

2023 Indicators Benefits Stories



Stories are at the heart of who we are and what we do. To truly explain the full benefits of community forests to decision-makers and the public, we need stories and photos that describe your work and the positive local impacts of your community forest.

Stories can describe your efforts in any of the 18 Indicator topics, and may link together more than one. For example, the story of how Logan Lake high school students are hired every summer to conduct fuel treatments (investment in proactive wildfire management) and are taught forest and wildfire management lessons (investment in education). A “story” can be just a line or two that describes what’s happening in a photo, or a paragraph describing a community forest benefit or how the community forest overcame challenges. To check out stories that have made it to publication in the past, the previous Indicators Reports can be found at this link <https://bccfa.ca/category/indicators/>.

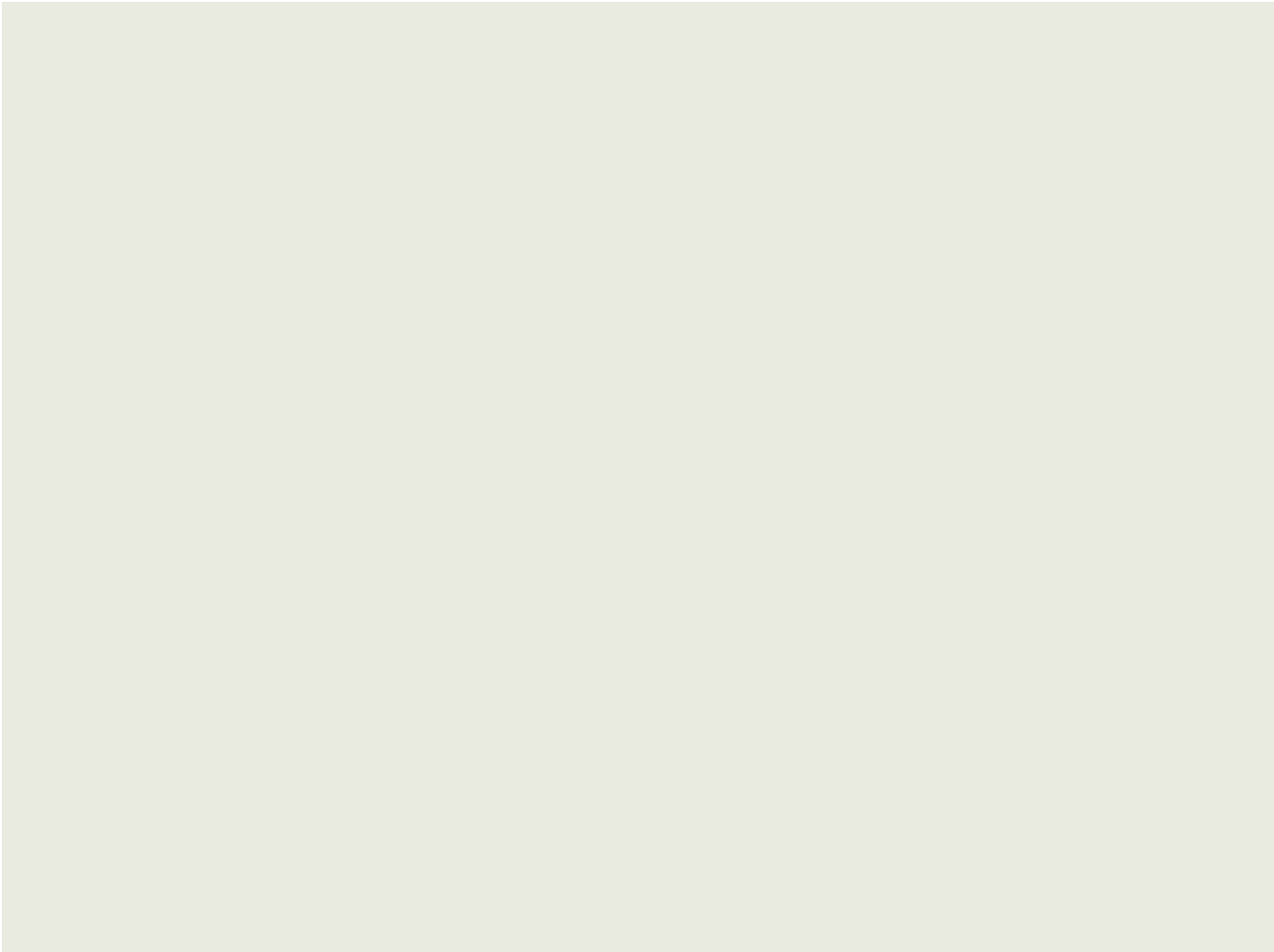
We would like to have a rich collection of photos to accompany the stories. If you tell a story, send a photo of it! **Photos of minimum 1MB quality can be sent to Susan for use in the Indicators Report.**

To streamline the survey process, there is an option for stories to be written in this document or directly in the survey. If you would rather tell your stories to a member of the BCCFA staff, and have us write them down, we can set up a call to do that. Contact Susan at smulkey@bccfa.ca. We ask for your phone number below so that we can give you a call should we need to clarify anything in your stories.

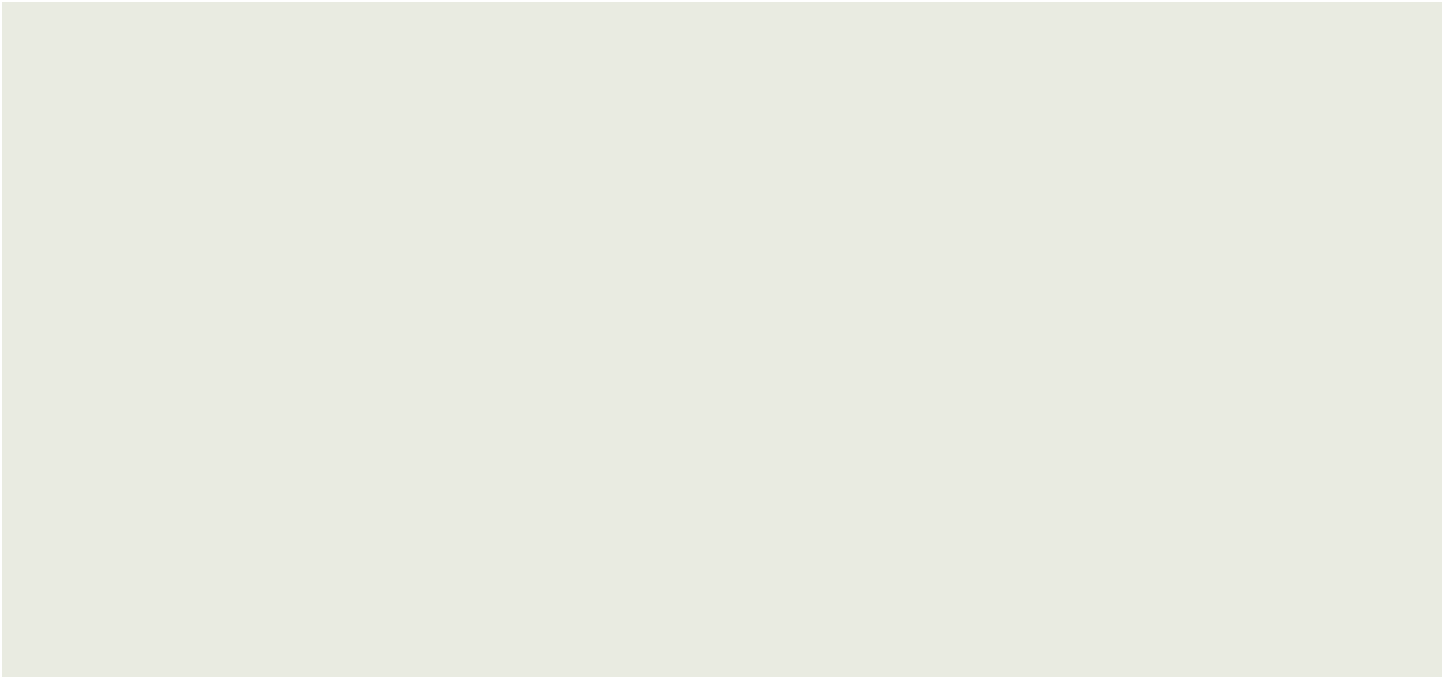
Make a pitch for the Robin Hood Memorial Award at #9 below.

- 1. Name
- 2. Position
- 3. Community Forest
- 4. Phone
- 5. Story 1

6. Story 2



7. Story 3



8. Social Licence

Tell us a story about how you have gained social licence in your community to operate the community forest. Social licence is the level of acceptance or approval continually granted to an organization's operations or project by the local community and other stakeholders.

Questions to consider - What do you do that helps your community forest organization gain the trust of the community? How do you deal with conflict? How do you respond to a negative issue, or to a person who opposes your plans? What do you do differently from the usual forest management practice because you manage a community forest?

Examples

- At the beginning of the Creston CF, management had to demonstrate good logging practices to build trust in the community before they could log in the watershed.
- In Wells Gray CF special VQO planning and harvesting was conducted to ensure a compatible viewscape from the golf course.
- Kaslo CF invested heavily in a road to provide access to an important recreation area.

9. Robin Hood Memorial Award

In 2016, the MFLNRORD created an award that is given annually by the Minister to the community forest that best exemplifies the values exhibited by the late Robin Hood and the goals and values of community forestry in BC. These values include community leadership, providing local and social economic opportunity, innovation and passion for community forestry.

The first recipient of the \$10,000 award was the Likely-Xats'ull Community Forest. In 2017, the Harrop-Procter Community Forest was the winner of the award, 2018 was Lower North Thompson, 2019 Logan Lake, 2020 West Boundary, 2021 it was Westbank, and 2022 was Wetzin'kwa.

To apply for the \$10,000 award, BCCFA members are asked to explain why they should be considered for the award. To be eligible for nomination, the recipient must be a CFA licensee, all basic obligations must be current – i.e. reforestation, slash disposal, road maintenance, etc. The CFA must have no outstanding and/or unresolved The CFA must have no outstanding and/or unresolved compliance and enforcement issues or outstanding financial accounts with the Ministry and have a mutually respectful, collaborative relationship with them . You also must have completed the 2023 Indicators Survey. We encourage you to make a pitch for this esteemed award.

