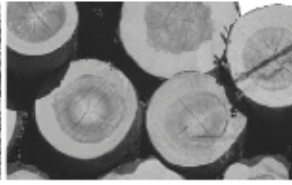




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Jim Simpson: A champion for the woodlot program

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by Sara Grady

Preparations are well underway in Campbell River, where woodlotters and forestry stakeholders will gather for their Annual General Meeting in September. This year the North Island Woodlot Association is hosting the joint conference for the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and the Woodlot Product Development Council, marking the 26th and 16th AGMs respectively.

One of the most vital associations in the province, the North Island has enjoyed tremendous success with the woodlot program, thanks in no small part to the efforts of Ministry staffer Jim Simpson.

On paper, he's the Woodlot Licence Coordinator for the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resources in Campbell River, responsible for the administration and oversight of pending and existing woodlot licences. Among the woodlotters in his district, he's seen as a champion



Jim Simpson in the field

of the program, a vital link in a very strong chain. Small wonder he's been nominated for the Premier's Award, given to individuals who have "made an exceptional and lasting contribution throughout their public service career."

According to Simpson, the woodlot program grew over two

decades in "ideal" conditions. The region was peppered with small Crown plots that were extremely difficult for the Province to manage effectively. It made sense to entrust the Crown land to private landowners, who have a very personal attachment to their own piece of the forest. Under the guidance of the woodlot program, the government could be confident their resources were in good hands.

The North Island is a unique forestry environment. The geography can be rugged to the extreme, the level of urban interface unprecedented and the impact of public perception considerable. Growing

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Summer 2013

by *Brian McNaughton*

The Provincial election is over. The BC Liberals were re-elected with the NDP sitting in opposition for another 4 years. One independent was elected, as was the first ever member of the Green Party. So what do the election results mean to woodlotters, WL Associations and the Federation?

First, it means that the Federation and Associations have some work to do educating new MLAs about woodlot licences and the WL program.

Secondly, it means continuity and that the initiatives that were in place and underway before the election will continue, including:

Expansion of the WL program: Approximately 68% of the 150,000m³/yr goal has been achieved. The Ministry advises that the remainder should be met by March 31, 2014. Their plan calls for ~19,000, 14,000 & 16,000 m³/yr of new WLs in the Southern Interior, Northern Interior and Coast Regions, respectively.

Legislation & Regulations: Not that there were any indications that they may have been shelved,



Brian McNaughton,
General Manager

but the election results re-affirm that work on the Natural Resource Road Act (NRR), Compliance & Enforcement Act, Integrated Decision Making

Act and Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation (OBSCR) will continue. The NRR and OBSCR are the two that have the potential to have the greatest direct impact on woodlotters so they are the ones to which the Federation is paying the most attention.

WL Administrative

Streamlining: The 10 administrative streamlining initiatives that I outlined in the Spring 2013 General Manager's report are safe and will continue to be pursued. FYI, the revised and updated version of Woodlot for Windows is nearing completion. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding its release and availability. This will be good news for woodlot licensees who are having to do new Management Plans in the aftermath of the mountain pine beetle, wildfires burning large tracts of their WLs or in response to withdrawing private land from their WLs.

In other news, the Federation has been advised that the Ministry has given Forest Tenures Branch approval to fill the Senior Woodlot Forester position that has been vacant since Dave Haley's retirement. This is good news. As proven with Dave, and Al Waters before him, it's very important to have someone dedicated to addressing WL business and improving the program.

Also, new evaluation criteria for the Minister's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management have been established and are posted elsewhere in this edition of the Almanac. The Minister's award is a great way for a WL Association to have one of its members recognized or for a licensee to honor a colleague. The plan is to announce the recipients at the Annual General Meeting in September so please submit your nominations as soon as possible.

I hope everyone has a great summer! And, I hope to see many of you in Campbell River/Quadra Island at the Annual General Meeting. Check the website (www.woodlot.bc.ca) for more information – dates, registration, agenda and accommodation. ♦

Summer 2013

by Mark Clark

Active Associations are Key to Our Success

The strength of our Federation, and the woodlot community in general, comes from successfully bringing together a wide range of opinions and expertise, and focussing that energy on to achievable goals. Over time that has proven to be a successful recipe. Tabular stumpage rates, a single Cutting Permit, Private Land withdrawal, Program Expansion, and a formalization of our relationship with the Woodlot Product Development Council have all been achieved because the community as a whole has set those priorities, and worked hard to achieve them.

But the key component of that process is the engagement of those diverse opinions and expertise. Our woodlot community is made up of a wide range of individual Licensees and landowners, organized into local Associations. It is those Associations, and their volunteer leaders, that deliver critical input into priority setting. Formal input from Associations is provided through several means. Twice yearly gatherings at the Annual General Meeting in the fall and a Budgeting meeting in the spring are important. But additional input in the form of letters and phone calls,



Mark Clark
President

typically voicing concerns over a current local concern or a single issue, are also received regularly. Combined with the results of the annual questionnaires, this input guides the Executive in its day to day efforts.

There are currently 23 Associations in the Province; representing the interests of approximately 860 Licensees. In reviewing the bi-yearly gatherings where woodlot business is discussed and priorities decided, there were 7 Associations who attended all 5 group meetings since March 2011: Fraser Valley, West Kootenay, South Island, South Cariboo, Shuswap-Okanagan, Quesnel and Prince George. This group represents the interests of about 40% of the Licensees in the Province. A further 50% of Licensees have been represented at 4 of the 5 meetings. So arguably, the large majority of woodlot licensees' interests are being represented. However, what is disconcerting, is that approximately 10% of Licensees have not had input.

The Federation is making efforts to increase attendance by holding the working meetings in central locations, shortening the length, and streamlining the content to only those issues relevant to the session. We are also investigating phone-in meetings. But the face to face

contact is important, not to mention camaraderie after hours! The travel and accommodation expenses of the Association representatives are, in most cases, paid by the local Association. However in some cases the local associations may not have funds to cover those costs, and so there is provision for those expenses to be funded by the group.

Strong Associations are critical to our collective success. I would urge you all to support your local Association by attending meetings or gatherings, volunteering some time, or giving your volunteers a well-deserved pat on the back. And Join us in Campbell River September 20 & 21 on beautiful Quadra Island for the 2013 AGM, or at the very least ensure a woodlot licensee from your area will be attending. ♦

Spending too much time in your pickup truck?

Why not join your local licensees as a volunteer? You'll get a chance to talk with people with similar interests. But you'll hear a diversity of opinions on almost every topic! And you might just pick up a tidbit or two that helps you manage your own woodlot. If you're interested call Mark at 250-964-4243 and I'll try and convince you. ♦

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. ♦

■ Interior timber pricing

Lumber prices on the rise

by *Blain Arnett*

If all goes according to various forecasts regarding lumber demand over the next few years, not only will our stumpage increase but lumber prices should increase as demand for lumber goes up, and log buying prices at our local mills should increase. It is a good time to have permits ready to respond to any increase in demand for logs. According to most forecasts we are heading into a lumber “super cycle” in a few years.

North American demand for lumber is on the increase due to housing starts increasing, inventories of vacant houses decreasing, and stable and rising house prices in many US cities. Look at housing prices in Phoenix, they are not as low as two years ago, a bargain is now harder to find. Japan



Blain Arnett,
Interior Timber Pricing
Coordinator

and China are expected to continue to consume a significant percentage of our lumber as well.

Sawmills do have the capacity to respond to increased demand, as seen by the recent dip in lumber prices due to too much response. Timber supply will tighten in BC, Quebec and Ontario over the next few years, exactly when this will happen is not known, but it will impact log buying prices by local mills.

Our new stumpage rates for August, 2013 were determined with the May 1, 2013 amendment to the appraisal manual. The tab rates have gone up since the rate table was last changed in November 2012. The average tab rate is up from \$0.85/m³ in November to \$1.18/m³ in May. This represents a 39% increase in the Tab

Rate. The new rate letters for your existing permits showing the August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014 will be sent by email from the Ministry’s system, a letter will no longer be sent. (See enotification notice in the Winter 2012 Almanac to ensure you are registered for the email notice.)

The May 1, 2013 Table 6-2 Rates are noted below. The May 1 rates will be applied to all new permits approved on or after May 1. The May 1st rates are also used to adjust all existing permits on August 1, 2013, the rates for existing permits will then be fixed until July 31, 2014. The May 1st rates are based on average billed stumpage rates from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. Interior Table 6-2 rates are 15% of the average billed stumpage rates.

If you have any questions, comments or issues, I can be reached at 250-964-4105 or at greggcreek@shaw.ca. ♦

Woodlot Stumpage Table 6-2 Rates (May 1st, 2013)

Forest Zone	Bl	Cw	Fd	Hw	Lw	Pl	Sw	Py	Other
N. Central	1.34	other	1.97	other	other	1.04	1.66	other	1.48
North East	0.39	other	other	other	other	0.50	0.66	other	0.60
North West	0.67	0.55	other	0.56	other	1.05	0.62	other	0.74
South East	1.27	2.12	1.74	1.49	1.71	1.37	1.32	1.56	1.49
South West	1.48	other	1.68	1.48	other	1.69	1.45	other	1.60

The Forest Zones in Table 6-2 are made up of the following Forest Districts:

North Central: FSJames, Mackenzie, Nadina, Prince George, Quesnel and Vanderhoof.

North East: Ft. Nelson and Peace.

North West: Kalum and Skeena Stikine.

South East: Arrow, Columbia, Headwaters, Kamloops, Kootenay Lake, Okanagan Shuswap and Rocky Mountain.

South West: 100 Mile House, Cascades, Central Cariboo, and Chilcotin.

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Bid prices for new woodlots

by Ed Hughes



Ed Hughes,
Coastal Timber Pricing
Coordinator

Market Pricing System Update:

Each year the MPS advisory committee updates the MPS formula used in the Coastal Appraisal Manual. The process is complicated and technical. There is a similar group doing the same thing in the interior. As the Timber Pricing Coordinator for the Coast I am required to sign a confidentiality agreement, so cannot provide specific information to our members.

Generally, the coastal MPSAC has not reached a final agreement (between Timber Pricing Branch and industry), by the date of this article. Until the new Minister of Forests has been announced a date cannot be set for the Coastal Appraisal Manual update. The Interior MPSAC has already reached an agreement.

Bid Prices for Woodlots vs. stumpage:

Over the past few years the bid price for new woodlots has steadily increased. As a result of the new evaluation procedures, with the main focus towards the highest total bid price, a market value trend for woodlots is becoming clear.

The average bid has increased from \$138,000 in 2009 to \$246,000 in 2011. Table 1 notes a summary of the average bids from 2009 to 2011, which for a decreasing advertised AAC has resulted in increasing bid prices.

Table 1: Provincial Woodlot bid values by year.

Year	Average AAC m ³	Average # bidders	Range of bids \$	Average high bid \$	Woodlots Advertised
2008	2278	5.7	6,000-201,500	153,833	3
2009	2561	5.9	0-489,000	138,955	15
2010	2204	7	1,000-350,000	207,604	11
2011	2001	4	18,000-450,000	246,093	8

The woodlot bid prices for 2012 were not available, or none were advertised. For the last woodlot advertised within the North Coast Forest District a new record was set at \$875,000 on May 24, 2013. This new high bid price for an AAC of 4,400m³/yr is worthy of attention for many different reasons.

The steady increase in high bid prices being offered for new woodlots provides significant revenue to the crown. This bidding revenue is in addition to stumpage, annual rent, corporate and personal tax, providing long-term forest returns that are substantial and stable. Although the bid

revenue is an up front cost when amortized over a few cut control periods it can become manageable.

Without a doubt the increasing bid prices will draw attention and encourage questions. Should more woodlots be allocated? Why have bid prices increased? Are bid prices increasing due to improved markets? Is it due to the message that no more woodlots will be advertised? Is a new woodlot value beginning to be established? Is there a realization that woodlots are valuable small forestry businesses that offer long term

opportunities to entrepreneurs? It will be interesting to hear the differing opinions about the increasing bid prices and the new high bid record.

At the time when the new evaluation criteria (Bid price 50%, Forestland 25% and Proximity 25%) was being established a few years ago there were a range of differing opinions. It seemed that people either loved or hated the new high bid focus. The evaluation criteria has changed significantly over history, starting with Farm Woodlots issued in the 1950's to those who had the least amount of forest land. In the 1980's Woodlot were awarded to the applicants with the most forestland and then in the 1990's to those with the best managed forestland, plans for the future and experience/education. The current system, which has placed a priority on the bid price, has some trends (steady increased bid prices) that are worth "paying" attention to.

Simplified Waste assessment and reporting procedures:

We are continuing to evaluate the options that could be available to woodlots for a less costly and administratively simple waste reporting system. Brian McNaughton, Blain Arnett and myself have been

reviewing the existing waste assessment system and will be recommending alternatives to the executive.

Log price good news for a change:

Log price trends are always hard to predict due to so many influencing factors. On the positive side (not much of that this past 5 years), there are a few factors that are working quite well right now and there have been some positive market trends

For the next few months things are looking good for log
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prices due to the decrease in the Canadian dollar relative to the US, and a number of markets that are stable or improving adding to an increased demand. All the major markets like the US, Japan, China, and even within Canada, are purchasing our logs. The combination of many market pressures will certainly help log prices. The supply of logs is limited and there are fewer opportunities to go to the next valley or country to access more log supply. The supply chain is known and committed, so the impact of a large log volume flooding the emerging markets is reduced.

There are always limits to the increasing value of logs, primarily due to the option to replace wood with other products. This ceiling on our potential to increase log prices might move up along with other products, but anytime log prices have climbed to historic levels they have come down to a more realistic price, usually rather quickly. Log price collapse seems common just when things are/were starting to look good, so use caution.

The projection for log prices over then next few years is full of optimism, but we still need to be cautious. The markets tend to react to lots of outside influences, like debt crisis, wars, and countries doing bad things. Long-term market predictions are positive, but this is (based on experience) something that we should avoid using as a base case for decisions. Things are looking good for the next few months and that is really good log price news.

New Appraisal Issues – Continuous communication

The Coastal Timber Pricing portfolio provides assistance to Woodlot Licensees upon request. If you have any concerns or issues I can be reached at 778-424-6129 or by email at ehughes2@shaw.ca. ♦



North Island Woodlot Association

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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. ♦

FBCWA Award Winner for 2013

& her award-winning essay

Tuesday April 23, 2013

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Dear Minister of Forests, Land and
Natural Resource Operations;

I am writing to you regarding the positive impact that awarding Woodlot Licensees to young people will have on the logging industry. The participation of young people in the logging industry determines its future prosperity. As you may know, there has been a significant decrease in young people entering forestry related fields, particularly the logging industry. Historically, a career in logging was passed down through the generations of a family. This is no longer the case and youth are not showing the same interest in the trades as in previous decades. It is becoming increasingly vital for the future of logging practices that young people become involved on some level.

I feel that it is important for the younger generation to be presented with equal opportunities in the work force so that they can prove themselves and be inspired with a sense of purpose and responsibility early in life. What better opportunity than becoming a Woodlot Licensee? The youth of today are energetic, driven, ambitious and bring a new perspective to the modern workplace. Furthermore, they are highly capable of conducting a successful business that involves hard physical labour, and

We are very pleased to announce that Jasmin Van Allen of Nelson BC is the winner of the FBCWA Scholarship Award. This annual award is given to a student who is related to a woodlot licensee &/or a Private Forest Land Owner and is attending or planning to attend post secondary education, preferably in a forestry-related area of study.

Jasmin is the daughter of Peter McAllister and Joanne Van Allen. Jasmin's father owns the Schedule A land included in the Kootenay Agroforestry Society's Woodlot Licence #494, located near Kaslo.

Growing up on a farm surrounded by forest land provided Jasmin with many experiences, including watching her father horse logging, tapping birch for sap, making baskets from tree needles, and planting seedlings in the woodlot.

Volunteering has been a large part of Jasmin's life over the past three years. She has been an active volunteer for the Salvation Army Thrift Store, Our Daily Bread and the Women's Centre. Throughout high school she also participated in school clubs and fund raising activities.

Jasmin says that by her last year in high school, she realized that she wanted to make a difference in people's lives and in the health care system and that like her mother wants to use alternative healthcare practices to help promote optimal health and prevent illness. Jasmin will be using



the FBCWA Scholarship to pursue a Masters in Health Promotion and Recreational Studies at the University of Victoria.

In this issue of the Almanac you can read Jasmin's mock letter to the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations presenting her reasons why government should adopt a policy that supports awarding more woodlots to young people.

The committee that judged the applications was impressed with the quality of all the applications. Thank you to all who applied.

The funding for this \$1000 award was generated through the "Silent Auction" at the FBCWA AGMs. Please continue to support this worthwhile cause at this year's AGM in Campbell River. ♦

with sufficient training will be able to harvest timber themselves instead of contracting the work out. Furthermore, in a diverse industry such as logging, it is imperative that its workforce is composed of a multi-aged workforce. It creates a balance in the work place where people of all backgrounds, perspectives, skill sets and experiences build relationships and share ideas. This age diversity in the workplace is a place where people work effectively.

Technology is making the forestry industry more cost and time efficient and it is programmed to be extremely environmentally sensitive. Logging with modern technology has developed to a point where it is more efficient, creates less waste, has a lower pollution rate, and promotes forest sustainability. Young people can also help teach the older members of the workplace how to use modern technology. Common uses for technology in forestry include: creating and storing up to date data to assess forest productivity and recognize widespread forest trends, communicating with similar organizations and reaching out to new clientele, high-tech machinery can promote waste reduction and lowering environmental impacts, and most importantly, make logging less dangerous. Technology is becoming essential for exchanging useful knowledge in the logging industry. In addition, young people are well known for their exceptional leadership abilities and willingness to collaborate amongst peers. They could help rekindle economic growth in the logging industry while implementing the latest technological advances. They can share stories

on a community and global about logging successes. Since youth make up the majority of the world's overall population, they are very influential and a powerful generation.

Although forestry has made great headway in becoming more sustainable, there is still a lot more that needs to be done in order to protect forests and forestry jobs. Youth are environmentally conscious and will put the land's sustainability and health before money. I believe youth have what it takes to make the significant changes necessary to make sustainable forestry practices in Canada a worldwide example. There is clear evidence, that the logging industry is going through a recession, and people are concerned about the future of their woodlots and the logging industry. By allowing youth to become Woodlot Licensees, loggers can be hired to pass on their valuable knowledge to future generations so that their logging practices continue to be implemented. Research shows that by 2080 a large portion of the human population will be above sixty, which means that training youth to become leaders and involved in logging and other practices is a good investment. As the older generation retires, it is important that there are enough trained young people to take their place. Young people are cost effective in the work place and are content working flexible hours in a variety of settings. They are there for the learning experience, not just the money. In an industry that is undergoing numerous changes, it is important that the workers can keep up. Youth are also extremely innovative and able to adapt to the economic changes and pressures of the industry.

How could all this be achieved? In order to recruit young adults into the logging industry the government should initiate a paid Woodlot apprenticeship program. This would allow youth who are interested in pursuing a career in forestry, direct experience in the field. Woodlot managers could benefit from a shared workload, government funding, and a chance to pass their valuable knowledge on to enthusiastic students. Apprenticeship would give youth a chance to see if a forestry career is the right fit for them before applying to become a Woodlot Licensee. These apprenticeships would give interested students the needed experience to apply for a Woodlot Licensee. Furthermore, it would give the Ministry of Forests a chance to ensure that future Woodlot Licensees are capable of working in the industry. Also, apprentices could save money toward the land contribution and lump sum required for their licensee application. I also suggest that the government provide financial assistance to youth who qualify to become Woodlot Licensees and also provide them with tax credits.

In summary, I believe that is important for the youth of today to participate in the forest industry and, in particular, manage woodlots. With their involvement I see a prosperous and exciting future for the forests of this province. Youth have so much to offer. Thankyou for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jasmin Van Allen ♦

Interface Fuel Management Project



viewed and there were field trips that were put on through the local fire center to showcase the projects.”

Knowing what the final outcome would present, Lanki conducted the work himself with a small crew. “99 percent of the material is waste. We process any blow down trees to see what we can get out of it, either firewood or merchantable wood,” says Lanki. Now nearing completion, the operation began in early December.

“The next step would be to go on to the contract for the second half of this woodlot,” Lanki says. “I may be interested in other opportunities which may be presented on Crown land and other areas, now that I have this experience and a crew that knows what to do”

As for his other ventures, Lanki is encouraged that the signs of improvement will bring a boost after such a lengthy down turn. “Forestry and logging has been pretty hard hit,” Lanki says, “that seems to be coming to an end now. Lumber prices have been improving into the spring and summer is traditionally when a lot of housing starts to begin.”

With rising lumber prices, an optimistic housing start outlook, Lanki is hopeful the news and statistics will translate into higher prices, higher demand, and a long awaited resurgence in forestry activity. ♦

By Lauren Levay
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10 Forestry entrepreneur could easily be attributed to Ian Lanki of 100 Mile House, in the South Cariboo region of central British Columbia. The 30 year industry veteran is a registered professional forester, woodlot licensee, logger, consultant, and is currently completing an initial phase of interface fuel management in his area.

“I’ve worked in the industry for over 30 years and in the last 10 have gotten into logging on woodlots and I have two or three woodlots that I operate on annually. I’m basically self-sufficient and self-employed now,” says Lanki, owner of Tie Point Consulting Inc.

Lanki has two woodlot licenses of his own and one belonging to his brother in law which he operates annually. For logging and consulting, “my business focus is generally on other woodlot licensees and small tenure holders,” he says.

Regarding Lanki’s current work on interface fuel management, he explains, “It involves cleaning up underbrush, dead and downed woody debris that is on the ground, pruning trees and spacing region. We are generally trying to make the treatment area more defensible from wild fire.”

He is currently operating in a 100m

wide and 20 hectare long strip adjacent to a residential area. “If a fire was to occur and threaten the residential area,” said Lanki “there would be fewer combustible materials available for it in the treated area and firefighting crews would have a greater chance of being able to suppress it before it got to the houses.”

The project is funded by the Union of B.C. Municipalities Lanki explains, “I have a contract that has been awarded from the Cariboo Regional District for one of my woodlots.”

Being only the second time Lanki has taken on this type of contract, he admits there has been a learning curve. “The prescriptions were done by me as a professional forester. I wrote the instructions on what the goals and objectives were. Similar projects were



Working in the woods obvious choice for B.C. Woodlot owner

followed in father's and grandfather's footsteps

by Jolene Lisk

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Working in the woods is something Wayne Klein was born into. With both his father and grandfather before him being involved in the industry, a career choice in woods work was an obvious one for Klein.

Since 1989, Klein has held a B.C. woodlot license. His woodlot encompasses 30 hectares of private land and 600 hectares of Crown land. Klein is from the Rock Creek area in B.C., two hours south of Kelowna, and his woodlot is located just east of where he lives.

He started his career working for his father in high school and helping with his operations. After high school, Klein worked for other operators and eventually at age 23 he launched his own contracting business in 1968.

When he first began working for himself Klein said "I started with a small John Deere 440 skidder, I would fall, buck and skid the timber and the tenure holder at that time would load it onto a truck with a crawler front end loader and haul it down to the water on the Strait of Georgia in B.C. where we would make it into booms and it would be towed to sawmills from there."

When it comes to getting the work done on his woodlot, Klein does the majority of it himself. "I usually hire a forest consultant to do the technical work, prepare a woodlot license plan, arrange with the forest service to have a cutting permit issued and then I do all the machine work, the skidding, what road building there may be to do, usually we do the log loading ourselves. I do have one certified faller that works for me on the license and he



does the falling on a subcontract basis" explained Klein

Klein's first cutting permit was to salvage beetle kill pine. Timing was a critical component of salvaging the timber as most of it was already dead and dry. Klein said "We weren't able to market 100% but we probably got 90% of the volume salvaged, and I didn't really have a major component of loggable pine."

Since his first permit, Klein has had three other cutting permits which have been centered on selective cutting of Douglas-fir and Western Larch, the core species components of his woodlot.

His timber supply goes to "different sawmills in this fairly local operating area, the main market is to International Forest Products (Interfor) in their Grande Forks sawmill, there's another sawmill further east near Castlegar called Kalesnikoff Lumber, I often sell logs to them. In the past I have sold logs to Gorman Brothers Lumber in West Kelowna and another sawmill that I have done business with in the past is Tolko Forest Products based in Vernon" says Klein.

Currently Klein is not working on his woodlot and is on a spring break

up period. Klein explains "some years we've managed to work through it but right at the moment, the month of April, we're really not operating. So we're thinking within 3 weeks to a month we'll be back working."

In the meantime, Klein is doing contract work for other woodlot licensees and a small volume of harvesting work for private land owners. "There is just the odd thing here and there, we're a small operation but between those three options, we seem to keep busy with those options"

explained Klein.

Klein's forecast for the forest industry in 2013 is promising as he has watched the province of B.C. recover from the economic downturn. His optimism remains for future log prices as well but he has yet to witness an increase in prices that coincides with the increased demand. Klein expressed "I can see things steadily improving, at least demand for lumber, but as far as prices for lumber or logs, I'm not 100% sure what's going to happen there. There does seem to be a considerable amount of timber fiber available for the mills to select from, so how soon log prices are going to go up, I don't really know."

Klein's experience with the woodlot license program in B.C. has been positive, with him attributing it to the ongoing evolution of the industry in B.C. "I think the woodlot license program in B.C. in general has been very successful in diversifying the tenure system in B.C. and it gives small operators an opportunity to really take an interest in area based tenure and try and improve that area to produce more timber over time." ♦

2013 Minister's Awards

for innovation and excellence in woodlot management

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS AUGUST 15, 2013

Woodlot licensees are invited to apply, or nominate a fellow woodlot licensee, for a Minister's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management. One woodlot licensee from each of the Coast, Southern Interior and Northern Interior regions will be recognized and awarded \$2500. Of those three, the top performer will be selected and awarded an additional \$2500.

The award criteria are described below.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible:

- The recipient must be a woodlot licensee.
- A licensee's basic obligations must be current; i.e. reforestation, slash disposal, road maintenance, etc., have no outstanding unresolved C&E issues and/or no outstanding financial accounts with the MFR.
- A licensee has not been an award recipient in the prior 3 years.
- The recipient must not be a MFLNRO employee or family member of a MFLNRO employee.
- The Federation or Woodlot Product Development Council may not nominate a director or member of its executive committee.

APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

- A woodlot licensee may nominate him or herself or may be nominated by another licensee, their woodlot association, the Federation, Woodlot Product Development Council or Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO).
- Deadline: August 15, 2013.
- Written submissions are to be submitted to:
FBCWA General Manager
e-mail: gen_manager@woodlot.bc.ca
mail: 381 Pheasant Drive,
Williams Lake, BC V2G 5A9.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applications should consider, but are not limited to, the 3 areas listed below. Each section is limited to 300 words so please be succinct and to the point. Bullet points are acceptable! If required, the evaluation committee will request additional information.

Basic & Incremental Forestry

Describe how the nominee has met their basic obligations or achieved a higher standard of management for their woodlot license, including the private land. For example, you may want to list the nominee's successes regarding logging techniques, prompt reforestation, use of genetically improved stock, selection harvesting, use of natural regeneration, creating biodiversity, addressing climate change, doing a new inventory, etc. In addition, you should note the nominee's efforts and achievements in incremental forestry such as spacing, fertilization, pruning, and/or reclamation of non-productive sites (e.g. old roads & landings).

Sales, Marketing & Utilization

Describe the nominee's efforts to fully utilize the forest including the marketing and sale of woodlot products. Things to consider are operating their own mill, utilizing 'waste' wood, utilizing hardwoods, supporting the value added sector, agroforestry, non-timber forest products, and carbon credits. Other things might include steps/initiatives taken to fully utilize the forest resource such as harvesting otherwise unavailable timber; e.g. steep slopes or on wet ground, innovative practices to access timber in public interface zones, etc.

Good Woodlot Citizen:

List the nominee's contributions to the woodlot program, their local community or the Province such as positions held with a local woodlot association, the Federation or Woodlot Product Development Council, chairing any committees or active involvement in the community such as educational tours, speaking presentations, attending events promoting the woodlot program. Describe any suggestions or changes the nominee has made to streamline woodlot administration; i.e. to reduce costs and/or workload.

EVALUATION

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of FBCWA and FLNRO representatives (TBD) with equal weighting being given to each of the award criteria - basic & incremental forestry, sales, marketing & utilization, and being a good woodlot citizen. Decisions by the committee will be final and not subject to appeal. ♦

e-bits for your “two-bits”

by Tom Bradley

Copy Exhibit “A” for FRPA

A lot of Licences depend on the Copy Exhibit “A” function to move spatial data for a conventional cutblock with 1 SU and 1 Forest Cover type from FTA to RESULTS. Be aware that when you do this, it creates a Forest Practices Code block in RESULTS. You can tell it is a Code block because there are buttons that say Correction - Minor Amendment - Amendment at the bottom of the Standards Unit entry screen. FRPA blocks say Approved Variation - Site Plan Amendment - Amendment on that screen.

If your block was logged under the FRPA/WLPPR/Woodlot Licence Plan regime, you need to enter it as a FRPA block, not as a Code block. Slides 8 thru 17 in the Online Date Entry Basics powerpoint at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/training/Woodlot.htm> tell you how to make a Code block created with Copy Exhibit “A” into a FRPA block. (There are 4 things called Online Data Entry on that web page. You want the Basics PPT - PowerPoint file.) ♦

New Woodlot Reference and Training Info Online

FLNRO has provided some updated RESULTS training and reference materials for Woodlots. A set of PowerPoints and recorded LiveMeetings is available at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/training/Woodlot.htm>

I recommend the [Online Date Entry Basics](#) and [RESULTS Canned Reports](#) PowerPoints.

You really should review Online Data

Entry Basics if you encounter trouble. It covers the basics all right, but some of those basics are issues which cause problems over and over and over.

The Canned Reports is your guide to finding out what The System thinks you have (or have not) done, and what C&E is being told about you. Obviously of interest..... ♦

Garmin to Shape - for Free

To convert a Garmin GPS data set to a shape file using free software, see Section 4.2 in http://www.woodfor.com/GPS/GPS_Users_Manual_Ver1.2.pdf ♦

1 CP Speed Bumps

Not unexpectedly, we are seeing a few early adopter issues now that harvesting permitted under 1 CP is being reported to RESULTS.

First, we have had confusion about how to report “Block 1”. The 1 CP e-FM submission created an FTA entry for Block 1. Yes, it is a dumb looking triangle, but it is your harvest permission for Block 1. When you report Block 1 to RESULTS, you reference the triangle in FTA and tell RESULTS the real outline of your harvest area. That is, if you called the triangle CP HH Block 1 in FTA, you tell RESULTS that your first 1 CP harvest area is CP HH Block 1. And you of course give RESULTS the real harvest area outline

This of course means FTA and RESULTS have totally different outlines for Block 1. FTA thinks it is a triangle, RESULTS knows the truth. This is absolutely OK. FTA

and RESULTS do not have to agree on spatial extent.

Some Districts have asserted that The Triangle cannot be used for the Block 1 submission. We checked with Victoria and found that this is not the case. Use the triangle as your harvest authority to report Block 1 to RESULTS.

Second, we are seeing situations where the required text based entry in FTA for 1 CP Block 2 or Block 3 etc are not being created. This means that you cannot report the harvesting on Block 2 etc to RESULTS.

Sometimes, the Licencee has neglected to file their Notice of Commencement prior to harvesting Block 2. WLPPR Sec 74 requires that we file a NoC, and the 1 CP business process uses the NoC to trigger the creation of FTA entries for 1 CP blocks other than Block 1 (the triangle). So file your NoC! You will be contacting the District to ask then to make those FTA entries in the end, and having to acknowledge your procedural lapse as well.

There is a stock 1 CP NoC form in the back of the 1 CP Business Process Guide (Google process-guide woodlot to find it online)

We have also heard of situations where the District failed to comprehend that they had to make text entries in FTA for 1 CP harvest areas other than Block 1. So likely best to ask for confirmation that the FTA entry will be created. ♦



Associations on Deck

By Lisa Marak

The 23 local woodlot associations around the province are the backbone to the Federation. As the Communications Coordinator, I find it interesting to learn what is happening at the local level through Director Meetings, stories sent my way, and talking with licensees around the province. Each association is unique due to the forest district it resides within, log markets, timber types and memberships. Yet often they have similar woodlot management challenges, issues and successes.

We are including a new feature in the Almanac to highlight the local associations because we thought you might find it interesting to read what others are doing around the province. If you want to share any of your association activities, antics, news and stories with others, please send me an email at lmarak@telus.net

For the first edition, we decided to feature the North Island Woodlot Association (NIWA) who is hosting the FBCWA/WPDC Annual General Meetings this September in Campbell River and Quadra Island.

Here is what happened on their deck:

Why would 15 woodlot owners spend one windy and rainy Saturday morning at a Campbell River dryland sort and find this experience afterwards motivating and enjoyable? The Sayward Timber dryland sort was chosen as a classroom for a highly educational talk presented by woodlot licensee and log broker Bryan Mills from Storey Creek Trading Ltd.

Participants were riveted by Bryan's insight into log specifications for the domestic and export market, the particularities of the buyers from the various Asian countries and the "tricks

of the trade" that help to manufacture each log for the best market. The question of how to improve the value of the most significant woodlot product - logs, is as important to a woodlot owner as job promotion to an employee. Bryan also shed light on the changes of the markets and the general expectations of wood pricing. The combination of the availability of mechanized cutting to exact length and the requirement to fit logs perfectly into ship-holds led to the sanctioning of imprecise bucking habits.

Dryland sorts will separate "off-length" logs and the woodlot owner will receive a price reduction for those logs. The same is true for the diameter limits where the sharpest price drop occurs from a gang size log to a chip 'n saw log. A wrong cut can easily devalue a log by half! The most unforgiving specifications are the ones for the Japanese sorts, followed by the sorts for the Korean markets and any log that does not make these two better paying destinations will be offered to Chinese customers. Due to export restrictions and the ability of domestic mills to "block" export shipments, brokers regularly offer a portion of the produced log profile to domestic mills. Because the specifications for domestic sorts are different than for most export sorts, the woodlot owner is instructed to produce domestic logs beside export logs. The outlook for log prices in general is positive with a forecasted steady climb due to the reduced log supply from the interior, a moderate recovery of the US economy and the increasing demand for wood in Asia. Only the question "How soon and how long will the "supercycle" continue?" requires us to fetch the crystal ball from the attic.

Intrigued? Join us at the AGM in September, chat with some of the locals and learn more on the dryland sort. ♦

Please note:

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



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. ♦



WoodSourceBC.com is BC's online wood marketplace! Connect with over 350 members searching for an opportunity to buy and sell more wood products and services than ever before. WoodSourceBC.com is a free tool AND it's easy to use. Create your profile and start listing items for sale, items you want to buy, and searching for new business opportunities. Over 95 listings posted this last quarter. Join this growing network today. Visit www.woodsourcebc.com. ♦

and harvesting timber is as much an exercise in diplomacy as it is technical know-how when the prevailing opinion is that all logging is “bad”.

It’s in this climate that Jim helps licensees conduct their “small business forestry”, adhering to the strict guidelines set by the Ministry, while ensuring the woodlots can function as viable, sustainable enterprises.

A stalwart advocate for the program, Jim has earned the respect of his peers over the past 17 years by providing

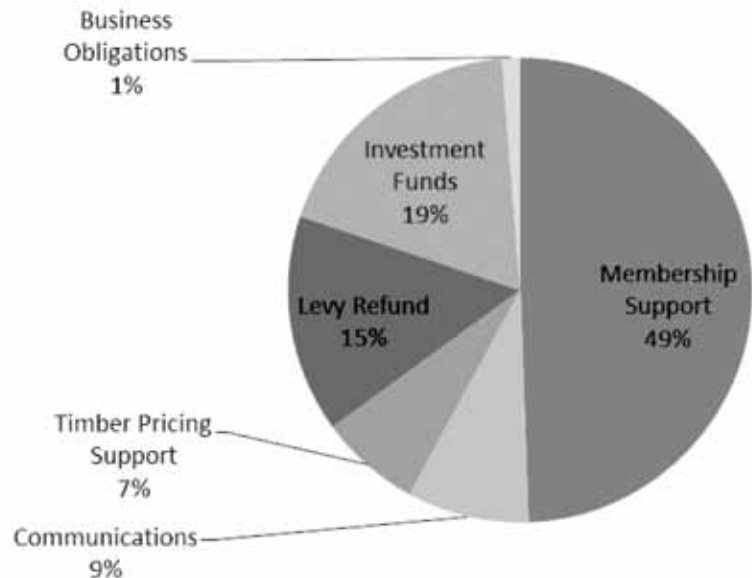
“guidance, direction, and education through countless field visits, training sessions and meetings,” according to one licensee. He’s known for his “cooperative, creative and solution-oriented” style, his aversion to red tape, and his ability to balance the sometimes-conflicting interests of licensees, First Nations and community stakeholders.

Through his efforts, and those of the woodlotters who have worked so hard to nurture a healthy forestry sector in

the region, the program has enjoyed remarkable growth in the Campbell River Forest District. In fact, in 2011 it represented just over 30% of the province’s volume awarded in new licences. Considering its size, and the geographical and social barriers that come to bear on the area, this is a significant achievement. Woodlots are the ultimate private/public partnership, and the North Island is a shining example of the benefits that can be enjoyed by all stakeholders, no matter the challenges. ♦

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. ♦

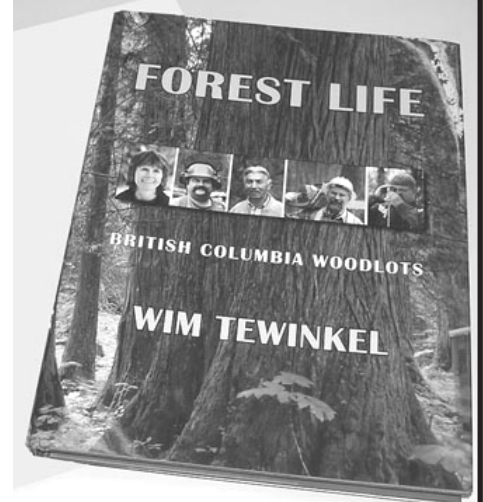


“Forest Life” makes a great gift

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

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

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





by Wim Tewinkel

Tibor's Woodlot

The Pemberton area, including D'Arcy where Tibor Molnar's woodlot is, is in the transition zone between the coast and the interior. The area is located on the lee side of the coastal mountain range. In the 1980's and early 1990's, we had a big problem with seedling survival. Sometimes as much as 50% of the seedlings would not survive the first year and replanting was very common.

The local foresters set up a group called the Transition Zone Working Group and met regularly to discuss the problems we faced. We talked about and tried out everything that might affect seedling survival. Was it the nurseries, the planting time, planting stock, etc., etc? Finally in the mid 90's or so we found the solution. With the help of a few other people we changed the weather. Now it seems that the dry spell we often got in June comes earlier in May, and in June when the seedlings are growing and need water desperately we get more precipitation. Survival rates are much higher now and replanting is something of the past, unless of course you do not plant as soon as possible after logging and wait a few years. Tibor always plants as soon as he can and survival rates on his woodlot are over 90%.

Tibor Molnar was born in Hungary in 1939 and as a young boy (18 years old) walked across the border into neighboring Austria when the Russian invaded Hungary to put down the uprising. He got eventually to Rotterdam in Holland and boarded a ship to Canada. The ship shipwrecked and they had to go back to Rotterdam. On a second boat he eventually got to Canada, where he made a living as a tree faller.

I met Tibor while we both were engaged in fighting a forest fire in the Twin One valley near Lillooet Lake in 1984. I told him that I had just applied for a woodlot for myself near Pemberton, but that one of the areas I had considered for a woodlot was right behind his house. His forest consultant had already applied for a woodlot for him in a different area. We changed the application and Tibor was awarded his woodlot in 1986. Douglas-fir is the predominant tree species with some birch, yellow pine and cedar mixed in most areas. His AAC is 1700 cubic metres per year.

The logging we have done over the years has always been clearcutting. At least that what we called it regardless of the size of the blocks. Blocks are always small (usually less than 3 hectares) and laid out with very irregular boundaries. Some of them have been as small as 1/4 hectare. The only block that is a lot bigger is the very first block that was laid out and harvested in 1987. As his forester I had laid out a block of about 3 hectares. We surveyed the block and submitted a cutting permit application to the MOF. Soon after I went for a holiday. When I came back Tibor was logging a 9 hectare-block. The helpful local MOF staff (they actually did help out in the field in those days) told him, he could not possibly log such a small block and changed the boundaries.

The Douglas-fir in Tibor's woodlot has some of the characteristics of the coastal Douglas-fir and some of the Interior Douglas-fir. It appears to be more shade tolerant than the coastal species and seems to like the small blocks we lay out. Even in the smaller blocks we leave a few old Douglas-vets and large Yellow pine.

Tibor sells his logs to the peeler mill in Lillooet. They like his logs and are usually prepared to take everything he cuts.

At 75 years of age Tibor is ready to retire and leave the woodlot to one of his children. ♦



Woodlot 040, Block 29, Logged – fall 2012, planted – spring 2013

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 cjmccclary401@gmail.com.

FBCWA Elections

The Federation's Executive Committee consists of ten (10) members. Currently, they are:

Mark Clark – President (Prince George)
Miles Fuller – Vice President (Nadina)
Nancy Pezel – Treasurer (South Island)
Lisa Marak – Secretary (Shuswap-Okanagan)
Cliff Manning – Director & Past President (Nadina)
Jeff Beale – Director (Peace River)
Tom Bradley – Director (West Kootenay)
George Delisle – Director (Associate Member)
John Massier – Director (Quesnel)
Wolfram Wollenheit – Director (North Island)

There are five (5) positions on the Executive Committee that need to be filled at the upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on Quadra Island on Sunday, September 22, 2013. The nominating committee (Cliff Manning & Miles Fuller) is currently seeking nominations. If you are interested in volunteering to fill one of these positions, please contact either of them at:

- Miles Fuller – 250-692-6878 or email: mdfuller75@gmail.com
- Cliff Manning – 250-692-6264 or email: cmfs44@hotmail.com

In order to be nominated to the Executive Committee, you must be appointed as a Director to the Federation by your local Woodlot Association. An Associate or Direct member of the Federation may also hold the position providing it is approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Also, be advised that each of the positions is for a two-year term and that members of the Executive Committee may be asked to let their name stand for election as an officer of the society; i.e. President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary.

For your information, during the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors will elect the Federation President and Secretary.

If you're interested in getting more involved in your Federation, now is the chance. Contact a member of the Nominating Committee if you're interested or require more information.

Cliff Manning & Miles Fuller
FBCWA 2013 Nominating Committee ♦



The talents of a woodlot licensee

Woodlot licensees are a practical, skilled group of people who enjoy being out in the field. In addition, many are very talented individuals, with special interests outside of the logging business. Amongst our members we have writers, woodworkers, crafters, and artists as noted below.

“The pen may be mightier than the sword,” says Rod Gould, “But a paintbrush is a lot lighter than a chainsaw.” And so, after twenty-five years as a horse-logger, Rod hasn't put down his chainsaw for good, but he's picking up his brushes more now as he works to capture on canvas the striking and sometimes subtle beauty of his chosen environment.

Rod's works in acrylic and oil reflect a life lived outdoors: his paintings of mountain landscapes, cold trout rivers, and honest working horses and teamsters have the stamp of authenticity that comes from having “been there and done that.” He now spends his time logging his 1500 acre wood lot near Greenwood, BC, chasing trout, and of course painting.

If you are driving through Oliver stop at the art gallery to view Rod's paintings or view them online at <http://www.oliverartgallery.ca/> ♦

Links of Interest

Resource Practices Branch developed and published 5 new training modules for Woodlots. All modules include a Power Point slide deck and a recorded Live Meeting session. The modules are intended to provide District staff, Woodlot Licensees and their consultants with a comprehensive understanding of the reporting requirement. The training material is available at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/training/Woodlot.htm> .


A link to the training <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/training/woodlot.htm> is also available on Forest Tenures Branch website at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timber-tenures/woodlots/general-information.htm> .

For additional resources and business documentation please visit the RESULTS website at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/>

For RESULTS access, including user access policy, training requirement and authorizations please visit: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/accesspolicy.htm>

For technical support please contact the NRS Service desk at NRSApplications@gov.bc.ca

- 1 & 3 Month Coast & Interior Log Market Reports: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/logreports.htm>
- BC Forest Exports by market and product (Ref #4725): <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/het/analysis-forest-exports.htm>
- Woodlot Safety Program: Safety info & Tools – Resources Packages: http://www.bcforestsafe.org/safety_info/resource_packages.html
- The Working Forest newspaper offers an e-newsletter and a newspaper on small-scale forestry across Canada: www.workingforest.com ♦



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Woodlot for Windows (Woodlot) is timber supply software used for woodlots and small woodlands in BC. In 2013, the current version, Woodlot 3.2 is being rewritten to modernize the software and provide important upgrades to meet current needs. The objectives in developing Woodlot 4 are to:

- Update the software platform to run on modern Windows based operating systems and to take advantage of current technology used in timber supply
- Incorporate VSYP7 and TIPSYP 4.3, the latest timber growth and yield functions
- Provide usability upgrades identified in a 2012 study
- Maintain the general workflow, concepts and interface as much as possible.
- Allow for upgrades to meet future needs.

The release of the new software is planned for this summer. For more information, contact Peter Graff, MFLNRO or Tom Bradley, FBCWA



Special Project Funding Available

The annual work plan has an allotment of \$25,000 for Special Projects that will benefit woodlot licensees. If you have an idea for a project, submit a proposal to the Woodlot Product Development Council. 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> ♦

Contractor's Corner

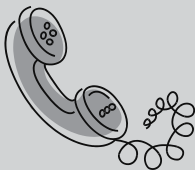
The FBCWA contracts a number of qualified people to work on projects that benefit all woodlot licensees. Projects are consistent with the activities approved in the annual work plan and are funded by the WPDC levy. In each issue of the Almanac this space will be dedicated to introducing the contractors, or FBCWA committee heads and executive members who oversee the contracts. Introducing...

Mike Bandstra, RPF. – Forsite Consultants Ltd.

Mike is a Smithers, BC based Forester and has spent the majority of his career working in the north, since graduating UBC in 1997. He and his wife Natasha are kept busy raising their four energetic boys and are interested in forming a cooperative whereby adhesive bandages could be purchased in bulk.



His youngest (5 years) frequently waffles in career goals, alternating between forestry and cooking at the local A&W. Mike has assisted licencees, government staff and forestry consultants in the utilization of Woodlot for Windows for approximately 10 years. ♦



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

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

Resolutions

With the Federation's Annual General Meeting coming up in September, now is a good time for woodlotters to identify any issues or concerns that they feel the Federation should address in the coming years.

The best way to do this is to make your issues or concerns known to your local Woodlot Association which is a member of the Federation. After due consideration, the Association will decide if it wishes to submit a resolution to the Federation.

Resolutions are presented, discussed and voted on during the Federation business session at the AGM. Everyone has an opportunity to speak to the resolutions and each resolution is voted on. Resolutions that pass by majority vote are then further discussed at the Directors meeting to provide input and direction to the Executive Committee who over the following year will take them into consideration. Many resolutions end up being included in the Federation's priority list, either as stand alone topics or incorporated into another related priority.

Woodlotters' input and resolutions are important. They help ensure that your Federation and Woodlot Associations keep working hard on your behalf.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the AGM and present their resolution in person. However if you will not be at the AGM, submit the Resolutions form that is included with this issue of the Almanac by the deadline noted on the form. ♦

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