be found at [www.woodlot.bc.ca](http://www.woodlot.bc.ca)

Life membership is an honorary designation that entitles the holder to free membership in the Federation with all rights of membership except executive voting privileges.

Over the years, the Federation has only bestowed the honor of life membership on Al Waters and Peter Sanders. There are obviously other worthy individuals who have excelled in helping to build an association &/or the Federation, WL program growth & advancement, leadership, extension or other actions that served the Federation or its causes in an exemplary manner. If you know someone who you believe is worthy of a life membership, please review the policy and submit your nomination. ♦

## Better Sooner Than Later

*By Harold Macy, Director, NIWA*

Recently one of the founding members of the North Island Woodlot Association passed away in Courtenay. Bob Woods was the son of pioneer Comox Valley farmers and a tireless advocate for better forest practices long before many of us knew how to lace up our caulk boots. He worked in the industry for his entire life and had a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. His awareness was not theoretical or questionable but based in years of seeing (with his one good eye) the degradation caused by industrial logging. He was an innovator and one to adopt new techniques. We will miss him.

There are getting to be lots of old guys like Bob in our woodlot community. Many of them are not able to get out in their beloved forests anymore. Many are also unacknowledged for their contributions to the type of stewardship we all recognize as the better way. In the early 'eighties, a group of malcontents gathered in Fort St. John to form the Federation. Several of the men around that table are no longer with us.

A few months ago, acting on a hunch and desire, I wrote Bob a letter quietly thanking him for all the years of dedication he invested into NIWA and the Woodlot Program. I didn't expect or receive a reply for that wasn't Bob's style, but at the memorial his daughter told me that

card was always on his desk and even in his car among the most important mementos.

So I suggest to you, our membership, if you know of some old grumpy fart who has hung up his boots and sits looking out the window—go get him, take him for a drive, or drop a note in the mail telling him how much his contributions have helped change forestry in this province. Tomorrow may be too late. ♦

*RIP Bob Woods  
February 3, 1930 –  
September 15, 2010*

*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 [cjmclary@shaw.ca](mailto:cjmclary@shaw.ca).*

**Nominate your community for the 2011 Forest Capital of BC by November 12, 2010. For more information visit the ABCFP website at: [www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)**

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*MFR Staff: Dave Haley, Victoria  
and Steven Henderson, Prince George  
take some time out of the office to visit local woodlots.*



# WPDC Investment Fund

By Steven Wright  
WPDC Treasurer

At the Sept 2010 AGM some questions were asked of the Investment Fund. Hopefully by sharing this information with the membership, it will help to make the investments and strategy clear. The accompanying report and the Investment Account Statement shows the investments currently held by the fund.

**How did we get this fund?** The fund was created from the surplus revenue. The harvest rates and AAC on many woodlots were increased to help deal with the MPB epidemic. Most of our revenue is from the levy based on AAC. Revenue increased dramatically and operating expenses only increased slightly. Over the years, this surplus

was put into the fund and the growth of the fund itself has created the value of the investment fund.

## What is the investment strategy?

The investment fund is managed by Philips Hagar and North. The financial advisor has authority to manage using the council's strategic target. Previous councils developed the targets and chose the investment company. Current council reviews and may modify the strategy. The current strategic goals are Cash 5%, Fixed Income 75%, Canadian equities 15%, and US equities 5%. The financial advisor can vary from the target, but moves to these targets as funds are bought and sold. The strategy is based on low to medium risk, which is the preferred choice indicated by woodlot licensees who respond to the annual questionnaire.

## What is the purpose of the fund?

The purpose is to benefit and promote the woodlot industry throughout the province of BC. The WPDC achieves this by funding various activities of the council and the Federation of BC woodlot associations. The revenue for the WPDC is expected to decrease as the AAC is reduced. This fund is expected to a) augment the income as revenue from the levy decreases and b) to fund research activities of the council.

WPDC welcomes input from members to achieve its goals. We are also seeking directors if you would like to help set the direction of the council. If anyone has questions or would like to more information please contact me. Steven Wright, WPDC Treasurer [tutshi1@telus.net](mailto:tutshi1@telus.net) ♦

## Portfolio of Funds Investment Account Statement

January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010

Owner  
Account Number

Bc Woodlot Product Development Council  
3500980

### Your Investment Account Holdings

Fund	Unit Balance	Average Cost/Unit (\$)	Adjusted Cost Base (\$)	Market Price/Unit (\$)	Market Value (\$)	Percentage of Total Portfolio
Canadian Money Market Fund Series D	14,011.748	10.0000	140,117.48	10.0000	140,117.48	6.9
Short Term Bnd & Mtge Fund Series D	65,704.565	10.0466	660,109.79	10.4221	684,779.55	33.8
Total Return Bond Fund Series D	71,655.282	10.8455	777,140.26	11.1071	795,882.38	39.2
Canadian Income Fund Series D	1,802.269	14.0490	25,320.16	10.3016	18,566.25	0.9
Dividend Income Fund Series D	854.898	70.2099	60,022.32	74.7941	63,941.33	3.2
Canadian Equity Fund Series D	2,577.009	83.1922	214,387.12	78.7085	202,832.51	10.0
Overseas Equity Fund Series D	2,234.132	12.0875	27,005.00	9.5673	21,374.61	1.1
C-Hedged Overseas Equity Series D	2,596.978	8.8564	23,000.00	8.0971	21,027.99	1.0
U.S. Equity Fund Series D	1,450.246	34.8603	50,555.94	28.1700	40,853.43	2.0
C-Hedged US Equity Series D	5,576.657	7.5314	42,000.00	6.9219	38,601.06	1.9
<b>Total</b>			2,019,658.07		2,027,976.59	100.0

#### Notes:

- Valuations are reported in Canadian dollars. The March 31, 2010 Cdn/US exchange rate is 1.0145.
- In some cases the actual Book Value (or Adjusted Cost Base) of your units may differ from the amounts shown in our records.
- Important note for Canadian Residents: If you hold units of the same fund in more than one investment account, your adjusted cost base (ACB) is now calculated on a pooled basis in line with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requirement to pool identical properties. As a result, joint investment account holders may each carry a different ACB for a fund if one of them also holds that fund in another account.

# AGM Highlights

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Association were also handing out cash at Friday's festivities. The Quesnel Community Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for its citizens, was the benefactor of a \$50,000 donation from the local chapter of the federation.

The banquet wrapped up with a spirited performance by the YES (Youth Entertain for Service) Group, a talented and enthusiastic troop of young entertainers who raised the timber roof on the Seniors Centre with their musical review. The crowd

clapped and cheered and danced along to a fast-paced medley of songs spanning the decades. The host AGM committee made a generous donation on behalf of the YES group to Youth Suicide Prevention in Quesnel.

Field tours on Saturday provided members with opportunities to enjoy the beautiful terrain and examine the practices of local woodlot licensees. Guests on the West tour got a snapshot of some creative families pursuing value-added ventures on their property, while those going East explored woodlots dealing with fire

management and invasive species issues, travelling north to Barkerville as storyteller John Massier entertained them with local lore along the way.

It was a well-organized, productive weekend for members thanks to the hard work and genuine hospitality of the Quesnel Woodlot Association. Watch future editions of the Almanac and the Woodland Communicator as we tell you more about the value-added initiatives being pursued in the Cariboo, and across the province. ♦



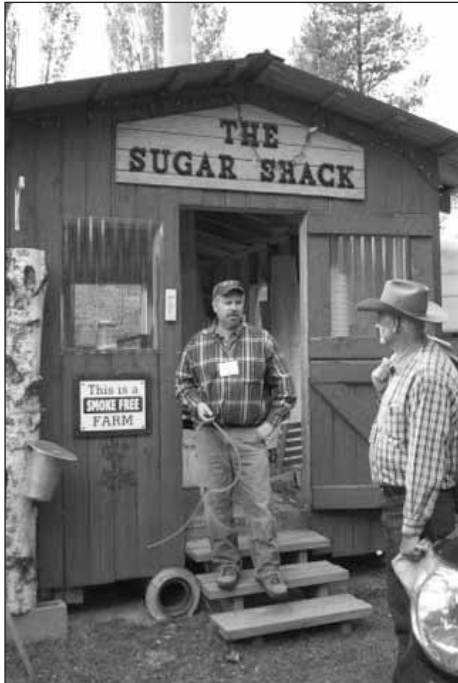


# AGM Highlights

Quesnel, BC - September 16-18, 2010

## Welcome!

The FBCWA executive is pleased to welcome Wolfram Wollenheit. The WPDC executive is pleased to welcome Ken Pedersen, Director Prince George. Thank you to outgoing directors Nigel Ross, FBCWA and Ainslie Jackman, WPDC. ♦



## Silent Auction

Thank you to those who supported this year's Silent Auction which raised \$1300.00. The proceeds go directly into the FBCWA Scholarship fund. Lisa and Rhonda - see you next year! ♦

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## Thank You

A huge thank you is extended to this year's AGM Host Committee: John Massier, Bruce Ernst, Liz Bensted, Colin Carter, Stephanie Waring, Ted Traer, Chris Elden and Cathy McClary. ♦





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### FBCWA Resolution #1

Whereas: Forest fire protection issues continue to be a problem within the province;

The Executive gives consideration to: Continuing liaison with the wildfire management division of the Ministry of Forests as to how the woodlot fraternity might assist in improving control and suppression of wildfires.

CARRIED

### FBCWA Resolution #2

Whereas: The world of carbon credits and offsets can be difficult to understand;

The Executive gives consideration to: Develop a set of information and tools that will assist woodlot licensees to make informed business decisions about participating in carbon sales.

CARRIED

### FBCWA Resolution #3

Whereas: We need the one cutting permit for the Nadina Forest District;

In the next stage of the implementation of the one cutting permit please consider the Nadina Forest.

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# Billy Too Wide

*Editor's Note: The following "tale" is unfortunately based on truth with some poetic licencing admittedly added by the author.*

*By Harold Macy*

With a grunt, Billy Too Wide slid into the worn vinyl stool at the counter. It creaked under the load as he wedged his stomach in the allotted space. He peered through grimy glasses at Shirley, the no-nonsense waitress, and nodded when she raised a coffee mug in silent question. Just as well since Billy was still heaving for breath, having walked from his beater truck-of-the-week, past the gas pumps up the wooden steps and into the store. Surprising for him to be so fat and airless considering what he does for a living.

Billy is notorious from one end of this island to the other. He's done time for petty crime and will probably again, he's that kind of guy. Minor larceny, golf cart thefts, break and enter, assault, audacious shoplifting and one arson charge that was never proven. Firewood is his latest enterprise. It's tough hard physical work hanging on the back end of a screaming chainsaw, swinging a splitting maul to bust up the rounds, bending and lifting hundreds of times each day, coming up with a chunk of wood and tossing it into the truck. But Billy doesn't do the work alone. Though he doesn't let them come in, waiting in the truck chain-smoking are his helpers—transients or crackheads from the squat near town. Billy pays cash daily.

Roy and I were at the table with

the wobbly legs. He works for me up in our woodlot. He's indispensable, but I'd never tell him that and anyway he knows it. We do well together. After coffee we were heading back logging, when he jerked his head and lifted an eyebrow as BTW plopped down.

We had a pretty strong hunch he had been visiting us over the winter. Several padlocks on our bush gates had been shattered by some specialized tool. Getting the wood on the truck and out in quick time is a vital part of Billy's business plan. So he goes up a road, drops a couple of nice two-foot diameter firs across, and his lads fly at it, taking only that portion easily and quickly accessible. This leaves more than half the tree as waste. Like those morons who kill bears for their body parts and supposed aphrodisiacal glands. It wouldn't surprise me if Billy had tried that too. Luckily, after his last conviction he was supposedly banned from having firearms, but I know what's under the rags behind the seat of his truck. Life insurance for a bad man like him.

Just a month ago, one of our gates totally disappeared. Using a cut-off saw, the culprit bucked through the four inch square box beam, leaving the padlock and futile hasp dangling from one post and the hinges swinging forlornly on the other, taking just the couple hundred pounds of steel. Now, outside on Billy's truck rose a welded bush rack for his winch painted a familiar yellow except where the welds scorched. So he steals my gate, makes a rack so he can pull more wood out to rob me and now sits here

slurping his coffee while his gimlet eyed junkies twitch and rattle out in his rusty Chev. Something had to be done.

We pondered our options since Billy has some pretty scary tactics. But in his career on the outer brink of society, he has created a company of equally menacing enemies. His crackheads are eventually ripped off and get recycled. They hate him deeply but lack the resources to do anything about it. He has stung numerous business partners on deals gone badly. So there would be no shortage of candidates for revenge. But, though we may talk rough, Roy and I know we'd never be part of that type of resolution.

Feigning sotto voce, Roy began a conversation knowing full well Billy was listening.

"Jeez, whoever took that gate shoulda realized that was Forest Service property. They got all the Compliance and Enforcement officers watchin' the scrap yards. There's some kinda of embedded honing device in that steel, giving off a frequency."

"Ya mean like those airplane black boxes?"

"Yup, just like that. They can pick it up a good half mile away. It was a set-up—a sting!"

I know Billy shuddered every time he saw the green trucks of the rangers and this just made it worse. Him looking in his rear view mirrors, sweating it, worrying about the silent signal. Maybe hanging tin foil streamers off the evidence to jam the frequency. Maybe he presses his ear to the cold metal and thinks he can

hear it.

Billy swiveled his stool a few degrees to squint out the window toward the highway. He held a spoonful of banana cream pie halfway to his open mouth, feigning indifference to our conversation.

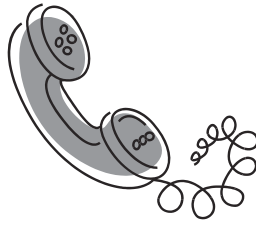
“It’s just like those microchips they can put in cedar shingle logs to trace them. At sixteen hundred bucks a pickup load for number one’s, there’s lotsa jerks who’d steal someone else’s hard work and not even...”

The piece of pie fell off the spoon onto his protruding belly with a soft plop and tiny tsunamis of cellulite rippled out from the new stain, one among many.

“Even if they were just driving by, like right now, they could pick up the beam and locate the logs or the steel, or whatever they were tracking. Good thing we’re all legal, eh?” I added the emphasis.

After a theatrical pause, Billy heaved himself to his feet and dug in his grubby pants for cash. As he was delving, a siren was heard wailing up the highway, closer and closer. Billy looked panicky and burrowed deeper with a frantic urgency. Finally he threw a wad of bills, coins, pocket lint, stained tissues and woodchips on the counter and lumbered out the door. Shirley stood there looking with disgust at the pile like it contained the original flea of the Black Plague. On HER lunch counter.

We heard his truck squeal away, down the back way from the public road in a cloud of oily smoke just as the local ambulance screamed by. We got up from the table. I ventured to the counter, looked at all the cash laying there and said to Shirley, “Looks like Billy wants to buy our coffee today, eh?” And scooped up the remainder—small price for a gate. ♦



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# Family, politics and privilege:

## Paul Galliazzo's multifaceted life in Canada's Forest Capital

*Editor's Note: Paul was the featured woodlot licensee in the WPDC Stewardship Recognition Video for 2010 and his wife Stephanie was on the 2010 AGM Organizing Committee.*

*By Deborah Greaves for the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations*



On first look, some people will have the impression that the Cariboo Regional District is a recreation paradise. After a newcomer roams around a bit, he would notice the mills, ranches with big rolls of hay out in the fields, signs of mining activity and possibly a custom log home business.

This past July 2010, he may also have noticed plenty of smoke as the current Forestry Capital of Canada faced yet another challenge, this time from Mother Nature's torch, lightning.

'Economic conditions in Quesnel were not that bad when the beetle went through,' said forester, woodlot licensee and Quesnel Woodlot Association President Paul Galliazzo in July. Nevertheless, Galliazzo's woodlot, like so many others, was hit hard.

'There are 1.8 million hectares of forest in Quesnel Forest District that have grown pine for a millennium,' Galliazzo said, 'and the pine is past its 'best before' date.' The pine beetle kill forced massive harvests in the area, thirty years' worth of wood all at once. Life after the beetle meant two-thirds

of his conifers gone and a revised allowable cut about a third of what it used to be, yet he remains cautiously optimistic.

'There are trees growing,' he said in July. 'I do have a cut. We'd expected in the beginning to do gradual harvests, but the beetle changed everything.' Now, Galliazzo has 'a big silviculture liability to deal with, but at least there is some money to use.'

Paul Galliazzo met his wife Stephanie Waring, in Guelph, Ontario. Waring is a landscape architect and Galliazzo a forester. They came to Quesnel in 1991, and have two children, a boy and a girl who are now 18 and 20. Forestry is a Galliazzo family interest - his father was a logger, and his brother and he shared a woodlot in Lillooet with their parents. In 1998, Paul felt it was time to get a woodlot licence of his own, and wife Stephanie was enthused. After applying for thirteen different woodlots, they were awarded WL#1520 in Quesnel.

'In forestry, much of what you learn is through 20/20 hindsight,'

Galliazzo said. It would have been easy after the beetles went through to revert to the status quo and plant pine again, but in an effort to create a more resistant crop of trees, Galliazzo felt compelled to try a new mix.

Where the trees were once 90 % pine, he planted 50% pine, 20% fir and 30% spruce. It will be at least five years before he'll know

if his experiment is showing good results, but Galliazzo – along with several of his fellow woodlot licensees including John Massier and Chris Elden – has earned the respect of other local forest managers within the ranks of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and across the country for his ideas, perseverance and dedication in the face of great change.

'We're talking about a crop that won't be ready to harvest for at least sixty years,' Galliazzo said. 'How can we predict the quality of that harvest in the face of fire, climate change, disease and the fickle markets?'

The 'fickle markets' and constantly changing conditions are part of the inspiration for Paul Galliazzo's involvement with the associations and councils that wrestle with the challenges. He spends hours working on behalf of the many people in the Quesnel and Cariboo areas who focus their life's work on forests and all that lies within them.

'I didn't realise that I'd become heavily involved in the political side of business,' Galliazzo said of

his past presidency of and longtime involvement with the Woodlot Product Development Council, as well as his current role as President of the Quesnel Woodlot Association. 'It wasn't something I planned. It has been good for me - it's not my natural habitat at all, but I have learned a lot.'

Galliazzo started with the Woodlot Product Development Council – an organization set up by the government to promote a positive image of the woodlot industry and its products – back when its goals were new and its budget tiny.

'When the Council was only four years old,' said Galliazzo, 'as a team, we developed a more mature organization, and worked out new systems to create an improved relationship with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations. The budget grew from a couple hundred thousand, to two million dollars. In the beginning it had been tough to discern what we were expected to do. The BC Forest and Range Practices Act specified a financial structure that made carrying out the mandate a complicated procedure. We figured out how to make it work, but it wasn't easy.'

Despite the fact that the Galliazzo heirs have aspirations away from their parents' lives in forest management, the kids have helped out in the woodlot.

'When they were little shavers they were out helping with inventory,' Galliazzo said. 'Now they've graduated to work as Aspen snappers.' Aspen need to be slowed down, Galliazzo explained, to allow slower-growing seedling conifers time to get established.

Since his son, who currently works for Paul's consulting firm, is interested in aeronautics and his daughter is working toward a diplomatic career, succession for Woodlot 1520 is as uncertain as it is for many other BC woodlots. Meanwhile, wife Stephanie, once a regular in the forest, taking inventory and marking beetle-afflicted trees, is now very involved in volunteer work in her community, but still occasionally enjoys time in the woodlot.

Paul Galliazzo feels that one of the Federation of BC Woodlot Association's challenges is to enhance access to woodlot licences for younger people as the demographics of existing licensees is aging. He admits 'there's no guarantee you can make money. It takes a great deal of planning and effort, including physical labour, to make it profitable.'

Though they may not be aware of woodlots and the families or partners who manage them, even big-city people have become aware of the challenges of working in the forest.

'In the Cariboo Regional District we're trying to land on our feet, but we're still flying through the air after being knocked over by the combination of beetle infestation and poor market conditions,' Galliazzo said ruefully. 'As well, there are fears of being unable to supply enough wood should market conditions improve.'

But, he says, 'It's fun. I like doing things physically in the woodlot, in contrast to a forestry consultant's life with so much time in front of a computer.' One day, he said, 'you could be chest deep in water

unplugging a culvert, another you may be designing roads or planning the mechanics of harvest, or supervising on-site logging. It's full-cycle, hands on, full-contact forestry. To be a woodlot licensee you have to have full understanding of the permissions, planning and processes, and then ensure you make a profit. And you stimulate the local economy while you're at it.'

The local economy in the Quesnel area is sustained by mining, ranching and forest activities old and new. Quesnel's Two Mile Flat has what Galliazzo calls 'one of the largest concentrations of wood product manufacturing facilities in the world.' There's also a new energy program in Quesnel, using wood waste to provide heat and electrical energy to buildings downtown. As well as the region's hardy response to the devastation left by the Mountain Pine Beetle, these are among the reasons the Cariboo Regional District has been awarded the title of Forestry Capital of Canada.

As smoke from the nearby forest fires wafted over the town in July, Paul Galliazzo talked about what it means to involve his wife and children in the woodlot, and to be out there himself.

'It's a privilege unique in Canada to be able to manage, be responsible for and reap the benefits from Crown forest lands that belong to everyone in this province. New woodlots are as large as 1200 hectares, and in the entire province of BC there are only about eight hundred fifty woodlots. Managing that is not an opportunity everyone has access to. It's an absolute privilege.' ♦

# A Personal Paradise:

## Chris Elden's woodlot license in Canada's Forest Capital

*Editor's Note: Chris Elden was on the 2010 AGM Organizing Committee.*

*By Deborah Greaves for the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations*

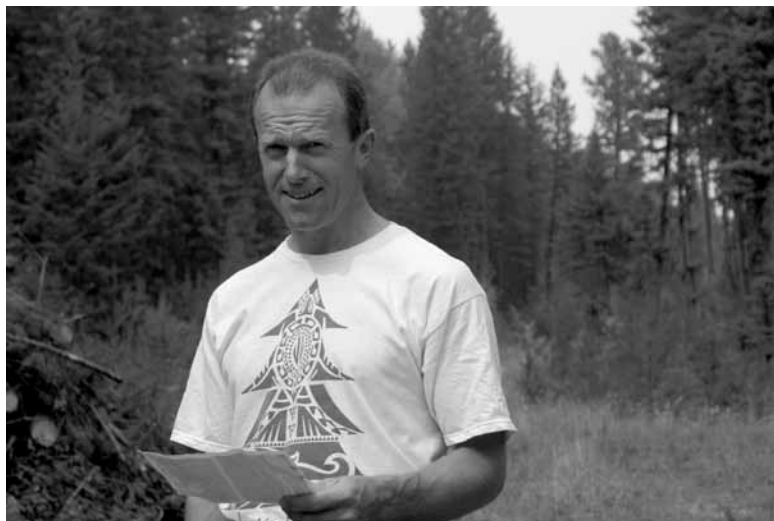
Chris Elden of Quesnel and his wife Lisa McCargar are both Registered Professional Foresters. They have two children, 8 and 10, and like many multi-faceted women involved with woodlots, Lisa is a pipe band Major in her community and a soap maker.

Originally from Chetwynd north of Prince George, Chris Elden has been in the Quesnel area for seventeen years. It was an article in a publication years ago called Forest Talk that interested Elden in acquiring a woodlot licence, but he knew competition for a woodlot in the Quesnel area – currently bearing the proud title of Forestry Capital of Canada – would be fierce.

In the fall of 2009, Elden was permitted to take his first harvest of mostly Douglas Fir, from the long-awaited 600-hectare Woodlot licence #0527 which occupies land that spreads over the shoulders of Chocolate Mountain.

'It was worth the wait,' said Elden in July this year. 'Even if I am not doing anything with it, it's been worth it.'

There are many challenges for



all forest managers in the Forestry Capital of Canada these days, even before the beginning of the many fires in the area this year. The log market has been poor in 2010, with low demand for saw logs at profitable prices, he said, and plywood can't be made from beetle-killed trees.

When natural disasters such as a pine-beetle invasion occur, said Elden, the mature trees are afflicted and hoped-for compensation lies in an approval of an early or intensified harvest- and there are negative and positive aspects to such high-volume harvests. Elden hopes the market will come up while the wood is still of good quality.

Despite both the smoke and uncertainty hanging over the entire Cariboo Regional District in which Woodlot 0527 lies, Chris Elden is hopeful for the future.

'I'm bullish on the forest industry. I believe it will change, evolve and survive. New economic bases are slowly being built.' That said, Elden worries that after the beetle-killed wood is no longer useable, BC may

have problems providing the volume of wood that may be demanded by the US, and other markets such as China.

Quesnel's forests are 75% pine, much of which has been killed.

'The forest industry here will survive by doing more with less,' Elden believes, 'and by diversifying, such as making more diverse products with smaller units

of wood, and making products using new processes.'

The BC government, he said, is looking for ways to address the coming shortage of trees, and has begun to focus funding on growing more through innovative and intensive forest management.

As a Director of The Woodlot Product Development Council, Chris Elden is committed to working to sift through mountains of available information to determine what has potential, ask if it's applicable to woodlots and if so, decide how the WPDC can support its development.

'It's been said that in the information age, information doesn't equate to knowledge', Elden said. 'How do we apply all of this information in a useful, productive and efficient manner that benefits the physical environment and the species that it supports?'

Elden sees the primary work of the WPDC as:

1. Guiding and supporting the Federation in the many initiatives that



it undertakes to support the survival and prosperity of woodlots

2. Leading and supporting the development or expansion of the products and services that woodlots/forests can produce or have the potential to provide

3. Filtering through the almost endless potential of opportunities to find ones that have real potential for woodlots

‘The greatest advantage for survival of any biological, economic or social system is diversity,’ he said in July. ‘Woodlots have this on both a micro- and macro- scale due to their spatial and biotic variability and the individuality of each licensee and their management style. There have been and are many forces that work to decrease this diversity, but there are countering forces that can foster and increase it.’

Meanwhile, while managing his own woodlot, Chris Elden, like other licensees in BC, has to consider users of his woodlot such as horse riders and wildlife. While logging selectively, he must also consider the water rights of neighbours, and needs of important species such as mule deer.

He comments on the relationships he sees in the forest, such as the

partnership between birch and fir trees, which are always found growing close to one another. He said that the woodlot is more than a forest to manage and draw income from. To him, Elden said simply, it’s paradise.

‘I’ve read that many people are thought to share an ancient instinctive affinity for landscapes that resemble the lands of Africa, where human beings are believed to have originated’, Elden said. ‘The woodlot, for me, is my preferred landscape. It’s a combination: the vistas from its rocky outcrops, the ability to walk easily among the trees, and the blend of tree species. Douglas Fir is such a nice tree, and we also have spruce, birch and aspen.’

Though he holds a licence to manage Woodlot 0527 on behalf of the people of all BC and to profit from the careful harvest of its trees, Chris Elden is clearly a man who feels the licence to this forest area has values beyond the financial possibilities.

‘Though the land is not mine, I get to manage this specific area,’ he said. ‘It’s a place I can be totally immersed in the moment, in a different zone, away from roads, office work and the usual responsibilities. It’s a freeing feeling.’ ♦



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**Re: Extension of Effective Period of Section 17(6) of the Cut Control Regulation**

This is to inform you that Section 17(6) of the Cut Control Regulation was amended on May 27, 2010. This amendment extended the effective period from June 1, 2010 to June 1, 2012.

Section 17(6) provides for a 100 percent downward adjustment to the volume of Grade 4 timber that meets the following conditions:

- the timber is scaled on or after January 1, 2007, and on or before June 1, 2012;
- the timber is subsequently sold or delivered to a primary facility other than sawmills or veneer plants; and
- the regional manager or district manager is satisfied that the sale or delivery of the timber is completed on or before June 1, 2012.



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To qualify for the Grade 4 cut control adjustment, licensees are required to submit a letter to the regional executive director (RED) that includes the following information:

- the originating licence number for the timber subject to the adjustment;
- the name and address of the licence holder;
- the volume of Grade 4 timber scaled and sold or delivered in accordance with Section 17(6) of the Cut Control Regulation; and
- the name, address, and type of the receiving facility.

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All Interior Licensees:

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- Use licensee's historic Grade 4 weight/volume ratio and grade distribution (last 2 to 3 years) determined from comparable scale based stratum, or use another licensee's historic Grade 4 data (last 2 to 3 years) determined from comparable scale based strata. The RED may request in your proposed methodology the following details; weight scale site delivered to, the weight of loads, date range, total weight of all loads by stratum or sort, the volume to weight ratios being used with relevant documentation, and the proposed period that this methodology will be used.
- If no comparable stratum information is available, create a sample plan and scale sample loads to determine Grade 4 volumes, but at a lower sampling intensity than that used for scale based cutting authorities. Lower sampling intensity is acceptable for determining cut control requirements, but must first be approved by the RED.
- Sample scale the applicable timber to determine Grade 4 volumes as per the standards used for scale based cutting authorities.
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