

BCCFA 2022 CONFERENCE & AGM

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 19-21, 2022
NAKUSP, BC

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Hosted by the Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR)

Conference Location:
Nakusp and District Community Complex
Meetings will be in Auditorium Room
200 8 Ave NW, Nakusp, BC, V0G1R0

We are pleased to have you join us for the 2022 Conference and AGM and the 20th Anniversary of the BCCFA. This is our first in person event since 2019, and it is wonderful to be together again to learn, network and celebrate the accomplishments of community forests.

Nakusp and the Arrow Lakes have a rich Indigenous history and are the focus of a number of shared territories. We respectfully acknowledge that Nakusp and the Arrow Lakes have long been an ancestral, traditional place for many First Nations. We are grateful to be able to meet, share our experiences and celebrate here.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH - PRE-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS FEATURING KOOTENAY INNOVATION

10:00 am

Tour of the Kalesnikoff Mass Timber Plant in South Slocan

This new, innovative facility features engineering of cross laminated timber (CLT) panels and glue laminated beams. Meet at the plant. [Learn more.](#)

1:30 pm

SIFCo's (Slocan Community Forest) Wildfire Resiliency Program

Meet at the Silverton Village Hall.
With a priority lens on climate change adaptation and wildfire preparedness they have been involved in planning and carrying out fuel management treatments on and adjacent to the CFA since 2009. They have developed a comprehensive fire behavior model and a system of fuel treatments for the Wildland Urban Interface area (WUI). [Read more.](#)

7:00 am -
8:00 am

Delegate Breakfast

8:15 am -
1:00 pm

Field trip to NACFOR's operating area with lunch in the field.

Meet outside the Community complex at the busses for departure at 8:15. Busses will return at 1:00.

Afternoon
Session
1:30 pm -
5:00 pm

Option A - Special Event

Continuing Professional Development Workshop

This year we have partnered with the Justice Institute of BC to offer a special event in addition to the full conference. This training session will introduce concepts and skills to increase effective communication and reduce negotiation impasse. The workshop is open to everyone.

We welcome Alan Simpson MA, CCR, HRC, based in Lumby as our trainer. Learn more about Alan [here](#) and on his website at www.alansimpson.ca

Workshop Schedule

1:30 - 5:00 pm

- Respectful Negotiation: increasing collaboration while limiting resistance and positions
- Focused Communication: skillfully navigating the space between us for the common good
- Personal Capacity Building: empowering self while practicing conscious empathy of others

The workshop and the other conference sessions are eligible for credits for ABCFP members.

Option B

Field trip to the Southern Mountain Central Selkirk Caribou maternity pen

Unfortunately, Nakusp Hot Springs will be closed for maintenance. There are 15 spots reserved for a group to go to the Halcyon Hot Springs. Please send an email to scunningham@truenorthforestry.com if you are interested. Participants are responsible for the Hot Springs entrance fee and your own transportation.

6:30 pm -
10:00 pm

Opening Reception

Words of welcome from the Lakes People from Colville Confederated Tribes, local dignitaries, conference sponsors and the BCCFA Board. We will be treated to a presentation by the [Arrow Lakes Historical Society](#) of a film on the history of local logging. Local wine and cider tasting opportunity courtesy of the Valley of the Springs Winery and Burton City Cidery. Appetizers and no-host bar.

7:00 am -
8:15 am

Delegate Breakfast

8:15 am -
8:30 am

Conference Welcome

Welcome from George Brcko, BCCFA President and the Lakes People from the Colville Confederated Tribes
Housekeeping - Susan Mulkey, Conference Coordinator

8:30 am -
9:30 am

Provincial Forest Policy - Update on Key Government Initiatives

Recent legislation and ongoing forest policy reform are aimed at transforming BC's forest sector. Driving this change is the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and a new vision for forest management that prioritizes ecosystem health and resilience. In this panel, we will hear the latest on these initiatives from senior government representatives, with a focus on what it means for community forests. Topics will include the Old Growth Strategic Review recommendations; the Forest and Range Practices Act and changes to the Forest Act.

Moderated by Jennifer Gunter, BCCFA Executive Director

Speakers:

- Eamon O'Donoghue, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests
- Julie MacDougall, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Chief Forester
- Doug Kelly, Director, Forest Tenures Branch

9:30 am -
10:00 am

Break

10:00 am -
11:30 am

Ahead of the Curve with Landscape Level Planning

We will hear from a panel of people who are trail blazers innovating to develop and implement long-term, spatial plans on community forests and larger areas. The goal of this session is to focus on a conversation that will offer CFAs that have not begun a holistic, long term plan for their area some pragmatic steps to begin this work, and inspire those that have begun.

Moderated by Garnet Mierau, Logan Lake Community Forest Management Team, ABCFP President and Forsite Consultants

Panelists:

- Garry Merkel, RPF
- Beth Eagles, District Manager Nadina Resource District with the Lakes Resiliency Project
- Erik Leslie, RPF, Harrop Procter Community Forest
- Dave Gill, RPF, Westbank Community Forest

11:30 am -
12:00 pm

**Community Forests and the Law - Q and A with Jeremy Shelford,
Corporate Commercial Lawyer, Partner, Ratcliff and Company.**

In community forestry we sometimes are uncertain when to pull in outside professional services that are not technical forestry in nature, including lawyers. In this short session, Jeremy will describe the types of legal work that he often does for community forests – from log sales agreements and logging contracts, to regulatory work, board governance and relationship management – and leave some time for questions from the audience.

12:00 pm -
1:00 pm

**Lunch
Keynote Speaker – Jason Fisher, RPF, LLB, Partner, MNP**

Forest carbon offsets: know your options and know the risks. We have asked Jason Fisher to bring us up to speed.

1:00 pm -
2:15 pm

Adaptation for Wildfire Resilience

Moderated by Randy Spyksma, RPF

This session will focus on the important work of wildfire risk reduction. Jennifer Gunter will open the session with an update on the various projects and initiatives that the BCCFA is engaged with around fuel mitigation.

We will hear from some of our partners in this work, including Gord Pratt, Forest Enhancement Society BC (FESBC) and Lori Daniels, Kelsey Copes-Gerbitz and Kea Rutherford, Tree-Ring Lab at UBC Team, sharing their important research on the efficacy of fuel reduction treatments on CFAs.

2:30 pm -
4:30 pm

Managers and Directors Break-Out Groups

Separate sessions will focus on the issues important to Managers and Directors/Shareholders. Each session will be facilitated and resource people will support the discussions.

6:00 pm -
10:00 pm

BCCFA 20th Anniversary Celebration Banquet, Awards and Silent Auction

Minister Conroy will be joining us to celebrate our anniversary and to present the Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Delegate Breakfast
8:00 am - 10:00 am	BCCFA AGM
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Growing a Future in Forestry Panel Moderated by Corky Evans Coach - John Cathro A panel of young people working in a diversity of roles in the forest industry will share their stories of why they chose to work in the sector and will discuss their thoughts on the challenges ahead, the future of the forest industry and the opportunities for community forests. Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Callum Cathro, Nelson• Angela French, Nelson• Connor Robertson, Kaslo• Erin McLeod, Nakusp
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Conference Wrap Up Jennifer Gunter will lead us through a review of the key messages from presenters, and speak to next steps. Feedback is welcome from the attendees.
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	BCCFA 2022-2023 Inaugural Board Meeting





NAKUSP AND AREA COMMUNITY FOREST

The Nakusp and Area Community Forest Corporation (NACFOR) is owned by the Village of Nakusp and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors appointed by Council. The Community Forest Agreement was granted in 2007 in response to a community-led initiative for more control over the local land base. The CFA area is approximately 9185 hectares, comprised of eight geographically separate areas, mostly situated in the 'front country' along Upper Arrow Lake.

NACFOR's mission is to provide social, environmental and economic benefit to Nakusp and area by sustainable management of the community forest land base. NACFOR is focused on building an entity that can continue to strengthen its economic position while building social licence. Along with forest development, harvesting and silviculture activities, NACFOR supports local recreation infrastructure and activities, wildfire risk reduction, education and community-led programs. Profits are shared back to the community through dividends to the shareholder and through local donations. Learn more [here](#).

ABOUT NAKUSP

Nakusp is located in the West Kootenays, on the shores of Upper Arrow Lake in the Columbia Mountains. The area has a rich history of First Nations, mining, forestry, water transportation, hydro-electric development, and more recently, outdoor recreation and tourism. The Sinixt, the Sepwepemc, the Ktunaxa and the Okanagan Nations all have interests in the Arrow Lakes region. In the early 1800's, Nakusp became a mining town. Not long after, logging and milling became cornerstones of the settler economy, and remain an important economic base for the community today.

The Arrow Lakes valley is characterized by productive forests of primarily Douglas-fir, western larch, cedar and hemlock stands. A number of local hot springs along with the many great trail networks for biking and hiking bring many visitors to the valley. [Information on Nakusp and area.](#)