

Governance for Community Forests 2024 Conference in Mackenzie



British Columbia
**Community
Forest
Association**

local people, local forests, local decisions





PROVIDE LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVING A RANGE OF COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES, VALUES AND PRIORITIES



DIVERSIFY THE USE OF AND BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY FOREST AGREEMENT AREA



PROVIDE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO BRITISH COLUMBIA



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PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION



PROMOTE COMMUNICATION AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND PERSONS



FOSTER INNOVATION



ADVOCATE FOREST WORKER SAFETY

Provincial Goals of the Community Forest Program

The Management Plan

Section 6.0 of the Licence Agreement

The Management Plan serves 2 main purposes:

- To link the community and their values to the management of the Community Forest Agreement
- Provides a rationale for an annual allowable cut (AAC) for the Community Forest Agreement land base

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Management Plan - Section 6.02

- (i) include **the values or guiding principles** to be applied to the management of the Community Forest Agreement area,
- (j) contain the **broad social, economic and resource management goals** proposed for the Community Forest Agreement area,
- (k) **identify the linkage** between the Agreement goals and the goals set by the Province for Community Forest Agreements, and
- (l) include **a plan for annual reporting out** to the community on the performance in relation to the values, principles and goals referred to in Subparagraphs 6.02 (i), (j) and (k).

Guiding Principles

inform and shape
decision-making

assist in the attainment
of vision, mission,
goals and objectives,

ideally are developed
after consultation with
community members
and forest users.

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Goals and Objectives

- **Goal:** A broad, general statement, usually not quantifiable, that expresses a desired state or process to be achieved. Normally, a management goal is stated in terms of purpose, often not attainable in the short term, and provides the context for more specific objectives.
- **Objective:** A concise, time-specific statement of measurable planned results that corresponds to stated goals in achieving the desired outcome. Commonly forms the basis for development of strategies or further planning to define the precise steps to be taken, and the resources to be used and assigns responsibility in achieving the identified goals.

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Legal Structure Options

Municipal
Corporation

Corporation

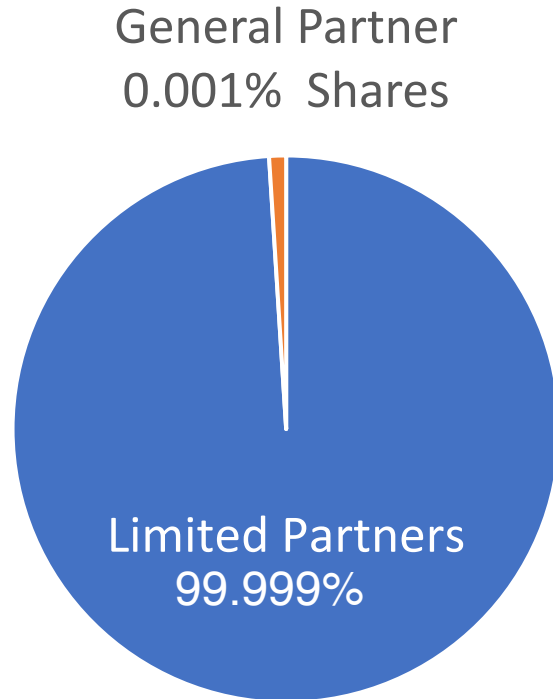
Cooperative

Society

First Nation

Limited
Partnership

Limited Partnership



- Limited liability for the Partners
- Risk is carried by the General Partner
- Requirement for the Limited Partners to be arms length from day-to-day management
- Taxation is based on the tax status of the partners

Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties in a Limited Partnership

Shareholders

- Hold the shares
- Appoints the board of directors
- Does not take part in management

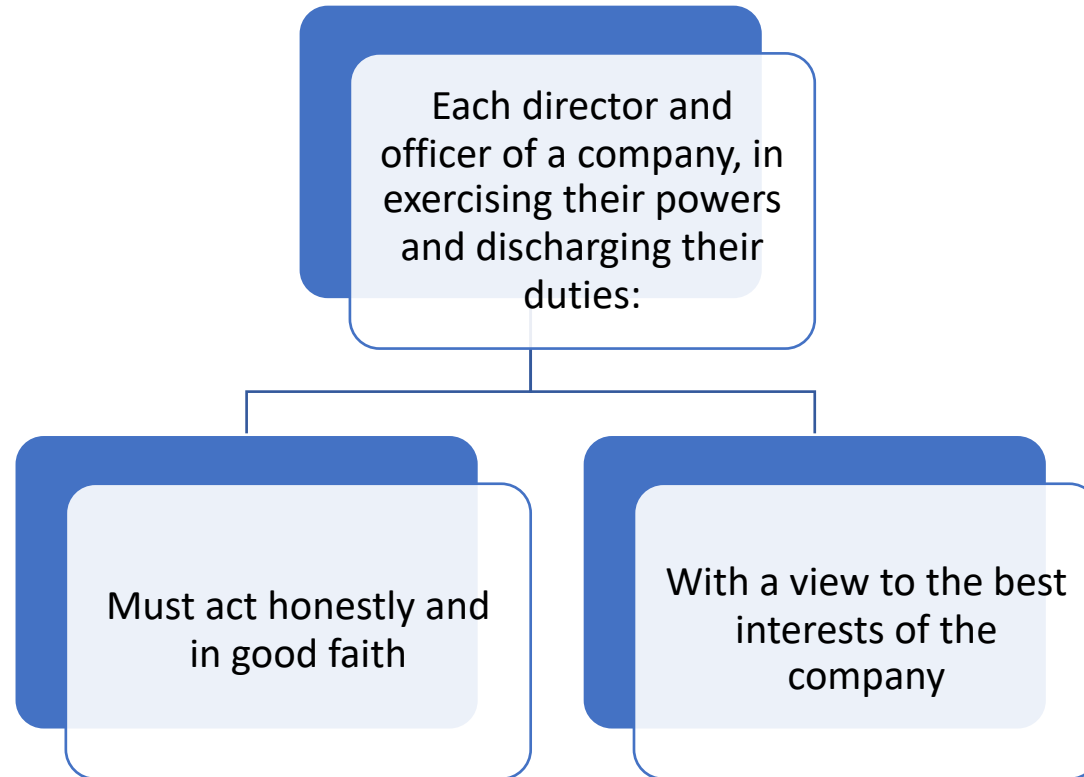
Board

- Organizational oversight & fiduciary responsibility
- Sets strategic direction, budget, policy
- Hires and monitors the manager

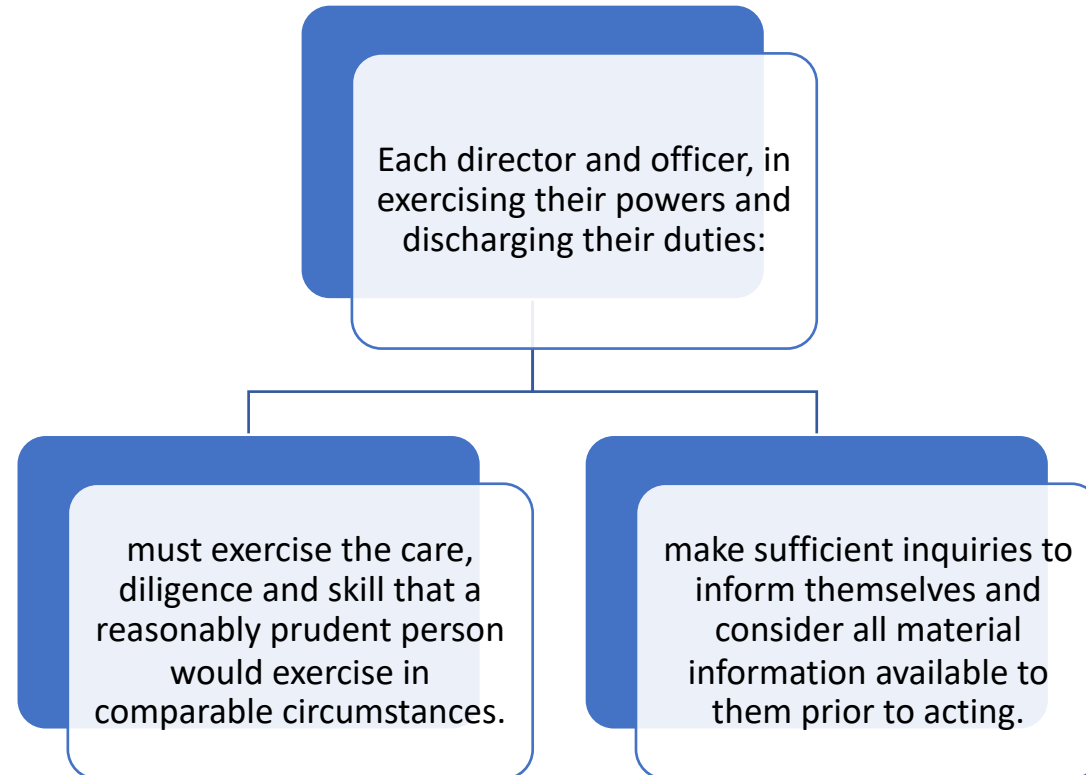
Management

- Day to day management activities
- Hires and manages staff
- Operationalizes strategic direction and budget

A Duty of Loyalty



Duty of Care

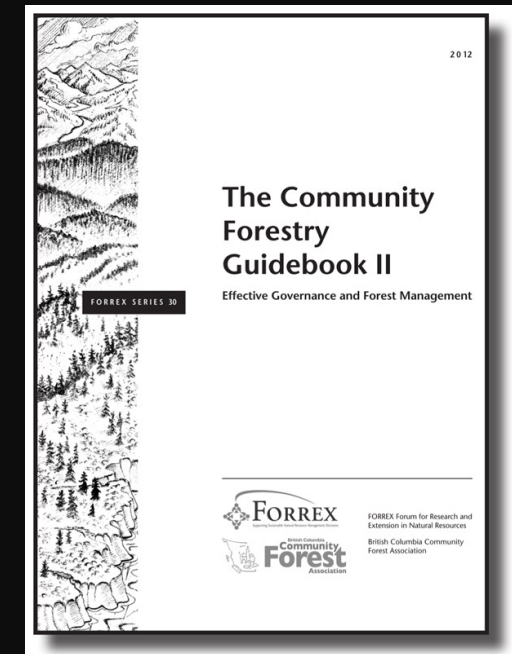
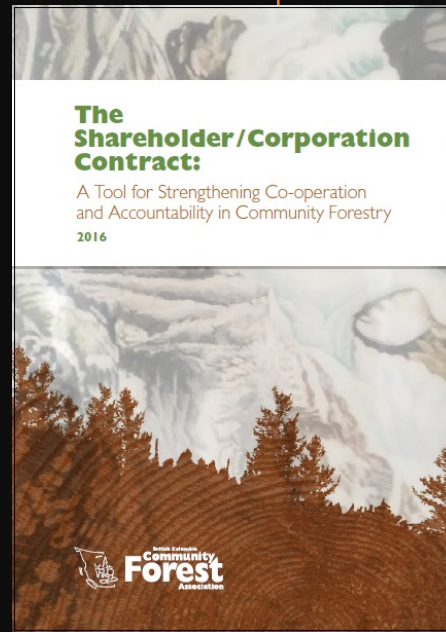
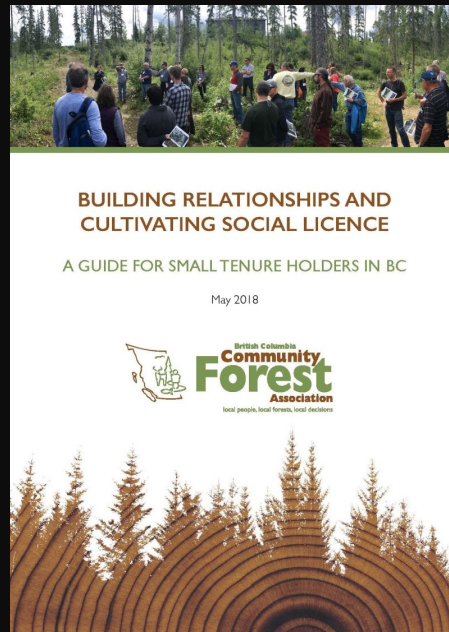
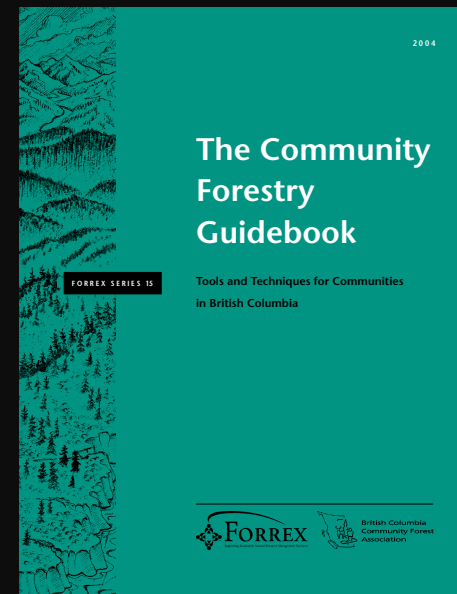


Consensus – general agreement of the group

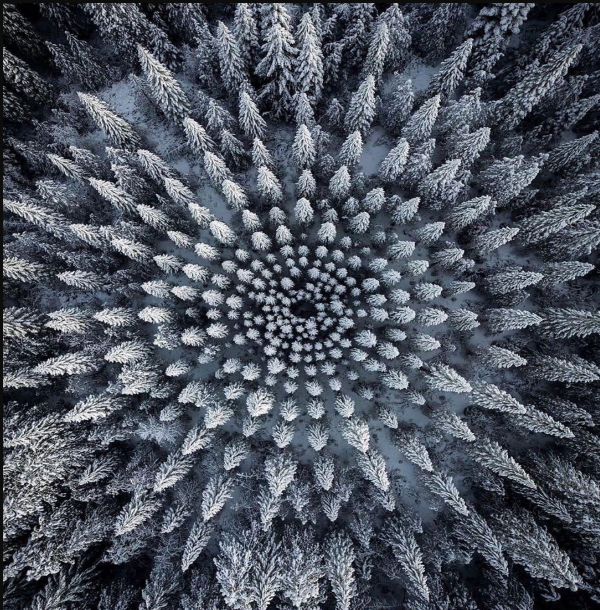
How do we get there?

- Emphasis is on dialogue
- Deconstruction of assumptions and stereotypes
- Exploration of differences, other world views and knowledge systems
- Building of trust
- Individual honesty and integrity
- Investment of time

BCCFA Educational Resources



BCCFA Educational Resources for Members



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- Community Forest Governance
 - CFA Management Plan Template & Guidance
 - Templates to Hire a Manager
 - Management, Logging & Trucking Contracts
 - Recreation Policies
 - Insurance for CFAs
 - Spending limits for management
 - Investment Strategies and Policies
 - Can you recommend a good legal firm...



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