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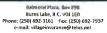




















BCCFA 2018 Conference Program

May 24 – 26 Burns Lake

Thursday May 24

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

Hot breakfast at the Gathering Place 675 BC-16 (next to the high school) Registration desk open

8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Host Community Forests Presentations and Field Trip at the Gathering Place

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!

The day will start with a presentation by Burns Lake Community Forest (BLCF), General Manager Frank Varga. How they are "Managing Beyond Beetle Salvage." We will also hear from Chinook Community Forest General Manager, Ken Nielsen, and Cheslatta Community Forest Manager, James Rakochy.

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.

Bag lunch at Co-op Lake

From there we will head to the Chinook Community Forest to the Haney area, 20 minutes east of Burns Lake. Chinook General Manager, Ken Nielsen will demonstrate it is possible to practice conventional logging techniques to achieve less than 5 tons per hectare of debris for fire mitigation.

3:30 pm Return to Burns Lake – Arrive at the Gathering Place

Dinner on your own – Enjoy one of our many dining options. Grapevine Pub and Bistro, The Office, China Moon, Dragon Palace, the Panhandle or Tandori Bliss.

Coffee Shops: Alternative Grounds, Boer Mountain Coffee and Old n Bold. (Old n' Bold is open until 7 pm.)

Reception at the Legion

Meet and Greet starts at 6:00. Designated drivers will be available.

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

7:30 – BCCFA President's Welcome from Erik Leslie and introduction of guests.

- Welcome from Chief Dan George, Chief of the Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation (Burns Lake)
- Welcome from Chris Beach, Mayor of Burns Lake
- Welcome from Chair Bill Miller Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- Welcome from the Presidents of the Host Community Forests
- Welcome from conference sponsors



Friday May 25

7:00 am	
to	Hot breakfast and registration
8:30 am	ABCFP Member Breakfast – Gathering Place Board Room (just down the hall)
7:30 am	
to	Opportunity for ABCFP members to meet with Council President, Robin Modesto and Casey
8:15 am	Macaulay, Registrar and Director of Act Compliance. Grab your coffee and breakfast and join the informal check in.
	Welcome and Introductions
8:30 am	Susan Mulkey, BCCFA Manager of Communications and Extension and Conference Coordinator
to 8:50 am	Overview of the Day – Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director, BCCFA
8:50 am	
	Session 1 – Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural
	Development (MFLNRORD) Engagement Reports and New Priorities
	It has not even been a year since the new government was sworn in and yet it has been a challeng to keep up with all the policy review and engagement processes they have launched just within th
	MFLNRORD. The next 4 speakers will give us the latest on several topics important to community forests.
	Shane Berg, Deputy Chief Forester of BC, and Executive Director, Office of the Chief Forester, MFLNRORD
8:50 am to	Shane will give a brief overview of the various changes that are driving forest management decisions across the Province and ultimately having an influence on timber supply.
10:00 am	Report on the 2017 Flood & Fire Review - Ian Meier, Director of Operations, BC Wildfire Service Chief Maureen Chapman and George Abbott's recently released report, Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia, which includes 108 recommendations. Ian will speak to the recommendations, the plans for implementation and how community forests fit into the vision for the future.
	Rural Development Review - Marc Imus MFLNRORD Regional Economic Operations
	Branch Kamloops, Director, Southern Interior Region (Kamloops) Marc will report on the process and status of the development of a new Rural Development Strategy for BC.
	Modernized Land Use Planning and Managing for Multiple Values - Kevin Kriese, ADM Regional Operations, North Area, MFLNRORD
	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 & climate change.
	Session 2 – BCCFA Major Projects Update
10:30 am	The Year in Review – Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director, BCCFA
to	Jennifer will review the activities of the BCCFA over the past year including the 2017 Indicators
11:00 am	Survey, BCCFA contributions to MFLNRORD engagements and reviews, policy development and the
	BCCFA concept for community tenures in the WUI.



"Building Relationships and Cultivating Social Licence - A Guide for Small Tenure Holders In BC" – Susan Mulkey, BCCFA and Carolyn Whittaker, The Firelight Group

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.

Session 3 - Land Based Investments Panel

Overview of land based investment funds and objectives – Doug Stewart, Director, Forest Tenures Branch, MFLNRORD

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Site Restoration and Reforestation – Neil Hughes, Forest Establishment Leader, Resource Practices Branch, MFLNRORD

New developments and opportunities for CFAs

Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) – Gord Pratt, FESBC Operations Manager Projects approved for CFAs, and information on new opportunities.

Lunch and Keynote Speaker

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Honorable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Minister's address and the announcement of the recipient of the 2018 Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry.

Session 4 – Indigenous Relations and Building Social License

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm

Last session

for the day.

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

Managers and BOD

effort is important.

Linda Robertson, Regional Manager, Skeena Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

meetings start at 2:30 (details on page 4)

Lisa Ambus, Project Leader, North Region Negotiating Team, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Casey Macaulay, RPF, Association of BC Forest Professionals

We will ask delegates to leave the Gathering Place at this time so we can prepare for the banquet. Just a warning, if you hang around you might end up working for your dinner 9!



Manager's Meeting

2:30 pm			
to			
4:30 nm			

In Rm #107 at the College of New Caledonia A short walk from the conference venue

Discussion on issues of importance to Managers of CFAs. Topics will include: Operating in the WUI & constrained areas, options for residual fibre, and manager/board relations.

Facilitated by Erik Leslie, RPF and Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director, BCCFA

Board of Director's Session

2:30 pm

to 4:30 pm Gathering Place Board Room

Discussion on matters of importance to Directors on Boards of CFAs including insurance

Facilitated by Susan Mulkey, Manager of Communication and Extension

requirements for CFAs, and compensation for directors.

5:30 pm to 12:00 pm

Annual Banquet at the Gathering Place

Silent auction, live auction of specialty items, Board/Staff/Volunteer appreciation and a bit of entertainment. Remember to bring your TOONIES because this year we are able to offer you drinks for a Toonie! When does that ever happen?

Top of the Line Catering

Carmen Charlie and Shauna Alec are the co-owners and the dynamo duo behind Top of The Line Catering. They both graduated from the Dubrulle Cullinary School at the Art Institute of Vancouver. Upon their return to Burns Lake, they quickly built the company up to become Burns Lake's largest and most successful catering company.



Saturday, May 26

6:30 am	
to	Hot Breakfast at the Gathering Place
8:00 am	
8:00 am	
to	BCCFA AGM
10:30 am	
10:30 am	
to	Coffee Break
11:00 am	Conce break

Session 5

Wildfire - Science, Risks and Management Panel

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.

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Brian McNaughton, BC Federation of Woodlot Association, General ManagerBrian 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.

Lori Daniels, Professor, UBC Department of Forest and Conservation Sciences

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.

12:00 pm to 12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 pm to 2:45 pm

Session 5

Wildfire Management Continued

Stephan Martineau - Manager of SIFCo - the Slocan Integral Forestry Co-Op

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.



Bruce Blackwell RPF, RPBio, BA Blackwell and Associates

"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.

Q & A and Discussion

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Acknowledgements and comments from host communities



Thank you for attending the conference and have a safe journey home

Thursday Speakers

Frank Varga, RPF

General Manager for COMFOR Management Services - Burns Lake Community Forest

Frank's forestry career has spanned from carrying out forest development and engineering work, to working on active high-lead harvest operations throughout the interior and northern BC. <u>Prior to</u> working for COMFOR Management, Frank worked for <u>BCTS</u> as Woodlands Supervisor managing the silviculture program in the Nadina District.

Over the years Frank was active on various boards including, ABCFP Council (2008-2010), and the Canadian Institute of Forestry - Cariboo section as Chair and Director (2009-2013). He also served one term as a Councillor for the Village of Burns Lake. Currently he is on the Executive Board of the Northern Silviculture Committee.

In 2015, he received the Climate Change Innovation Award from the ABCFP for advancing climate action initiatives. As community builder Frank develops and delivers workshops in technical and professional forestry matters through Northern Silviculture Committee Workshops, National Forest Week events for K-7 schools students, and by participating in the local Project Forest Management program for high school students in Burns Lake.

Frank's passion for forestry stems from his love for the outdoors. Moving his wife Jennifer to Burns Lake was part of their two-year plan.... 10 years and two children later they are still here!

Ken Nielsen

General Manager, Chinook Community Forest

Ken was born in Prince George and raised in Fort St James where he began his forestry career. He has experience in multiple areas of the industry from managing woodlots to full scale harvesting, and has been self-employed for 30 years. He has been involved with Chinook Community Forest from inception in 2013, sitting as president from 2016-17, then stepped down to become the first manager.

Friday Speakers

Shane Berg

Deputy Chief Forester of BC, and Executive Director, Office of the Chief Forester

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Shane's program responsibilities include Silviculture, Reforestation, Forest Health, Research, Seed Production and Forest Genetics and Forest Policy Development. Having spent the last 31 years with the BC Public Service, Shane has been a Silviculture Forester in Grand Forks and Invermere, a District Manager in Hazelton and Kamloops, was a Regional Executive Director with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs for six years. He is very happy to be back in the "Forests" with the Office of the Chief Forester.

lan Meier, RPF

Director, Wildfire Operations, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Prior to becoming the Director, Wildfire Operations in June 2013, he was the Fire Centre Manager, Northwest, with the ministry. Ian has worked in several positions within the MFLNRORD. Ian also worked a few years in forest consulting in Smithers.

Outside of work, Ian enjoys gardening and spending time with his family. These days mostly spent in ice arenas.

Marc Imus

Director for the Southern Interior, Regional Economic Operations (REO) Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

The REO Branch is part of the Rural Development, Lands and Innovation Division – in the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD). With a degree in Environment Planning from the University of Northern British Columbia, Marc's career in government began with Land and Resource Management Planning in the Thompson/Okanagan region striving to build consensus at the various LRMP tables. This early work in planning was followed by inter-agency coordination, building indigenous engagement with various levels of government and Crown agencies as well as advancing fish and wildlife management in the Northern Region (based out of Prince George). For the past eight years, Marc has worked out of Kamloops in community and rural economic development (first as part of the Pine Beetle Epidemic Response Division and then as part of REO Branch). The REO Branch joined FLNRORD last summer (from the Ministry of Jobs, Trade & Technology) and is an integral part of the rural economic development mandate of the ministry.

Kevin Kriese

Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations, North Area Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Kevin was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister in December of 2010. His area of responsibility includes the Skeena, Omineca, and Northeast Regions. As Assistant Deputy Minister, Kevin leads a diverse team to deliver programs in the management of fish, wildlife, water, and forest resources.

Kevin entered the public service in 1992 with the Ministry of Forests and then worked in the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management and the Integrated Land Management Bureau. For the past 20 years, he has lived in Smithers, and worked primarily on projects in the areas of strategic resource management, First Nations engagement, and land use.

Doug Stewart

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

Doug was educated as a forester and worked in Alberta and BC in harvesting operations, silviculture, engineering and tenures. One of his key roles as Director is to serve as 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.

Neil Hughes, RPF

Resource Practices Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Neil has a BSc Honours Forestry, Aberdeen University, MSc. Environment and Management RRU, RPF.

He worked for 7 years as a professional forester in Scotland before coming to BC in 1994. Neil spent

21 years in the coastal forest industry in a variety of roles mostly around silviculture and planning but including engineering and harvest supervision. For 15 years he was in the hardwood business and he is the provincial advocate for red alder management.

Neil is the Forest Establishment Leader with the Province focused on early stand development and he looks after the Forests for Tomorrow program which is investing \$48M annually around the province.

Gord Pratt, RPF

Operations Manager, Forest Enhancement Society

Gord graduated from the University of Alberta in 1986 with a degree in Forestry and has over 30 years' forestry experience. As a partner with a forest consulting company in Smithers, Gord was involved in all aspects of forest management activities such as planning, silviculture and timber development for industry, government and small licensees. Since 2007, he has worked with the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in Kamloops in a number of positions, including Timber Pricing/Tenures Forester in the South Area, Stewardship Forester in the Kamloops Forest District, Fuel Management Specialist for the Kamloops Fire Centre (where his primary role was to promote fuel management treatments in the Wildland Urban Interface areas around the communities across the Kamloops Fire Centre), acting Resource Manager for the Thompson Rivers Natural Resource District and is currently one of three Operations Managers with FESBC.

Linda Robertson

Skeena Region, Manager, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Linda is a long time Indigenous Relations Manager for the Provincial government. She began her career in the BC government 25 years ago as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer for the Sunshine Coast Forest District. For the past 20 years, Linda has raised a family and worked in Smithers, first as Aboriginal Relations Manager with the Ministry of Forests, and now as the Skeena Region Manager for the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. She is committed to the northwest and the idea that local people should have more control over local resources.

Lisa Ambus

Project Leader, North Regional Negotiations Team, Smithers, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Over the past 20 years, Lisa has been involved with community forestry in various capacities including as the coordinator of a global network of community forest organizations, director of the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation, research consultant, and as a graduate student focused on BC's community forest tenure program. Lisa lives in Smithers with her husband Tony and daughter Anneke.

Casey Macaulay, RPF

Registrar and Director of Act Compliance, Association of BC Forest Professionals

Casey is the registrar for the Association of BC Forest Professionals. In this capacity, he oversees the registration of new ABCFP members and the complaints and discipline processes including enforcement of the Foresters Act. He joined the ABCFP staff in 2011 and spent three years in a role designed to further the ABCFP's stewardship advocacy mandate; including the initiation of the climate change task force.

Prior to joining the ABCFP, Casey worked as a planning forester and a consultant in the Southern interior. His past experiences includes co-management of First Nation forest tenures, geographic information systems, cutting permit development and working with stakeholder groups that have other interests on the land base. Casey has a diploma in forest technology from BCIT, a BSF from UBC and a Master's in conflict analysis and management from Royal Roads. He is based in Kamloops.

Saturday Speakers

Brian McNaughton, RPF

General Manager for the Federation of BC Woodlot Association

Brian is a long-time resident of Williams Lake who was evacuated from his home and then his community due to the 2017 wildfires. He is the former District Manager of the Williams Lake Forest District, 1st and former President of the Williams Lake Community Forest, a Woodlot Licensee, and a silviculturist in the Cariboo Region.

Lori Daniels

Professor of Forest Ecology in the Forest and Conservation Sciences Department at UBC-Vancouver

Lori's degrees are in Ecology (BSc, UManitoba), Forest Ecology (MSc, UBC) and Biogeography (PhD, UColorado-Boulder). She directs the Tree-Ring Lab at UBC where her research applies tree-ring analyses to investigate disturbance regimes and the impacts of climate and humans on forest dynamics. With her graduate students, Lori has on-going research on fire regimes, forest dynamics, forest and community resilience to climate change in coastal and interior British Columbia, the Rocky Mountain National Parks and foothills of Alberta. To contribute to effective wildfire science and management, she serves on BC's Prescribed Fire Council and is member of the Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy Implementation Team.

Stephan Martineau

Slocan Integral Forestry Coop - Winlaw, British Columbia

Stephan is the Manager and a founding Director of SIFCo in the Slocan Valley and was President from 2006 to 2011. Stephan also works as an integral consultant and project manager for societies, coops, businesses, co-housing projects and communities, as they develop vision, inter and intrapersonal discernment skills and practices, and seek to implement these in ways that are effective and resilient to change. He has worked in community development and ecosystem-based planning since 1993. Stephan's lifelong passion and pursuit is to move beyond ideas, discussions and theorizing to actually doing and being the changes we wish to see in the world. For the past 19 years, he has designed and led numerous transformative educational events internationally, specifically for ecologists, community builders, educators and parents. He is also founder and director of an international organization that works in the field of human consciousness evolution, specifically applying an Integral framework to environmental work, education, parenting and mediation. He is married and father to a wonderful daughter.

Bruce Blackwell, RPF, RPBio

BA Blackwell and Associates

Bruce has more than 30 years' experience as a professional forester and biologist primarily focused in fire and forest ecology, silviculture, vegetation management, wildland/urban interface planning, forest policy and practice audits and reviews. He is a provincial expert in fire and fuels management and has managed numerous innovative projects related to fire risk identification and mitigation for both the public and private sector. He has provided expert opinion testimony and numerous interviews on the topic of wildfire in BC. Bruce assisted the Firestorm 2003 Review Team in the development of recommendations on forest management and policy to mitigate the risk of catastrophic fires in the wildland/urban interface of BC. He has also applied his expertise in developing numerous wildfire community protection plans and wildfire risk assessments, risk management systems, fuel treatment prescriptions, and fire management plans.