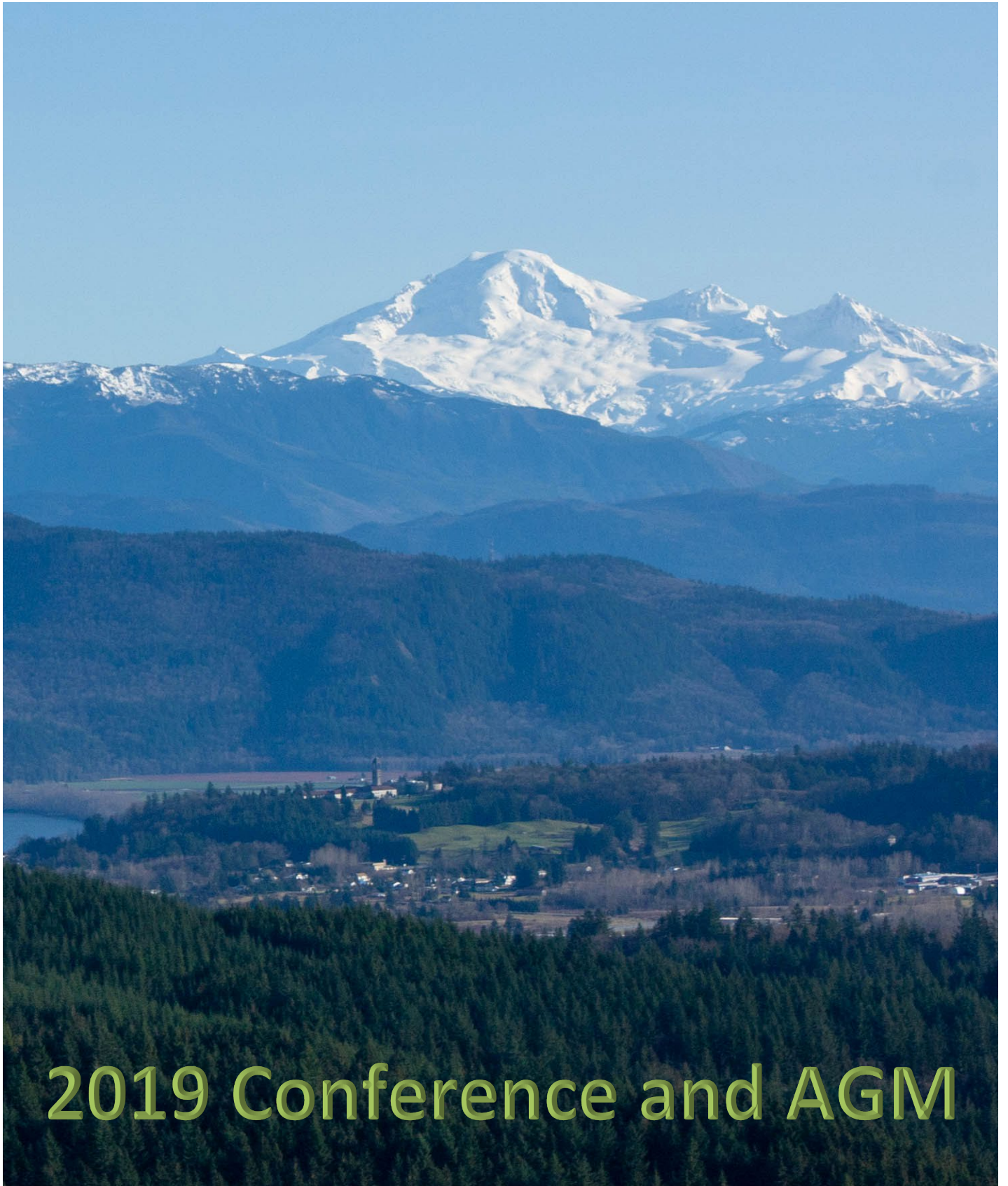




British Columbia
**Community
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Association



DISTRICT OF
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ON THE FRASER



2019 Conference and AGM

Welcome to Mission and the British Columbia Community Forest Association's 16th annual event.
We are pleased to be hosted by the Mission Municipal Forest (TFL #26)



Situated on a Coastal mountain slope scattered with lakes, the District of Mission overlooks the abundant farmlands and valley of the mighty Fraser River, commanding inspiring views of rolling pastures and mountain vistas, such as the shot of Mt. Baker featured on the cover. Founded in 1892, Mission was originally inhabited by the Sto:lo First Nations people and today continues to grow with a population of about 40,000 residents.

The climate is warm in the summer and generally mild and wet in the winter. The area is naturally hospitable to a wide variety of plants and vegetation in this Coastal Temperate Rain Forest.

With the great outdoors right on the doorstep you can try your hand at fishing for the great white sturgeon or abundance of salmon, get adventurous on the miles of biking and hiking trails, or head to one of the many lakes for paddling, swimming, kayaking or boating.



Message from the BCCFA President

George Brcko, Manager, Wells Gray Community Forest

This year marks the 17th anniversary of the BCCFA and our 16th annual conference. 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 58 operating organizations and 5 communities with invitations, representing 90 Indigenous and rural communities participating through partnerships.

Community Forests have demonstrated that they are providing economic benefits to their communities through jobs and boosting local economic activity while operating in challenging, sensitive areas. They are supporting local priorities through community distribution of their profits and making. They are investing in the future economic return of the forest through intensive silviculture and managing beyond the legal requirements. Their concentrated efforts to reduce the threat of wildfire on their communities demonstrate the leadership of community forests in BC in wildfire mitigation. They are investing in recreational infrastructure and supporting community education. With nearly 50% of the community forests in BC held by a First Nation or are a partnership between Indigenous and non-indigenous communities, community forests are strengthening local relationships. Over the past 17 years we have seen that community forestry is an important tool to meet government objectives. 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.

I hope that everyone makes the most of the conference. Don't be afraid to speak up, to add your 2 cents worth and to ask questions. And be sure to reach out to your colleagues. These people are filled with a wealth of experience and information. There is no need to reinvent the wheel!

George Brcko

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About the Hosts

The Mission Tree Farm License #26, also known as the Mission Municipal Forest, has been a member of the BCCFA since inception in 2002. There is a unique history to how Mission came to manage the first community forest operation in the province of British Columbia.

In the Great Depression of the 1930s, many private properties were relinquished to the city as a result of non-payment of property taxes. Councils and staff lobbied the Province for changes to allow the acquired lands to be protected in a Forest Reserve.

The concept of community forestry first developed in the province in 1945 as an outcome of the report from Gordon Sloan in the Royal Commission on the Forest Resources of British Columbia recommended that municipalities manage local forests. A contributor to the Sloan report was local Mission mill owner Naranjan Singh Grewal, who became the Mayor of Mission in 1954.

This recommendation led to the establishment of the Mission Municipal Forest in 1958 when the Province awarded Tree Farm Licence #26 to the District of Mission, commonly referred to as 'the Tree Farm' or 'Mission Municipal Forest'.

Today the Municipal Forest is just over 10,900 hectares (27,000 acres), of which 12% is municipally owned and 88% is crown land. Almost 95% of the forests are 2nd growth trees (<120 years old).

It is recognized that these lands are the unceded ancestral lands of the Kwantlen, Matsqui, Katzie, Leq'a:mel, Sto:lo, Sumas, Peters, Musqueam, Semiahmoo, Seabird Island, and Shxw'ow'hamel First Nations.

In 1969, Mission was instrumental in yellow cedar germination research and had a nursery operation located in Steelhead, the northern area of Mission. By 1977, Mission was a world leader in this research attracting international attention. The nursery, unfortunately, was forced to close in the 1980s due to dwindling profits and a change in logging royalties paid to the Province.

The District's forestry team is committed to respecting our First Nation's traditional territories, providing our residents with maximum economic benefits while increasing forest recreation opportunities, protection of habitats, regenerating healthy forests and providing forest education experiences. The lower mainland location influences a focus on interpretation and recreation management. Mission is committed to protecting the limited old growth remaining and historic plank roads, and has incorporated several of these features into recreation trails.

Mission's climate is ideally suited to Douglas-fir, western red cedar and western hemlock, and these are the three main species that comprise most of Mission's 2nd growth forests. To manage brush within plantations, only manual methods are used (no herbicides are sprayed). Over 4.5 million trees have been planted since 1958.

The District's Forestry department is specifically set up to operate as a self-funded entity. Revenues are balanced against operational costs and surplus revenues are held in a Forest Reserve account. These revenues can be used to balance future operating budgets if there is a decline in global log markets and prices. Surpluses are also spent around the community for capital infrastructure projects based on Council priorities.

Over the past 60 years, municipal forest revenues have funded a significant number of community amenities and infrastructure such as; public library, new leisure centre, community arts and culture grants, hiking trails, fire truck purchases, and construction of a new fire hall. As well, logs from TFL26 have been donated for entrance signs welcoming people to Mission, a bell tower, picnic shelter and totem poles at Fraser River Heritage Park, and for construction of a podium for the 2010 Olympic Games.

About the BCCFA

The BCCFA is a network of community-based organizations in British Columbia that are either managing community forests or striving to establish community forests. Formed in 2002, the BCCFA has become a unified voice for the interests of all B.C. communities engaged in community forestry. The Association is a membership-based organization, with 53-member organizations, representing over 90 rural and Indigenous communities across the province.

Vision

Our vision is a network of diverse community forest initiatives, where local people practice ecologically responsible forest management in perpetuity, fostering and supporting healthy and vibrant rural communities and economies.

Mission

Our mission is to promote and support the practice and expansion of sustainable community forest management in British Columbia.

Purposes

The purposes of the Association are to:

- Work to ensure the viability of community forest initiatives in rural communities
- Provide education on community forestry issues
- Assist community forest practitioners in accessing resources required to succeed
- Promote community forest management as a strategy for community economic development

Guiding Principles

The guiding principles of the Association are to promote:

- Culturally, ecologically, and economically sustainable forestry and practice of community forest initiatives in a manner which respects First Nation rights and cultural values, and which fosters understanding and cooperation between rural communities and First Nations.
- Meaningful representation of community members in community forest initiatives.
- Informed public participation in community forest decision-making.
- Leading edge forest practices.
- Local forest-based employment.
- The restoration of forest ecosystems as a basis for social, ecological and economic health.
- Community responsibility for land use and allocation decisions.



2018 Conference Field Trip – Burns Lake

With thanks

The BCCFA conference is only possible through the efforts of the local host community. The Mission Municipal Forest and the District of Mission committed to putting on an exceptional event at the 2017 conference when they made their pitch to host. We would like to thank the following people for their efforts; Chris Gruenwald, Bob O'Neal, Erika Duplissie, Clare Seeley, Kelly Cameron



Mission Municipal Forest Staff – past and present

2019 BCCFA Conference Program

All sessions will take place in the Ballroom at the
Best Western Plus - Mission City Lodge
32281 Lougheed Hwy Mission, BC V2V1A3

WEDNESDAY JUNE 12


7:00 am - 8:00 am	Hot breakfast Registration desk open
8:10 am – 3:30 am	<p>Mission Municipal Forest Field Trip</p> <p>Meet at the front entrance to the Best Western Hotel</p> <p>The morning will start with a tour of Tree Farm Licence 26, discussing the history and features of the forests in Mission, looking at forest management of natural and managed stands, and focusing on community involvement. We will then head to the Stave West Forest and Recreation Area, a designated Interpretive Forest, to discuss the transformation of the area, recent improvements and future plans. Lunch will be held at the beautiful Zajac Ranch, a summer camp for Children with Medical Conditions. The afternoon will conclude with a tour of a local Log Sort and High Value, Custom Cut Sawmill.</p> <p>Resource People: Kelly Cameron, RF, Forestry Technologist, District of Mission Tom Blackbird, Recreation Officer, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, Chilliwack Chris Gruenwald, RFP, Manager of Forestry Business, District of Mission Bob O'Neal, RPF, Director of Forestry, District of Mission</p>
	Dinner on your own
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Registration desk open
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	<p>Welcome Reception</p> <p>Meet and Greet starts at 6:00. This is a free event and open to the public.</p> <p>Traditional Welcome by Kwantlen First Nation Members Kevin Kelly and Dennis Leon</p> <p>Welcome from George Brcko, Wells Gray Community Forest Manager and BCCFA President</p> <p>We will also hear from local dignitaries and conference sponsors</p> <p>The evening will feature local craft beer and wine</p>

THURSDAY JUNE 13	
7:00 am - 8:30 am	Hot Breakfast and registration
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Welcome and Housekeeping Susan Mulkey, BCCFA Manager of Communication and Extension, Conference Coordinator</p> <p>How Community Forests are Changing the Way BC's Forests are Managed - The Year in Review Jennifer Gunter, BCCFA Executive Director</p> <p>Many in the forestry sector today understand that we need to do things differently. As we look to find ways to advance reconciliation with Indigenous people, to become more responsive to a changing climate, and to create healthy and resilient forests and communities, community forests offer a tangible solution. The BCCFA advocates for more and larger community forests and for forest policy that enhances the ability of CFA holders to create benefits for their communities and to the province. In this presentation, Jennifer will provide an overview of the BCCFA's work over the past year, and highlight the findings of a new socio-economic impact study of BC's community forest program as well as the results of the latest Community Forest Indicators Survey documenting the benefits generated by BCCFA members.</p>
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Moderator: Steve Kozuki</p> <p>The 4 Pillars of Disaster Management: Community Forest Leadership & Innovation Resiliency and Adaptation in the Context of Changing Fire Behavior and Effects</p> <p>Bob Gray, Association for Fire Ecology, Certified Wildland Fire Ecologist R.W. Gray Consulting Ltd.</p> <p>Climate change is predicted to lead to longer fire seasons, increased burned area and greater fire severity. This may in turn lead to a significant increase in the economic, social and environmental burden of wildfires. Under rapidly changing climatic and wildfire conditions is it possible to promote resilience, is the concept of resilience even relevant, and what would resilience and adaptation look like. In this presentation, Bob will present the latest science on climate change and wildfire and then present some thoughts on resilience and adaptation.</p> <p>Managing for Multiple Values</p> <p>Garnet Mireau, RPF, Forsite and Logan Lake Community Forest Management Team</p> <p>Forest professionals that support the management of community forests are required to juggle ever more environmental, economic and social objectives. This stewardship trinity can be challenging to everyone involved. How do we sustain and</p>

	<p>protect our community's best interests? Is there room for every value and/or every voice? The Logan Lake Community Forest will share their experience and understanding of wildfire prevention and mitigation since 2004; all the while leveraging their knowledge of resilient forests, legal/ non-legal requirements and markets. We are challenged to think differently. There is an "I" in "Team" and Garnet can't wait to show us where we can find it in our communities too.</p> <p>Good for the Hood - FireSmart for Private Land Jessica Duncan, FIT, Prevention Specialist, BC Wildfire Service, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</p> <p>Jessica will be speaking about the shared responsibility of FireSmart and the seven disciplines that make the program successful. She will bring case study examples and promote the importance of engaging the community to be active in FireSmart efforts.</p> <p>Voice of Experience – Steps to Building Your Own Crew Cedar Elliot and Margaret Symon, Khowutzun Forest Services</p> <p>Cedar and Margaret will give an overview of Khowutzun Forest Services and their contract firefighting crews, describing fire prevention in their Community Forest and fire related activities province-wide.</p> <p>Restoration, Reclamation, Reforestation with Native Species Ron Jacobson, Business Development Manager, NATS Nursery Ltd.</p> <p>Ron will share his deep knowledge of the value of native species and their role in fire and ecosystem recovery efforts.</p>
10:30 am – 10:50 am	Break
10:50 pm – 12:00 pm	<p>Session 3</p> <p>First Nations Reconciliation Panel Moderator: Doug Stewart, Director Tenures Branch, MFLNRORD</p> <p>What does reconciliation mean to you? What role do community forest managers and boards have in reconciliation? The importance of reconciliation and building relationships with Indigenous People is highlighted by the federal and provincial commitments to implement the United Nations Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the principle of free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC). In addition, the context for forestry in BC has changed significantly in relation to Indigenous peoples in the past 10 years. The provincial government has provided volumes/tenure to First Nations as accommodation, economic development, and land management control. Where community forests are working with Indigenous governments, effective relationship approaches and partnerships are key to successful forest management.</p>

	<p>Andrea Lyall, RPF, UBC Doctoral Candidate, Faculty of Forestry Andrea will be speaking about her understanding of the meaning of reconciliation, with examples of reconcilACTION (the implementation of reconciliation) for community forests.</p> <p>Garry Merkel, RPF, co-chair, Minister’s Forest and Range Practices Advisory Council and co-chair of the First Nations Council of Advisors. Garry will help us understand reconciliation and how to personalize it in our lives, particularly as it relates to the collaborative management of our forests with First Nations.</p> <p>Hugh Flinton, RPF, Manager Williams Lake Community Forest and Tom Alphonse T’exelcenc (Williams Lake Band) The Williams Lake Community Forest is a partnership between the Williams Lake Indian Band and the City of Williams Lake. Hugh and Tom will speak to the benefits and opportunities for building relationships inherent in a community forest tenure, based on their shared experience in the Williams Lake Community Forest.</p>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<p>Session 4</p> <p>Provincial Policy Update Moderator: Jeff Mc Williams, BA Blackwell and Associates</p> <p>Over the last two years, the Province of British Columbia has initiated engagement processes and action on numerous aspects of forest policy. With 94 per cent of the land and forest resources in BC under tenure arrangements, the province is challenged to meet new demands. Innovation and initiative are required to respond to a changing climate and wildfires, global economics, First Nations rights and reconciliation, mid-term timber supply and the needs of forest communities. The BCCFA is engaged in these processes, representing the needs and interests of community forests. In this session, key Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development representatives charged to move these initiatives forward will provide updates and answer questions from participants.</p>

	<p>Jim Schafthuizen, Executive Director, Forest Policy and Indigenous Relations Division, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</p> <p>Jim will present on the provincial policy changes associated with the Coast Revitalization process and the plans for rolling out the Interior Renewal process. The two processes intended to address market conditions, trade relationships, changing technology and business practices.</p> <p>Diane Nicholls, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Forester Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</p> <p>Diane will speak to the multi-year, incremental process to improve the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) initiated by the Province. The improvement initiative began with initial enabling changes in spring 2019 and is moving into comprehensive changes to the Act and regulations that are being developed with the participation of First Nations, local government, stakeholders, industry and professional associations over the next few years.</p> <p>Meggin Messenger, Office of the Chief Forester, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives</p> <p>Forest management is an everchanging practice that responds to evolution in values, science, world economies and technology. How do we move from the forest management we have today and meet the challenges posed by climate change? What does a low carbon economy mean for the sector? How will we work together to support communities and maximize values on the land base? Forest carbon and the bioeconomy bring some new thoughts to the discussion.</p> <p>Facilitated Q & A on the opportunities and challenges the proposed reforms bring for community forests.</p>
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>Manager's Meeting</p> <p>Facilitated by George Brcko, BCCFA President and Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director, BCCFA</p> <p>This two-hour session will begin with a presentation by Julie MacDougall, Director of Resource Practices Branch and Norah White, Manager of Resource Practices Branch on the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) Improvement Initiative. This will give managers a chance to ask more specific questions and to provide feedback to the proposed reforms.</p> <p>The remainder of the agenda for this session will be open to participants to bring forward matters of importance to Community Forest Managers.</p>

<p>2:30 pm - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Board of Director's Governance Session Facilitated by Susan Mulkey, Manager of Communication and Extension, BCCFA</p> <p>This session will begin with presentations by:</p> <p>Community Investment Co-Op – Gord Borgstrom, BC Rural Centre Gordon will provide a high-level overview of the work of the BC Rural Centre and its work in supporting the creation of community investment cooperatives as a mechanism to invest local funds into local businesses.</p> <p>Insurance and CFAs – Jordan Fellner, CIP, CRM, CAIB, Account Manager HUB International Insurance Brokers Hub Insurance Jordan will speak to the best practices in insurance for community forests.</p> <p>The presentations will be followed by informal discussion on matters of importance to Directors on Boards of CFAs including contingency funds and investments, conflict of interest, governance and more. Participants will be given an opportunity to identify issues for discussion.</p>
<p>6:00pm - 11:00 pm</p>	<p>Annual Banquet, Awards and Silent Auction</p> <p>Presentation of the Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Timber Operations, Pricing, and First Nations, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</p> <p>2018 Robin Hood Memorial Award</p> <p>Minister Donaldson presents award to Mike Francis, Manager of Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society</p> 

FRIDAY JUNE 14	
6:30 am - 8:00 am	Hot Breakfast
8:00 am – 10:00 am	BCCFA AGM All full members must be in good standing to vote at the AGM. Please see Jennifer to pay your annual dues or to check on the status of your organization. Each community forest must select one person to represent them in a vote at the AGM.
10:00 am -10:15 am	Session 5 When Forest Management Becomes Personal – An Overview of the Work of Community Forest Managers in British Columbia Meike Siegner, UBC Graduate Student, Faculty of Forestry Drawing from a qualitative study on managerial decision-making in community forests in BC, Meike will report on insights into the nature and scope of the managerial role in community forest organizations, and how management can effectively balance business and community goals and values.
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Incorporating Traditional Values into Forest Management Francis Johnson, Alkali Resource Management, Esk'etemc Community Forest To fully understand traditional values on the land, we must first understand that each First Nation is unique and that they have their own values which drive their management goals. For the Secwepemc, knowledge of forest management is passed on through oral history and thousands of years of observation, teachings and guidance from the Creator. This knowledge is then incorporated into their laws and governance
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Session 7 Reconciliation through Education and Understanding – The Blanket Exercise Bonnie Van Hatten, KAIROS Blanket Exercise Regional Coordinator (BC-Yukon) The Blanket Exercise is a unique, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. The Blanket Exercise is based on participatory popular education methodology with a goal to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. Everyone is actively involved as they step onto blankets that represent the land, and into the role of First Nations, Inuit and later Métis peoples. For more information go to: https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/blanket-exercise



Mission Community Archives

Speaker Profiles



Tom Alphonse, T'exelcenc (Williams Lake Band), Secwepemc Nation

Bio not available



Tom Blackbird, Recreation Officer, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development

Tom is currently the District Recreation Officer for the Chilliwack Forest District, working in the Recreation Sites and Trails (RSTBC) Division of FLNRORD. Prior to joining RSTBC, Tom worked in a variety of positions with BC Parks from 2000-2015 which included managing the Wildlife Management Areas in the South Coast Region. Tom is a BCIT graduate with a diploma in Fish, Wildlife and Recreation and a second diploma in GIS. In 2006 he attained the designation of R.P. Bio and is currently completing his Masters Degree through Royal Roads University.



Gord Borgstrom, Executive Director of BC Rural Centre

Passionate about rural development and rural communities, Gordon has over 30 years of experience working in various aspects of community development. His professional experience includes working at one of Canada's first community development corporations, and senior management positions in both the federal and provincial governments. Gordon's employment has afforded him the wonderful opportunity to travel to — and work with — communities in almost every region of British Columbia



Kelly Cameron, RFT, District of Mission

Kelly has worked for the District of Mission's community Tree Farm Licence #26 for the past 23 years as a Registered Forest Technologist. She is involved in all aspects of community forest management including preparation of Management and Forest Stewardship plans, appraisals and cutting permits, and manages the entire silviculture program. Working in the inter-urban forest operation with close to 2 million people on the doorstep, she has established strategic partnerships with the numerous recreation user groups that utilize the forest resources, and liaises with public on a regular basis. Kelly acknowledges and addresses all of the challenges that urban interface forests face under increasing land use pressures



Jessica Duncan, FIT, Prevention Specialist, BC Wildfire Service, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development

Jessica is a Forester in Training with a Masters of Sustainable Forest Management from the University of British Columbia. With 11+ years of experience in wildfire management, she currently works in wildfire prevention where she is responsible for fire management and prevention planning and public engagement in the FireSmart program within the Coastal Fire Centre. She is also a sessional instructor for fire and fuel management in the Forest Resources and Technology program at Vancouver Island University.



Cedar Elliott (centre), Khowutzun Forest Services

Cedar Elliott was born and raised in the Cowichan Valley and is a member of Cowichan Tribes. Cedar started his career in forestry in 1999 with the Khowutzun Forest Services Ltd. (KFS) silviculture crew on various contracts such as tree planting and pruning as well as other forestry operations. Cedar was mentored under previous forestry managers to eventually take over as manager of KFS, and has been the manager of Khowutzun Forest Services since 2016. He is responsible for the planning and implementation of silviculture and firefighting programs plus all contracting ventures.



Jordan Fellner, CIP, CRM, CAIB, Account Manager, HUB International Insurance Brokers

Jordan is an Account Manager in the Commercial Insurance Department of HUB International Insurance Brokers. Jordan joined HUB in 2008 with the acquisition of HKMB Insurance, and has over 25 years of experience in the insurance industry. As an Account Manager with HUB, Jordan provides clients with specialty commercial insurance products including Professional Liability, Errors and Omissions, and Pollution coverage, as well as Property, Aviation and General Liability policies. Many of his clients are in the consulting, engineering, environmental, contracting, manufacturing, marine, and transportation industries, and include operations as diverse as environmental and information technology consultants, reclamation and remediation operations, watercraft marinas, and international aircraft operations. Jordan also coordinates the Errors and Omissions liability insurance programs for several professional associations across Canada.



Hugh Flinton, RPF, P.Ag, Manager Williams Lake Community Forest

Hugh worked for major licensees, provincial government and forest consultants. Currently, he is the co-manager of the Williams Lake Community Forest. He also operates a small ranch and logging company in Williams Lake.



Bob Gray, Robert W. Gray Consulting Ltd.

Robert W. Gray is an Association of Fire Ecology Certified Wildland Fire Ecologist and the president of R.W. Gray Consulting Ltd. Robert has over 30 years' experience in the research and application of many facets of fire science, including fire regime reconstruction, fire behavior and effects analysis, national and international fire management policy, and hazardous fuel management. Most recently Robert has focused efforts on gaining a better understanding of fire behavior in mountain pine beetle impacted stands, the impact of past fires on future fire spread and severity, and fuel treatment effectiveness. R.W. Gray Consulting Ltd. clients include: US Forest Service, Parks Canada, The World Bank, State of Washington, ?aq'am and Tsilhqot'in First Nation, B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, B.C. Ministry of Environment, University of Washington, University of Idaho and University of British Columbia, several rural BC communities (Cranbrook, Kimberley, Vernon), and many others.



Chris Gruenwald, RFP, Manager of Forestry Business, District of Mission

Born and raised in Mission, Chris joined the Forestry Department for the Mission Municipal Forest in November 2018. Chris is currently the Manager of Forestry Business for the department, and will be taking over as Director of Forestry at the end of June, 2019. Chris has 20 years of forestry experience, covering a variety of disciplines. Prior to joining the Forestry Department at the District of Mission, Chris ran a small forestry consulting business, Cascadia Environmental Services Ltd., that specializes in managing forest tenures for First Nations, communities, and families. He is a strong proponent of community forestry, and is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the community where he grew up.



Jennifer Gunter, MRM, Executive Director, British Columbia Community Forest Association

The BCCFA is a network of communities engaged in community forest management as well as those seeking to establish new community forests. Its 53-member organizations represent over 90 rural and Indigenous communities across BC. Jennifer holds a Masters in Resource Management from Simon Fraser University and has worked in community forestry and community economic development for over 20 years. Passionate about community forestry, her professional interests include community-based resource management, ecological restoration, climate change adaptation and building sustainable and resilient local economies.



Ron Jacobson, Business Development Manager, NATS Nursery Ltd.

Ron joined NATS Nursery in 2014 after 10 years as Marketing Manager for Pelton Reforestation and PRT Growing Services. With over 35 years of marketing, sales and new business development experience, Ron is responsible for helping NATS grow its business for native plants, NATS LiveRoof (modular green roof system) and other green product and business opportunities. One of Ron's responsibilities is building mutually beneficial relationships with First Nations throughout BC.



Francis Johnson, RPF, Alkali Resource Management

Francis is married with 6 children and resides in his hometown of Esk'etemc, otherwise known as Alkali Lake, BC. In 2006 he graduated from Thompson Rivers University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Science and began working with Tolko Industries until 2009. Since then he has worked for Alkali Resource Management as a Forester. In 2014, in response to the Tsilhq'otin court decision, Francis helped his mentor Arthur Dick to re-establish the Secwepemc (Shuswap) traditional governance – the Yucwmintem Re Tmicws Re Esketemc – which means looking after the land of the white earth people. The governance model is a matriarchal system and it was the Elder women who appointed Francis as one of three hereditary chiefs of Esketemc. One of Francis' roles is to know the history of the land and how his people looked after and governed the lands. Francis has also been recently elected to band council and is working within this system to fulfill his duties as Hereditary Chief.



Andrea Lyall, RPF, Tłalillogwa

Andrea is a PhD candidate with the University of British Columbia Faculty of Forestry and a citizen of the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation of the mid-coast of present-day British Columbia. I have over 20 years of natural resources management experience and have worked directly with over 30 Indigenous Peoples with their forestry initiatives in British Columbia, Washington, Alaska and Ontario. She joins us to speak of her understanding of the meaning of reconciliation, with examples of reconcilACTION, the implementation of reconciliation, for community forests.



Garry Merkel, RPF

Garry Merkel is primarily a builder. He works with others to build organizations, relationships, and processes tailored to the unique characteristics and needs of the groups that he works with. He has helped numerous groups better shape their futures through the creation of governments, businesses, schools, various land management arrangements, public policy, foundations/trusts, working relationships and public policy. Garry is often sought out to help groups work through difficult situations in unknown territory. He adapts a variety of tools including negotiating, brokering, planning, facilitating, chairing, mediating, strategizing, managing, teaching or any other professional skill required for each unique situation.



Meggin Messenger, RPF, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development

Meggin is a Registered Professional Forester working in the natural resources and economy sectors on issues of land use, stewardship and sustainability. She is currently working in the Office of the Chief Forester at FLNRORD as the Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives. She leads the provincial Forest Carbon Initiative and Bioeconomy teams working with internal and external partners to sequester more carbon in trees and wood, and achieve greater residual fibre utilization.



Garnet Mireau, RPF, Logan Lake Community Forest

Garnet Mireau, RPF, plays a senior role within the management team of the Logan Lake Community Forest. He has over 25 years of experience in natural resource management in British Columbia and is a recognized authority in the Visual Resource Management niche. As a Senior Planning Forester within Forsite Consultants Ltd. his professional practice also includes wildfire management, tenure management and strategic planning. Garnet serves on Council with the Association of BC Forest Professionals where he strives to advance the profession in the interests of the public and its membership. Other interests include volunteering as a coach with his teenage kids' sports teams and getting out for a good paddle on a remote lake. This year has been a banner year for Garnet celebrating the arrival of his granddaughter Amara.



Susan Mukely, Manager of Communication and Extension and Conference Coordinator, BC Community Forest Association

With a background in social work, mediation, and six years as a tree planter, Susan dove into the deep end of land use planning as the assistant mediator with the Commission on Resources and the Environment (CORE) West Kootenay Land Use Planning table in the early 1990s. She found the complex, multiparty process compelling and shifted her career focus from families to forestry and communities. In 1996 she facilitated the formation of the Kaslo and District Community Forest, and the awarding of a 15-year volume based tenure to a non-profit society. The tenure was awarded at the dawn of the 1997 political and regulatory changes that would lay the foundation for the Community Forest Agreement (CFA) program in BC. She participated in the formation of the BCCFA in 2002 and continues to be an enthusiastic student of community forestry. Susan lives in Kaslo, BC.



Diane Nicholls, RPF, ADM, Chief Forester, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development

Diane has served as the Chief Forester for British Columbia since February, 2016. A Registered Professional Forester, she began her career as a forest technician from BCIT. She then continued her studies at the University of Alberta and completed at the University of British Columbia. Diane's background working as a consultant and in the private sector and public sector has given her a great deal of experiential knowledge of the forest industry and the collaborative work that must go hand in hand with forest management. Always looking ahead, for new ideas and solutions, Diane's vision for the forests of BC encompasses the needs and wants of the many people who live and work in this great province.



Bob O'Neal, RPF, Director of Forestry, District of Mission

Bob is the outgoing Director of Forestry and he has worked for TFL26, the Mission Municipal Forest, for over 29 years. He has learned to balance the social, economic, and environmental objectives in a community forest with high public usage. Working collaboratively with local First Nations and community stakeholders he has helped to establish the Stave West Forest and Recreation Area.



Jim Schafthuizen, RPF, Acting Executive Director, Forest Policy & Indigenous Relations Division Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development

With over 42 years of experience in the forest industry with both government and industry, Jim has held technical, professional, management and executive positions. He has been fortunate to gain work experience in many business lines including; revenue, tenures, stewardship, indigenous relations, finance, water, planning, roads, and harvesting. He obtained his Forest Technology Diploma from Selkirk College in 1978 and completed the ABCFP pupil program to become an RPF in 1994. He and his wife Andrea have two young adult sons (Trevor and Steven) who are building their careers in the computer science field. His favourite pastimes include hiking, biking, camping and travelling to places he has never been before.



Meike Sienger, UBC Graduate Student

Meike is a doctoral candidate at the University of British Columbia, in the Faculty of Forestry, co-supervised with Drs Rob Kozak and Rajat Panwar (Appalachian State University). Previously, she obtained a M.Sc. in Socio-Economics from Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) and a B.A. in Development Studies from Vienna University. Meike is passionate about community based social enterprise. Her research seeks to identify organizational structures and mechanisms that enable a diverse set of actors to balance financial sustainability with local values. Besides her passion for research, she enjoys hiking and practicing sweet west coast folk tunes with a choir.



Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Timber Operations, Pricing, and First Nations, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development

Chris joined the ministry after 25 years in the forest industry. He was Chief Forester for Canfor, based in Prince George and he held several roles in Tembec's forest operations where he led several forest policy initiatives. Chris was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Forest Enhancement Society of BC. In addition to the wealth of knowledge Chris brings about forest management and industry operations in BC, he has significant experience working in many BC communities and has served as past Director of the BC Wildlife Federation. Chris is also the past President of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. A 6th generation British Columbian, growing up in Langley and Chetwynd, he holds a degree in Forestry from University of British Columbia and is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting, fishing, trapping, shooting, reloading, archery, backpacking and wilderness camping.



Margaret Symon (second from left), RPF, PCP, LFR. Khowutzun Forest Services, Strathcona Forestry Consulting

A Registered Professional Forester, Margaret is proud to work with Khowutzun Forest Services as their consultant Planning Forester. KFS, based in Duncan, is a partnership with Cowichan Tribes, the most populous First Nation in BC. Responsibilities with KFS include management of the KFS Community Forest and capacity building to increase training and year-round forestry employment opportunities for community members (fire prevention, site restoration, fibre recovery). On behalf of KFS, Margaret will be coordinating a CRIP FireSmart project this summer on Cowichan reserve lands with 2 UBC Forestry Coop students. A goal of the project is to have communities at risk achieve certification under the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program (FCCRP). Margaret is also a paramedic with the BC Ambulance Service.



Bonnie Van Hatten, KAIROS Blanket Exercise Regional Coordinator (BC-Yukon)

Bonnie's specific matrilineal ancestry is Secwepemc from St'uxwtews First Nation, located in what is now known as Interior BC. She has worked in Indigenous Education for the past 10 years with the Langley School District. Currently she facilitates reconciliation dialogue with a strong emphasis on shared history, stereotypes/biases, responsible ally-ship & advocacy for direct calls to action within her company, Skelep Reconciliation. Bonnie holds an Indigenous Cultural Safety Facilitator Certificate from UBC Health and is a Building Bridges Collaborator with the Raven Institute. Bonnie is currently pursuing her MEd in Curriculum and Instruction at Simon Fraser University.

Events Happening in Mission this Weekend

The NHRA Summit Racing Series that is contested across North America forms the world's largest motorsports program in terms of racer participation.



The bracket racing format allows drivers in many types of vehicles, including dragsters, roadsters, sedans, and coupes, to compete on an equal basis against each other. In addition to three categories of competition for cars, a motorcycle category is featured.

Classes Running: Sportsman, Pro, Super Pro, Motorcycle, Jr. Dragster & Jr. Street

Learn more here: <https://www.nhra.com/nhra-summit-racing-series>



Spectators Info

Admission:

Prices are shown per person.
Children 12 and under are free!

Adults \$12.50 CAD

Children Under 12 Free

Gate times:

Gates 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Racing 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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FATHER'S DAY
OLD CAR SUNDAY IN THE PARK

Sunday, June 16th, 2019
Come one! Come all! 9 AM-4 PM
Public admission by donation

Fraser River Heritage Park
Online Vehicle Registration **\$10.00**
Vehicles Entering at the Gate **\$15.00**
Show vehicles begin registration @7AM

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