

2014 BCCFA Conference and AGM June 12th -14th Williams Lake, BC

Hosted by the Esk'etemc and the Likely-Xat'sull Community Forests

The Cariboo Forest Region - From Desert to Rainforest

This conference promises to be a dynamic event covering a broad range of topics important to community forest boards, managers, government, academics, and forest professionals. The practical and informative sessions and discussions, combined with opportunities for networking with colleagues and experienced professionals are sure to inspire and make the time worthwhile for all who attend.

The BCCFA annual event features two field days that will take us from the desert environment of the Esk'etemc Community Forest to the inland temperate rainforest of the Likely-Xat'sull Community Forest. The field trips will combine tours of the community forests, with presentations covering key topics of interest to all community forests. The third day takes place in Williams Lake, and features a series of panels and workshops aimed at addressing the strategic issues and priorities of community forests in BC.

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Conference Schedule

Thursday June 12 - Esk'etemc Field Day

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	Breakfast on your own
7:30 am	Registration at Tourism Discovery Centre marshalling point 1660 S. Broadway, Williams Lake, BC V2G 2W4 Please let us know at if you have any special dietary needs.
8:00 am	Buses leave for Esk'etemc from Tourism Discovery Centre marshalling point
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Esk'etemc Community Forest Morning Field Tour The field tour will take us the Esk'etemc traditional territory where specific sites will offer up opportunities for insights into some important topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grasslands Timber Harvesting and Ungulate Winter Range• First Nation Consultation and Management of Cultural Heritage Resources – A First Nation Perspective. Tour of Esk'etemc fasting site.• Using tablets for Beetle Probing – A practice session in the field. Bring your own device.
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch at Esk'etemc Arborum Located on Pow Wow Trail aka Alkali 4a road on Google Maps. The Arbor is located 3.6 kms on the Pow Wow Trail. Welcome from Chief Charlene. Entertainment by Alkali Dancers. Lunch served by the Alkali community.
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Esk'etemc Community Forest Afternoon Field Tour The sites we will visit focus on issues common to all community forests including forest health, intensive silviculture, and mid-term timber management supply impacts. Cathy Koot, RP Bio will introduce the new Invasive Species Council of BC's pocket guide for invasive plant management in forestry.
4:00 pm- 4:30 pm	Travel back to Williams Lake Tourism Discovery Centre marshalling point
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Registration desk open at the Williams Lake Tourism Discovery Centre
	Dinner on your own
6:00 pm-10:00 pm	Meet and Greet – Williams Lake Tourism Discovery Centre Doors open at 6:00 - Presentations begin at 7:30 Join old and new friends for a drink and snacks. No host bar. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goods and Services Exhibition – Formerly known as the “Trade Show”• President's Welcome• Welcome from The T'exelcemc (Williams Lake Indian Band). Williams Lake Councillor Ivan Bonnell, Acting Mayor of Williams Lake. Introductions of Local Dignitaries, Sponsors, BCCFA Board and Guests

Friday June 13th - Likely Xat'sull Field Day and AGM

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	On your own for breakfast
7:30 am	Registration at Tourism Discovery Centre marshalling point. Please let us know at if you have any special dietary needs.
8:00 am	Buses leave for Likely (96km) from Tourism Discovery Centre marshalling point Managers will be given a sheet to identify in advance their key issues for the Operations and Manager's session this evening at dinner. Sheets will be collected at the AGM.
9:30 AM	Arrive at Downtown Likely. Coffee break
10:00 am - 12:00 PM	Likely Community Forest Tour The community forest has been a leading force in local recreation and tourism enhancement and restoration. The rich local history is woven through this tour as we visit their ghost town, and campsite operated through a local partnership. We will tour their low mobility trails and signage, while featuring issues of the interface with placer mining, gated roads and rehabilitation. Time permitting we will stop by Likely's Birch Veneer plant.
12:00 pm-12:45 pm	Lunch at Likely Community Hall
12:45 pm-1:30 pm	When Placer and Hard Rock Mining and Exploration Overlaps on the Community Forest at the Likely Hall Issues include: Gated roads, rehabilitation, free use permits. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likely Xat'sull Community Forest, Robin Hood• Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations: Lindsay Wood and Doug Stewart
1:30 PM	Leave Likely for the AGM at the Xat'sull Heritage Site There will be a bridge inspection demonstration by the Forest Practices Board along the way.
2:45pm	Leave from Discovery Centre to Xat'sull Heritage site for the AGM For people unable to join the morning field tour but planning to attend the AGM there will be maps/directions on how to get to the AGM location at the Centre
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	BCCFA Annual General Meeting at Xat'sull Heritage Site <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by Xat'sull Chief Bev Sellars• BCCFA Annual Overview• Annual General Meeting
5:30 pm	Optional tour of Xat'sull Heritage site
6:00 pm	Buses leave for Williams Lake Tourism Discovery Centre Arrive at 6:30
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Operations Dinner and Manager's Discussion at the Laughing Loon 1730 A South Broadway Williams Lake, BC V2G 1Y1 (778) 412-6655 This session is an adaptation of the Manager's session for this year. It will focus on the issues, questions and interests prioritized by community forest managers. Facilitated by Don Brown and Jennifer Gunter. Everyone is welcome to attend. The price of dinner and drinks are not included in the conference ticket price.

Saturday June 14th Pioneer Complex in Williams Lake

7:00 am - 8:15 am **Hot breakfast at the Pioneer Complex
Goods and Services Exhibition**

8:30 am **Welcome and Housekeeping**
Susan Mulkey, Conference Coordinator

8:30 am – 8:50 am **MFLNRO Information Updates**
Geoffrey Klassen, RPF, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO), Tenures Branch
Geoff will give the annual update of the status of the Community Forest Agreement Program and other key governmental initiatives. There will be an opportunity for questions from the floor.

9:00 am - 9:50 am **Fire Adapted Communities and Fire-Resilient Ecosystems Panel**
Wildfire hazard management, silviculture strategies, roles and responsibilities.
Facilitated by Erik Leslie, Harrop Procter

- Multijurisdictional Planning in the Regional District of Central Kootenay – Erik Leslie
- Wildland Urban Interface – Kelly Osbourne, MFLNRO Fire Management Planning Forester
- District of Logan Lake’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan and FireSmart 2013 Community Protection Achievement - Don Brown
- A Vision for Communities to Manage Fire Risk - Bob Gray, Fire Ecologist

9:50 am-10:20 am **Break**

10:20 am-11:30 pm **The Significance of Community Forests in BC: Understanding our impact and potential**
With a mission to promote and support the practice and expansion of sustainable community forest management in BC, the BCCFA is implementing strategies and developing tools to communicate the message of the tangible social/cultural and local economic benefits of the Community Forest Agreement Program. Jennifer Gunter, BCCFA Executive Director and Don Brown, BCCFA President will describe current strategies and tools.

BCCFA Front Country Map is a tool that identifies the best places on the land base for the location of community forests and the areas of significant interest to communities and high priority areas for expansion. For simplicity, we are calling this zone the “front country”.

Since last year’s conference in Smithers, the BCCFA has been developing a set of economic, social, cultural and environmental indicators that will help us demonstrate the benefits of community forests. Jennifer will give an overview of the **Indicators Project** process so far and identify next steps. Dwight Wolfe, RPF, Tesera Systems, will facilitate a break out session & summary discussion.

11:30 pm – 12:00 pm **Review of the Operations and Manager’s Discussion Outcomes**
We will have a summary of the previous evening’s discussions and identify the next steps and actions required.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	<p>Partners and Projects</p> <p>To address BCCFA strategic priorities and the needs of the members, the BCCFA is involved in a number of projects in partnership with other organizations. In this session, we will hear about a few of them including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Forest Safety Council – Reynold Hert, CEO and Board Chair • FPIInnovations – Communities Project: Forest Sector Technical Support Services - Marian Marinescu, FPIInnovations • UBC Faculty of Forestry - Ken Day, UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest Summer Students Program and F424 Student Projects.
1:20 pm - 2:10 pm	<p>Forest Workers for Tomorrow - A Role for the Community Forest</p> <p>In this session presenters will talk about initiatives that target important forest education, succession planning and training needs.</p> <p>Presenters -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Bourgeois, PhD, RPF, President, New Direction Resource Management Ltd. Educational outcomes from Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities, the new provincial educational collaborative initiative and the BC National Forest Week Coalition. • Jack Mc Leman, Alberni Valley Community Forest secondary school program. • Kathy Smith, President, Nakusp and Area Community Forest - Post-secondary Educational Initiatives from Nakusp Community Forest. Kathy will tell about a number of their educational initiatives including a partnership with Kaslo Community Forest, Selkirk College, Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association, Ktunaxa First Nation and others.
2:10 pm – 2:25 pm	Break
2:25 pm - 3:10 pm Concurrent workshop sessions – 45 minutes each	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Managing Liability and Audit Preparedness</p> <p>A session for managers on how to be well prepared for a Forest Practices Board audit. Chris Mosher, CA and EP(CEA), Forest Practices Board Director of Audits Daryl Spencer, RPF, Forest Practices Board Auditor</p> <p>Session 2</p> <p>Directors Dialogue - A Session for Boards of Directors of Community Forests</p> <p>Topics of specific interest to directors will be prioritized and discussed. The session will begin with a focus on the relationship between the municipal shareholder and the community forest. Facilitated by Susan Mulkey</p>
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm Concurrent workshop sessions – 45 minutes each	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Strategic Planning and Your CFA - Worth the Effort</p> <p>Drawing upon the Community Forestry Guidebook II, this session will look at the importance of strategic planning as a tool for effective governance. Community Forests will talk about their strategic planning efforts and their unique approaches to engage the community in the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells Gray Community Forest - Georg Brcko, Dave Meehan and Grant Thompson • Lower North Thompson - Harley Wright and Mike Francis

Session 2

Social Media and the Community Forest

Bill Layton, RPF, Zanzibar Holdings

This session will spark the needed inspiration for community forest managers and boards to use social media for promoting their organizations and for communicating with the community.

- Websites - Why Community Forests need a website, setting up a website, important content, updating, promotion
- Facebook – When do community organizations need a FB page? What are the benefits and pitfalls or challenges? How often should it be updated? What controls can be set?
- LinkedIn – Professional networking

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Wrap up Plenary Session

Summary of key themes and identification of directions to the BCCFA.

6:00 pm -10:00 pm

Annual Banquet and no host bar

Speaker: Donna Barnett

MLA Cariboo-Chilcotin and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for Rural Development

Directors' Acknowledgement