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BC Community Forest Association Executive Director Awarded King Charles III Coronation Medal

VANCOUVER and the Traditional Territory of the $x^w m \partial k^w \partial j \partial m$ (Musqueam), $S \underline{k} w \underline{x} w u \partial T mesh$ (Squamish), and $s \partial l l w \partial t \partial t$ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations – The BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA) is thrilled to announce that Executive Director, Jennifer Gunter, has been honoured with the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Jennifer and Linda Coady (President and CEO of the BC Council of Forest Industries) were awarded the medals by Minister Ralston in Vancouver on September 16, 2024.

According to the Province, the King Charles III Coronation Medal was created to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, which took place on May 6, 2023. This commemorative medal recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to Canada, their province, territory, region, or community. The medal is awarded to those who have shown exceptional dedication to their communities. The Coronation Medal is a tangible symbol of the recipients' commitment and service.

"Our second recipient has spent more than 20 years championing the deep relationship people have with the forests that surround them. She has worked tirelessly to create connections between communities, First Nations and local employers to create local jobs, foster public participation in forestry decision-making, and entrench innovative, sustainable forestry practices across our province.

As one of the founders of the BC Community Forest Association and its longtime Executive Director, she has overseen its growth from an organization of 10 member communities to one of more than 50. I am pleased to present the King Charles III Coronation Medal to Jennifer Gunter," said Minister Ralson at the award ceremony.

Please join BCCFA Board and staff in congratulating Jennifer on this tremendous and well-deserved recognition of her integrity, capacity, and constant dedication to community forestry and to the BCCFA and our members.

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For more information on Jennifer's work with the BC Community Forest Association visit www.bccfa.ca

For more information on the King Charles III Coronation Medal visit https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/medals/medals-chart-index/king-charles-iiis-coronation-medal.html