

**2018 BCCFA Conference and AGM**  
**May 24 -26, 2018**  
**Burns Lake, BC**

<b>BCCFA 2018 Conference Program</b>	
<b>Thursday May 24</b>	
<b>7:00 am - 8:00 am</b>	<b>Hot breakfast at the Gathering Place 675 BC-16, Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0</b> <b>Registration desk open</b>
<b>8:00 am – 3:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Host Community Forests Presentations and Field Trip at the Gathering Place</b></p> <p><i>The day will include a bag lunch, extra snacks if needed and a walk of 1 km each way. Please bring proper foot wear and any personal items that you will need to be comfortable, rain or shine!</i></p> <p>The day will start with a presentation by General Manager Frank Varga from the Burns Lake Community Forest (BLCF) on how they are now “Managing Beyond Beetle Salvage”. We will also hear from Chinook Community Forest General Manager, Ken Nielsen, and Cheslatta Community Forest Manager, James Rakochy.</p> <p>10:45 am – Following a coffee break, we will load onto buses for the Kager Lake Recreation Area and site of BLCF partial harvest and Hazard Mitigation Project.</p> <p>Bag lunch at Co-op Lake</p> <p>From there we will head to the Chinook Community Forest to the Haney Area 20 minutes east of town. General Manager Ken Nielsen will demonstrate it is possible to practice conventional logging techniques to meet less than 5 tons per hectare of debris for fire mitigation.</p> <p>3:30 pm Return to Burns Lake – Arrive at the Gathering Place</p>
	<b>Dinner on your own</b>
<b>5:30 pm - 9:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration desk open at the Royal Canadian Legion, 158 Francois Lake Dr., Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E1</b>

<b>6:00 pm - 10:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Reception at the Legion</b></p> <p>Meet and Greet starts at 6:00. A free event and open to the public. Designated drivers will be available.</p> <p>7:30 – BCCFA President's Welcome from Erik Leslie and introductions of sponsors, board and guests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome from Chief Dan George, Chief of the Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation (Burns Lake)</li> <li>• Welcome from the Mayor of Burns Lake Chris Beach, and Bill Miller, Chair of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako</li> <li>• Welcome from the Presidents of the Host Community Forests</li> <li>• Welcome from conference sponsors</li> </ul>
<b>Friday May 25</b>	
<b>7:00 am - 8:30 am</b>	<b>Hot breakfast and registration at the Gathering Place</b>
<b>7:30 am – 8:15</b>	<p><b>ABCFP Member Breakfast – Gathering Place Board Room</b></p> <p>Opportunity for ABCFP members to meet with Council President, Robin Modesto and Casey Macaulay, Registrar and Director of Act Compliance. Grab your coffee and breakfast and join the informal check in.</p>
<b>8:30 am – 8:50 am</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Susan Mulkey, BCCFA Manager of Communications and Extension and Conference Coordinator</p> <p>Overview of the Day – Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director, BCCFA</p>
<b>8:50 am – 10:00 am</b>	<p><b>Session 1 – Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD) Engagement Reports and New Priorities</b></p> <p>It has not even been a year since the new government was sworn in and yet it has been a challenge to keep up with all the policy review and engagement processes they have launched just within the MFLNRORD. The next 4 speakers will give us the latest on several topics important to community forests.</p> <p><b>Shane Berg, Deputy Chief Forester of BC, and Executive Director, Office of the Chief Forester, MFLNRORD</b></p>

	<p>Shane will be introducing Session 1 with a brief overview of the various changes that are driving forest management decisions across the Province and ultimately having an influence on timber supply.</p> <p><b>Report on the 2017 Flood &amp; Fire Review - Ian Meier, Director of Operations, BC Wildfire Service</b> Chief Maureen Chapman and George Abbott’s recently released report, <a href="#">“Addressing the New Normal: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Disaster Management in British Columbia”</a> includes 108 recommendations. Ian will speak to the recommendations, the plans for implementation and how community forests fit into the vision for the future.</p> <p><b>Rural Development Review - Marc Imus MFLNRORD Regional Economic Operations Branch Kamloops, Director, Southern Interior Region (Kamloops)</b> Marc will report on the process and status of the development of a new Rural Development Strategy for BC.</p> <p><b>Modernized Land Use Planning and Managing for Multiple Values - Kevin Kriese, ADM Regional Operations, North Area, MFLNRORD</b> Kevin will speak to the new direction for land use planning which integrates with First Nations rights and title, and includes community engagement, monitoring and cumulative effects and addresses modern challenges, including fire &amp; climate change.</p>
<p><b>10:00 am – 10:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>10:30 am - 11:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2 – BCCFA Major Projects Update</b></p> <p><b>The Year in Review – Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director, BCCFA</b> Jennifer will review the activities of the BCCFA over the past year including the 2017 Indicators Survey, BCCFA contributions to MFLNRORD engagements and reviews, policy development and the BCCFA concept for community tenures in the WUI.</p> <p><b>“Building Relationships and Cultivating Social Licence - A Guide for Small Tenure Holders In BC” – Susan Mulkey, BCCFA and Carolyn Whittaker, The Firelight Group</b> BCCFA’s new extension guide was developed for managers of small tenures in BC who are working closely with local communities, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, as well as provincial, federal, and municipal agencies. It provides examples of lessons learned and key concepts that will help guide managers in the process of cultivating social licence using a range of participatory approaches.</p>
<p><b>11:00 am – 12:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3 - Land Based Investments Panel</b></p>

	<p><b>Overview of land based investment funds and objectives – Doug Stewart, Director, Forest Tenures Branch, MFLNRORD</b></p> <p><b>Site Restoration and Reforestation – Neil Hughes, Forest Establishment Leader, Resource Practices Branch, MFLNRORD</b> New developments and opportunities for CFAs</p> <p><b>Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) – Gord Pratt, FESBC Operations Manager</b> Projects approved for CFAs, and information on new opportunities.</p>
<p><b>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch and Keynote Speaker</b></p> <p><b>Honorable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</b> Minister’s address and the announcement of the recipient of the 2018 Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry</p>
<p><b>1:00 pm - 2:15 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4 – Indigenous Relations and Building Social License</b> As part of the provincial government’s commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in BC, a commitment was made to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. FLNRORD and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) are in the early days of reviewing policies, programs, and legislation to determine how to bring the principles of the commitment into action in BC. This panel will take us from information on what work is underway, the types of agreements being made, to an opportunity and role for community forests in the process of reconciliation beyond the legal requirements of our tenure and why the effort is important.</p> <p><b>Linda Robertson, Regional Manager, Skeena Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation</b></p> <p><b>Lisa Ambus, Project Leader, North Region Negotiating Team, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation</b></p> <p><b>Casey Macaulay, RPF, Association of BC Forest Professionals</b></p>
<p><b>2:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Manager’s Meeting – Meeting will take place across the street at the College of New Caledonia</b></p> <p>Discussion on issues of importance to Managers of CFAs. Topics will include: Operating in the WUI &amp; constrained areas, options for residual fibre, and manager/board relations. Facilitated by Erik Leslie, RPF and Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director, BCCFA</p>

<b>2:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Board of Director’s Session – Gathering Place Board Room</b></p> <p>Discussion on matters of importance to Directors on Boards of CFAs including insurance requirements for CFAs, and compensation for directors. Facilitated by Susan Mulkey, Manager of Communication and Extension</p>
<b>5:30 pm - 10:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Annual Banquet at the Gathering Place</b></p> <p>Cash bar, silent auction, live auction of specialty items, Board/Staff/Volunteer appreciation</p>
<p><b>Saturday May 26</b></p>	
<b>6:30 am - 8:00 am</b>	<b>Hot Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00 am - 10:30 am</b>	<b>BCCFA AGM</b>
<b>10:30 am - 11:00 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Session 5</b> <b>Wildfire – Science, Risks and Management Panel</b></p> <p>Today BC is experiencing evacuations due to floods from spring melt and heavy rains. But the very real risk of wildfire is never out of the minds of community forests and rural BC communities. This 3-hour session, with a 45-minute break for lunch, will be all about fire. The 4-person panel will take us through the experience of an evacuee from the Williams Lake fires, the science of fire and its role in the ecosystem, the indicators and factors that have contributed to our current situation of insect outbreaks and fire risk, to stories of challenges and successes in the mitigation of risk. The session will include an hour for discussion after the presentations. The local community has been invited to join us.</p> <p><b>Brian McNaughton, BC Federation of Woodlot Association, General Manager</b> Brian is a long-time resident of Williams Lake. Brian will share his first-hand experience as an evacuee from the 2017 fires in the Cariboo and his perspective of how the 2017 season of catastrophic fires developed over time.</p> <p><b>Lori Daniels, Professor, UBC Department of Forest and Conservation Sciences</b> Lori’s research investigates the impacts of natural and human caused disturbance and climate variation on forests. She will show how research on fire regimes helps to understand the causes and consequences of the 2017 wildfires. She will share the results from a 2016-7 survey on community wildfire protection and pose science-based solutions for long-term forest and community resilience – including proposed research collaboration with community forests in BC.</p>

<p><b>12:00 pm – 12:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>12:45 pm – 2:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5, continued</b></p> <p><b>Stephan Martineau – Manager of SIFCo – the Slocan Integral Forestry Co-Op, in the Slocan Valley.</b> SIFCo Community Forest has been leading the way when it comes to licensee engagement in Wildfire Management since 2008. Stephan will talk about their Strategic Landscape Level Wildfire Protection Plan, how they went about creating it, and some of the challenges they see ahead as this type of work gets scaled province wide. He will present some of the tools they have used, examples of the different types of treatments they are applying in the landscape, and how they have gained social licence to do this work.</p> <p><b>Bruce Blackwell RPF, RPBio, BA Blackwell and Associates</b> “Fuel is the only thing we can affect when it comes to fire.” Bruce will talk about the need to invest in fire preparedness and prevention along with a need to review policy and legislation, stumpage and the tenure system so government and industry can better coordinate forest fire management.</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>2:45 pm – 3:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Acknowledgements and Comments from Host communities</b></p>