

**2012 BC Community Forest Association Conference and AGM
May 24-26 in Kaslo, BC**

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a celebration of the Community Forest network**

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2012 BCCFA Conference and AGM Sessions

**This schedule is subject to minor changes.*

Wednesday, May 23rd

Pre Conference Governance Workshop We are pleased to announce that Vince Battistelli of the [Governance Group](#) will offer a workshop on how to improve board effectiveness and board/management relationships. The BCCFA board and staff are working with Vince who is a specialist in all aspects of board governance. He will offer insight into best practices in board/management roles and responsibilities and clear guidelines that lead to improved efficiency and personal satisfaction. Workshop will be held at Kokanee Creek Park, 40 minutes south of Kaslo. Lunch is included. This opportunity is not to be missed. [More information](#)

Thursday, May 24th



8:00 am-9:00 am

Meet at Kaslo Legion for registration and transportation coordination.

9:00 am-4:30 pm

Field Trip 1 – Kaslo Community Forest

Recreation and fire interface are the two key themes for the Kaslo tour. In the morning, we will learn about how this community is dealing with the complexity of historical, overlapping and conflicting recreational interests on the community forest. Tour some proposed recreation developments and share your experiences and insights. After lunch take a walking tour of the Kaslo River Trail and existing fuel management area. Discussions will focus on wildland/urban interface treatments and what has been learned about community considerations and cooperation in delivery of a treatment program. We will also learn about the Fire Smart initiative within the community and collaboration with the Wildfire Management Operations, the Village of Kaslo and the Regional District.

Field Trip 2 – Harrop Procter Community Forest

Spend the day on the beautiful south shore of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake in the Harrop-Procter Community Forest. Enjoy a short guided hike on scenic skid trails and a historic prospecting trail. Review and discuss objectives and results of recent single tree selection, shelterwood, seed tree, and patch cut harvesting in a domestic watershed. Lunch at the famous Procter Village Bakery, and visit the Community Forest's own small sawmill site in the afternoon.

Field Trip 3 – Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative

We will drive west out of Kaslo through the historic Village of New Denver on the way to the Slocan Community Forest (SIFCo). Come see a Wildland-Urban Interface project in action, tour a recent group selection cut with variable retention throughout. We will have lunch at the Bannock Point Recreation site which is located on the community forest tenure. We will hike down to the majestic Slocan Lake through a tour of the recent improvements to the site.

On your own for dinner

5:30 pm -10:00 pm

Trade Show and Reception

Conference registration, cash bar and appetizers at the Kaslo Legion. Free event and open to the local public.

7:00 pm

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Robin Hood, BCCFA President

Welcome messages from Regional Dignitaries and Platinum and Gold Level Sponsors

Friday, May 25th



7:00 am-8:15 am

Hot breakfast at the Kaslo Hotel

8:30 am-10:00 am

Plenary Sessions at the Kaslo Legion

Overview of the conference program and housekeeping

Susan Mulkey, Moderator

From the Ground Up - The Progression of Community Forestry in BC

In this panel discussion we will hear from people who were involved in promotion of the concept of community forestry and in the development of the Community Forest Agreement from the beginning days in BC. The panel will share their perspectives on the potential of the new tenure, how it has measured up, the surprises and obstacles and perspectives on future opportunities.

Panel members: Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister MFLNRO, Corky Evans, Geoff Battersby, chair of the Revelstoke CF and formerly a member of the Community Forest Advisory Committee and Jim Smith and Rami Rothkop, community forest pioneers. Ramona Faust, Moderator

10:00 am-10:30 am Coffee Break

10:30 am-12:00 am

Adapting to a Changing Climate: Impacts, Opportunities and Tools for BC Community Forests: How do we manage the land in the context of climate change? This session is targeted to long term forest management decision-making in response to climate and other changes. Cindy Pearce, RPF, Moderator

- **Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation** – Cindy Pearce
- **Why Climate Change Adaptation is Important to BC Community Forests** - Dave Peterson, Assistant Deputy Minister - Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- **Climate Change in BC's Regions – Past and Future** - Dr. Mel Reasoner
- **West Kootenay Impacts Case Study** – Greg Utzig, Kootenay Nature Investigations
- **Practicing Adaptation: One Manager's Response to Climate Change Impacts** - Ken Day, RPF, UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest
- **The Adaptive Capacity of Community Forests to Climate Change** - Ella Furness, UBC School of Forestry, Masters Candidate Ella will report on her research with 38 CFAs and their perceptions of the impacts of climate change on the forest and the range of attitudes towards global climate change

12:00 pm-1:15 pm Lunch

Take a walk and enjoy a box lunch at Vimy Park on the lake, 3 blocks from the Legion

1:15 pm-2:15 pm

Regional Cluster Sessions

This session is an opportunity for face to face networking with people in your geographic area. Share experiences that are specific to your area and explore potential opportunities for collaboration such as marketing.

2:15 pm-2:30 pm **Break**

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Update on the Community Forest Program from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources

Report and Discussion on BCCFA Activities and Priorities

BCCFA staff and directors will provide brief updates date on their advocacy efforts in expansion of the Community Forest Program, Single Cutting Permit implementation, BCCFA Governance Review, Association Revenue (Levy research & other options), plans for BCCFA Strategic Planning, and an initiative to gather comprehensive information on Community Forest Benefits. Q&A discussion and feedback is invited.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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President’s and Financial Reports, Special Resolutions, and Board Elections

Dinner on your own

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Social Networking 101

Steve Hoffart from Procerus Consulting in Kaslo will introduce us to the power of social networking and the ways in which it can be a useful tool for community forests.



A Grizzly Family Jim Lawrence Photo

Saturday May 26th

All sessions will be at JVH School

7:00 am-8:20 am **Hot Breakfast**

8:30 am-10:00 am

Strategies for Navigating Market Challenges

In this session we will hear from small and medium size mills and timber framers in the West Kootenays about their strategies for keeping the doors open and crews working through tough markets. Panel members include Chris Waters, Vaagen (Midway); Dwight Smith, Hamill Creek Timber Frame Homes; George Brinkman, Boards by George; Trevor Kanigan, Gold Island Forest Products and more TBC.



10:00 am-10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am-12:00 pm **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

Workshop 1

Strengthening CF Resilience in a Changing Climate – A quick scan of impacts & adaptations for your CF

In a hands-on approach that builds on local knowledge, participants will explore the potential negative impacts and opportunities of climate changes to their Community Forest. Activities will form a foundation for identifying priorities for action to strengthen the resiliency of each Community Forest. Facilitated by Cindy Pearce, Mel Reasoner and Greg Utzig

Workshop 2

Informal Q&A Session for New CFA/Applicants

Do you have a new community forest? Working on an application for a Community Forest? BCCFA members and Ministry of Forest staff will be the resource people for this Q&A session.

12:00 pm-1:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm-2:30 pm **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

Workshop 1

Engaging the Community in Community Forestry- Principles and Tools for Community Consultation –John Cathro, RPF and Susan

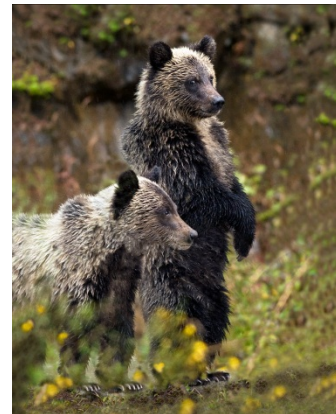
Mulkey (An Extension Project Session) Community Forests Agreement holders have an obligation to consult and report to their communities. This expectation is laid out in Section 43.3 of the Forest Act and Section 3 of the Community Tenures Regulation. The requirement sets CFAs apart from other tenure agreements, and is intended to help ensure that the management of the CFA is accountable to the community over time.

Drawing upon the work of the International Association of Public Participation this session will offer tools and examples for identification of stakeholders, how to attract and engage them, along with basic principles and practical tools for public engagement.

Workshop 2

Bio Fuel and Forest Carbon – Fact and Fiction

With the Cheakamus Community Forest now in discussions with the government to be allowed to mix current logging of the forest with selling carbon credits, a number of CFAs are wondering if they should also be going down this road. In this session Kelly Sherman from Ecora will talk about their experiences with the opportunities and challenges associated with generating revenue through management for forest carbon.



**At Attention
Jim Lawrence Photo**

Everyone has heard about the benefit of installing small scale biofuel units to heat rural public and private facilities. Having heard enough theory and promotion, last fall Robin Hood installed a Twin Heat biofuel system from Holland. Twin Heat is a hot water furnace that burns regular fire wood, sawdust, wood chips, pellets straw or “other”. Rob ran it last winter to heat a 2-story, 60x 25 foot shop, and thawed birch logs before they were turned into veneer. In this session, Rob will tell the true story of life with a biofuel furnace. [Twin Heat link](#). Discussion will follow on the opportunities and barriers of small scale initiatives. Kelly Burnham from Trane, Inc. will join us to provide his first-hand information on biomass for combined heat and power applications.

1:45 pm–2:00 pm Break

2:45 pm-3:45 pm Special Workshops

Participants at last year’s conference recommended we schedule in separate sessions for Managers and Boards only, since they each experience unique roles, responsibilities and challenges. These sessions will be moderated and will provide a forum for open discussion.

Workshop 1

Manager Forum

An opportunity for exchange of information, ideas and dialogue about the questions, issues and concerns of interest to community forest managers. Topics will include dealing with conflicting community values, entitlement, greed sorting for value, business approaches to moving logs and other subjects identified by participants.

Workshop 2

Board Forum

An opportunity for exchange of information, ideas and dialogue about the questions, issues and concerns of interest to community forest boards and to individual directors. Topics will include board composition and the skills, knowledge and competencies to consider when selecting members, roles and responsibilities and other topics identified by participants.

4:00 pm-4:30 pm Conference Summary and Wrap Up

5:30 pm -10:00 pm Banquet and 10th Anniversary Celebration at the Kaslo Golf Course

5:30 pm No host bar and Silent Auction

6:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Minister’s Address

Steve Thomson Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

8:00 pm Director Acknowledgements