



# **2017 BCCFA Conference and AGM**

June 15 -17  
Tumbler Ridge, BC



# TUMBLER RIDGE COMMUNITY FOREST

Welcome to Tumbler Ridge for the 2017 Conference and AGM, hosted by the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest. This is the land of waterfalls and dinosaurs, and home of the new UNESCO Global Geopark.

The BCCFA and the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest acknowledge the Indigenous communities who call the land around Tumbler Ridge home: The Beaver (Dunne-za), Salteau, Sekani (Tse Khene), Cree and Metis, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Sauteau First Nation, West Moberly First Nation and The Kelly Lake Cree First Nation, Kelly Lake First Nation and the Kelly Lake Metis Settlement Society.

We gather to connect with our colleagues, to network and share the lessons we have learned in community forestry. While the uncertain outcome of the provincial election may limit some aspects of our discussion, let's seize the opportunity to come together to identify the key issues community forests face and define our priorities. You are encouraged to ask questions, to engage in dialogue and share your experiences and ideas. Everyone has something to contribute!



# British Columbia **Community Forest Association**

local people, local forests, local decisions

## A Message from the BCCFA President

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the BCCFA and we will be celebrating our journey together. The community forest agreement (CFA) began as a pilot, initiated by the BC NDP government in 1998. Under the BC Liberals, the pilot program quickly became operational, and the new forest tenure took hold. In 2002 the need to build a network of community forests in the province was realized, and the BCCFA was established. The Forestry Revitalization Plan and timber reallocation of 2003 demonstrated the provincial government's intention to grow the community forest program. By 2005, 33 new communities were invited to apply for a CFA, significantly expanding the program. The changes to the Forest Act and regulations in 2009 created certainty for community forests through the long term 25 year replaceable licenses. Today, the CFA program includes 60 organizations and continues to expand and grow. Over the past 15 years we have seen that community forestry is a concept that has broad support in BC. The BCCFA commits to working with the provincial government to strengthen community forests and to continue to expand the opportunities for communities to access the program.

*Erik Leslie*

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- **Kinuseo Café**
- **Tech Coal Ltd. Quintette Mine**
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## Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

**7:00am  
to  
8:30am**

**Breakfast at Tumbler Ridge Inn** located at 275 Southgate St.

Sponsored by Tumbler Ridge Community Forest (TRCF)

Registration desk open at the Trend Hotel

**9:00am  
to  
3:30pm**

**Field trip to Tumbler Ridge Community Forest (TRCF) & local special features**

Meet at Trend Hotel and Conference Centre located at 75 Southgate St. to load buses

**Resource people:**

Duncan McKellar, RPF, MBA, Manager of the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest

Steve Mulholland, MFLNRO, Forest Protection Officer  
Budd Phillips, WorkSafeBC

Sarah Waters, Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark

Jay Greenfield, RPF with Ecora in Prince George,

Matt Peasgood, RPF with DWB

Contractor Dan from Hi Sky

**9:00am  
to  
10:00am**

**Presentation on GIS data management at the Tumbler Ridge Golf Course**

- Operational tracking
- Strategic planning
- Wildfire interface record management
- Forest Practices Board Audit essentials



<b>10:00am to 12:00pm</b>	<p><b>TRCF Field Tour</b> – Community Forest and Wildfire Interface Management Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-use outcomes – Key to success</li> <li>• Social licence</li> <li>• Trial planning</li> <li>• Private land interface – things to know</li> </ul>
<b>12:00pm to 1:20pm</b>	<p><b>Lunch at Tumbler Ridge Golf Course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark presentation</li> <li>• WorkSafeBC presentation</li> </ul>
<b>1:30pm to 3:30pm</b>	<p><b>Field Tour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildfire management continued</li> <li>• Visual management out my window – exceed the rules.</li> <li>• Dead trees still in the interface. What would you prescribe?</li> </ul>
<b>3:30pm to 5:00pm</b>	<p><b>Optional Tour to Dinosaur Trackway</b></p>
<b>5:00pm to 7:00pm</b>	<p><b>Registration desk open at Trend Hotel</b></p>
<b>6:00pm to 10:00pm</b>	<p><b>Opening Reception at the Tumbler Ridge Museum</b></p> <p><i>255 Murray Dr, Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0</i></p> <p>Meet and Greet starts at 6:00, with a cash bar and appetizers. 7:30 - President's Welcome to delegates and introductions of sponsors, board and guests. Opening prayer by George Desjarlais, Elder/Forestry Technician/Caucasian Specialist for the West Moberly First Nations Land Department. This is a free event and open to the public.</p>

## Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

**7:00am  
to  
8:30am**

### **Hot breakfast at Tumbler Ridge Inn**

Registration desk open at the Trend Hotel 8:00 am

**8:30am  
to  
9:00am**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Trend Mountain Hotel

**9:00am  
to  
10:00am**

### **Provincial Forest Sector Outlook**

*Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Timber Operations, Pricing and First Nations Division, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO)*

Key initiatives update, including the province's work on First Nations relations and the latest on the Softwood Lumber Dispute.

### **BC's Forest Sector: Working Together**

*Nikki Lachance, Director of Operations - Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation Division, MFLNRO*

Maintaining a competitive forest sector in BC involves consideration of three interconnected goals: Healthy resilient forests, a diverse, globally competitive industry and stable communities and First Nations partners. Each of these goals requires support from, and in turn sustains, the others. Recognizing this interdependency provides a framework to engage broadly on ways to ensure that BC maintains a healthy, resilient and competitive forest sector.

**10:00am  
to  
10:30am**

### **Break**



**10:30am  
to  
11:10am**

### **Community Forest Program Update**

*Emma Neil, Senior Timber Tenures Forester,  
MFLNRO Forest Tenures Branch*

Status of the program and relevant regulatory changes.

### **Overview of BC Land Based Funding**

*Doug Stewart, Director MFLNRO Forest Tenures Branch*

Opportunities for Investment in the community forest land base, including the new Forest Carbon Initiative, Forest Enhancement Society and Rural Dividend.

**11:10am  
to  
11:30am**

### **BCCFA Executive Director's Update**

*Jennifer Gunter, BCCFA Executive Director*

2017 marks the 15-year anniversary of the BCCFA. Our 52 members represent over 80 communities around BC. Forty percent of our members are First Nations communities, or partnerships involving First Nations. Jennifer will highlight the work of the Association in the past year and will share input from our members on priorities for the future.

**11:30am  
to  
12:00 pm**

### **Community Forest Showcase**

#### **– Little Prairie Community Forest**

*Jeff Beale, President, Little Prairie Community Forest*

The Little Prairie Community Forest Inc. is a partnership between the District of Chetwynd, the Saulneau First Nation, and the West Moberly First Nation. Little Prairie Community Forest Inc. uses sustainable forest management practices and Indigenous knowledge to manage 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> on 14,000 hectares of north of Chetwynd and south of Moberly Lake in the Dawson Creek timber supply area.

**12:00pm  
to  
1:00pm**

Lunch

**1:00pm  
to  
2:00pm**

**Liability and Volunteer Projects on** the Community Forest

*John Hawkings, Director of Recreation Sites and Trails BC, MFLNRO*

Risk and liability related to recreation use and specifically trails on forest lands in BC, is a common concern for land owners, land managers, tenure holders and other rights holders. This session will look at some of the issues, present a summary of relevant legislation, most importantly the Occupiers Liability Act, introduce related court decisions and discuss implications for recreation use of public lands in BC.

**2:00pm  
to  
2:30pm**

**Break**

**2:30pm  
to  
4:30pm**

**Managers Session**

*Co-Moderators Jennifer Gunter and Erik Leslie*

This session is an opportunity for exchange of information, ideas and dialogue about the questions, issues and concerns of interest to community forest managers. The outcomes of the session help to inform the work of BCCFA Executive Director and board of directors in their efforts to improve the success of the community forest program. The following priorities for the session were identified by community forest managers in a recent survey. Additional topics will be discussed, time permitting.

- FESBC/FFT/SWPI funding opportunities.
- Softwood Lumber Dispute
- First Nations relationships and best practices

**2:30pm  
to  
4:30pm**

### **Board of Directors Session**

*Co-Moderators Susan Mulkey and Carolyn Whittaker*

This session will target issues, questions and challenges of community forest boards with a special focus on the responsibilities and limitations of a director, board relationship with the shareholder and the manager and effective board governance.

**6:00pm  
to  
10:00pm**

### **Banquet and Celebration of BCCFA's 15th Anniversary**

- Silent Auction
- 15 Years of the BCCFA Slide Show
- BCCFA Board and Volunteer Recognition
- Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry – Presented by Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

## Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>7:00am to 8:30am</b>	<b>Hot Breakfast at the Tumbler Ridge Inn</b>
<b>8:30am to 8:45am</b>	<b>Report from Managers and Board Sessions</b>
<b>8:45am to 10:30am</b>	<b>BCCFA AGM</b>
<b>10:30am to 11:00am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:00am to 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Community Engagement, Building Trust and the Cultivation of Social Licence</b>  <i>Carolyn Whittaker and George Van, Firelight Group</i>  <p>“Your community supports your project fully.” In what ways, can you engage with your community so that this statement can be true? What works, and what hasn’t worked in the past to build trust and hold social license to operate? This workshop will identify the challenges in cultivating social license and will provide a variety of tools that can be used in your community to better engage and cooperate with community members, local Indigenous people and stakeholder groups.</p>
<b>12:00pm to 12:30pm</b>	<b>Working Lunch and short film</b>
<b>12:30pm to 1:10pm</b>	<b>Community Engagement, Building Trust and the Cultivation of Social Licence, continued</b>
<b>1:15pm to 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Conference Wrap Up</b>

## What does “Social License” mean to you?

BCCFA members recently participated in a survey to identify their sense of the phrase social license.

consensus listening  
**sustainability**  
collaboration  
respect meetings shared  
transparency  
**community support**  
values relationships  
**engagement** trust  
acceptance

# The Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry



In May 2016, Minister Steve Thomson announced the creation of a new award at our conference and AGM in Lake Cowichan. The Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry will be given annually to the community forest that best exemplifies the values exhibited by the late Robin Hood and the community forest program. These values include community leadership, providing local and social economic opportunity and passion for community forestry.

Robin was president of the BCCFA for nearly 10 years. He was instrumental in establishing the Likely Xats'ull Community

Forest, as well as the BCCFA and the provincial program. Fittingly, the Likely Xats'ull Community Forest was first recipient of the \$10,000 award. The second recipient will be announced at the BCCFA's 15th Anniversary Banquet on June 16th.

To be eligible for nomination, the recipient must be a CFA licensee and all basic license obligations must be current. All community forests that wish to apply are invited to submit their application via the BCCFA's Community Forest Indicators survey.

Applicants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Innovation and leadership in land management (e.g. forest management, recreation, non-timber values etc.)
- Efforts to build and maintain social licence and involve the community and local First Nations
- Initiatives that provide benefits to the community (social, economic, cultural and environmental)

We gratefully acknowledge the generous financial support of the Province of British Columbia in the creation of this important award.

# Speaker Profiles

## John Hawkings

John is the Director of Recreation Sites and Trails BC, a branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Prior to taking on the Director Role in early 2015, John was the Provincial Trails Manager for the same branch since 2007. John led the development of the Trails Strategy for British Columbia, a collaborative strategic approach to developing a world class sustainable trail system in BC. Prior to joining the Ministry in 2007, John spent much of the previous 15 years involved in forest-based recreation planning and implementation throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor in both the public and private sector and worked for 3 years in various US National Parks.

John completed a B.Sc. in biology at the University of Victoria in 1998 and has a diploma in outdoor recreation from Mount Royal College, Calgary

## Nikki Lachance, MRM

*Director of Operations -Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation Division, FLNRO*

Over the past nine months, Nikki Lachance has been leading the implementation, review and monitoring of forest sector competitiveness activities across the ministry, and supporting various forest sector-related projects across government. Previously, Nikki had held the role of Deputy Director with FLNRO's Land Tenures Branch, focused on Crown land management. Nikki has also spent time with the Ministry of Environment, leading regulatory development under the Environmental Management Act.

Nikki originally joined government 10 years ago as a regional authorizations officer, following completion of her master's degree in Resource Management at Simon Fraser University, with a focus on land policy and planning.

## Duncan McKellar MBA, BScF, RPF

Duncan's thirty years plus career includes employment in operational forestry, information technology, environmental engineering and health care. Positions include, business management consultant, director of professional environmental engineering services, project manager patient flow and health records, director of product management and client solutions, regional fiber allocation manager, timber supply analyst, regional forester, divisional forester, and forest operations manager.



Duncan's education includes a BSc. in Forestry from UBC, an MBA from City University and a Project Management Certificate from the Vancouver School Board. He is also a Registered Forest Professional and sits on the executive Board of the BCCFA.

## Steve Mulholland

Steve is the Forest Protection Officer, Peace Forest District, Dawson Creek Fire Zone. He started working for the BC Wildfire Service as a member of the initial attack crews in the Peace region in 1997, with time in Valemount, Ft. St. John and Dawson Creek as the Zone Technician. He has a diploma from the College of New Caledonia and a degree in forestry from UBC.

## Emma Neil

*Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Ministry of Forests, Lands,  
and Natural Resource Operations*

Emma grew up in Vancouver and graduated from UBC forestry in 1992. She started working in Port Alberni Forest District in 1992. In her 18 years, she has held roles including tenures forester, planning, First Nations, Wood Lots, and Community Forest Agreements. She has been the Senior Tenures Forester in the WL/CFA role since July 2014.

## Budd Phillips CRSP

Budd is the WorkSafeBC Manager of Prevention Field Services in Fort St. John. He has 25 plus years' experience working with WorkSafeBC in North Eastern BC. The Fort St John Office is focused upon working with the forest industry and other sectors to ensure worker Health and Safety.

Budd regularly speaks to industry association gatherings providing updates on current and emerging health and safety issues within the various industry sectors. He has served on numerous forestry committees and advisory groups which bring forward new programs like the BC Faller certification program.

Budd has also participated in regulation review and development for Part 26 Forestry within the WorkSafeBC regulations. He currently is the Provincial WorkSafeBC Manager of Interest for Forestry, Oil and Gas and LNG.

## Chris Stagg

Chris Stagg was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Timber Operations, Pricing and First Nations Division, with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in August 2016. Chris is responsible for implementing the key pricing and BCTS priorities and has some excellent perspectives to bring to the First Nations and forest sector competitiveness files.

Chris joins the Ministry after 25 years in the forest industry, most recently as the Chief Forester for Canfor, based in Prince George. Prior to that he held several roles in Tembec's forest operations where he led several forest policy initiatives.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge Chris brings about forest management and industry operations in BC, he has significant experience working in BC communities and has served as past Director of the BC Wildlife Federation, rounding out his extensive regional background. Chris is also the most recent past President of the Association of BC Forest Professionals.

Chris is a 6th generation British Columbian, growing up in Langley and Chetwynd and holds a degree in Forestry from University of British Columbia. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting, fishing, trapping, shooting, reloading, archery, backpacking and wilderness camping.

## Doug Stewart

*Director, Forest Tenures Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations*

Doug was educated as a forester and worked in Alberta and BC in harvesting operations, silviculture, engineering and tenures. One of his key roles is to be the primary liaison in government for the Community Forest Association to work collectively to improve the community forest program through such things as policy changes and expansion.

## George Van

George is a Research Intern at the Firelight Group in Victoria. He conducts research, data management, admin, and provides general support to Firelight's various project teams, predominantly in Ecology, Socio-Economic, and Finance.

George's BA in Geography and Environmental Studies from the University of Victoria helped develop in him a passion for understanding local political ecology, geopolitics, Indigenous histories and ethnoecologies. His notable undergraduate research project topics at UVic included the future shape of reconciliation with

Indigenous peoples in Canada, socio-economic resilience-building for fisheries in BC, and harvestable plant mapping in Heiltsuk territory. He hopes to pursue a Master's degree in the future.

George loves the outdoors and in his free time will be found surfing, hiking, climbing, paddling, and biking any of the local spots. He is the Volunteer Coordinator at World Fisheries Trust, a local conservation and educational outreach non-profit organization, and has volunteered at The Land Conservancy of BC, Power to Be Adventure Therapy Society, and in the local rugby community in recent years.

## Sarah Waters

Sarah is the Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Manager. She brings 17 years of experience working as a consulting archaeologist and traditional use specialist. She is a very avid volunteer involved in many volunteer groups (WNMS, TRMF, TRGG) in Tumbler Ridge including her position as manager for the Tumbler Ridge Search and Rescue. The experience in both career and volunteer work has provided Sarah with extensive project management and people skills that will be required to move the Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark to the next level.

Sarah has been directly involved in several projects throughout the region including oil and gas, forestry and wind energy and has developed many relationships in all industries and government agencies through her archaeology professional consulting and her position as Project Manager, Archaeologist, Tumbler Ridge Office Manager, Archaeology & Heritage Resources Division, Amec Foster Wheeler for the last eight years.

Sarah is an avid outdoor enthusiast who enjoys hiking, rock and ice climbing, cross country skiing, the sport of triathlon, and adventure in general. She has travelled internationally throughout Europe, Asia and North America, and has experience speaking German, French and Spanish. She enjoys sharing her passion for the outdoors with her husband Craig, and their two young children, Liam and Ari.

## Carolyn Whittaker

Carolyn is a Founding Director of the Firelight Group. She was the Founding CEO from 2011 to 2013 and Treasurer from 2014 to present. Carolyn leads the Firelight Group Ecology Research Area. Carolyn's research with the Firelight Group focuses on three key areas: traditional ecological knowledge studies of culturally important species and species at risk; community-based planning; and the development of community-based monitoring programs. Much of her work supports community-based regulatory reviews of proposed project applications and compiles teams of highly qualified technical experts to ensure that community interests are protected.

Carolyn also leads an ecology team facilitating pre-application assessment of environmental impacts on aboriginal rights and interests.

Carolyn's recent work includes development of management recommendations for species at risk such as moose, bison and caribou in Canada and drafting environmental assessment applications for coal mine impacts on Ktunaxa Nation rights and interests in Southern B.C. Current work includes developing monitoring systems and protocols for a community-based caribou monitoring program in Ontario and for culturally important ecosystems and plants in the East Kootenay region of B.C.

# With Thanks

*The BCCFA conference is only possible through the efforts of the local host community.*

*Tumbler Ridge Community Forest committed to putting on an exceptional event at the 2016 conference and they have delivered on every promise.*

*We would like to thank the following people for their efforts.*

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