Community Forest Program Update

BCCFA 2012 AGM Kaslo

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AGENDA

- Some nostalgia
- Yearly update
 - Changes in Ministry since last year
 - Accomplishments since last year
 - Expansion progress
 - Legislation update
 - One CP
- Questions







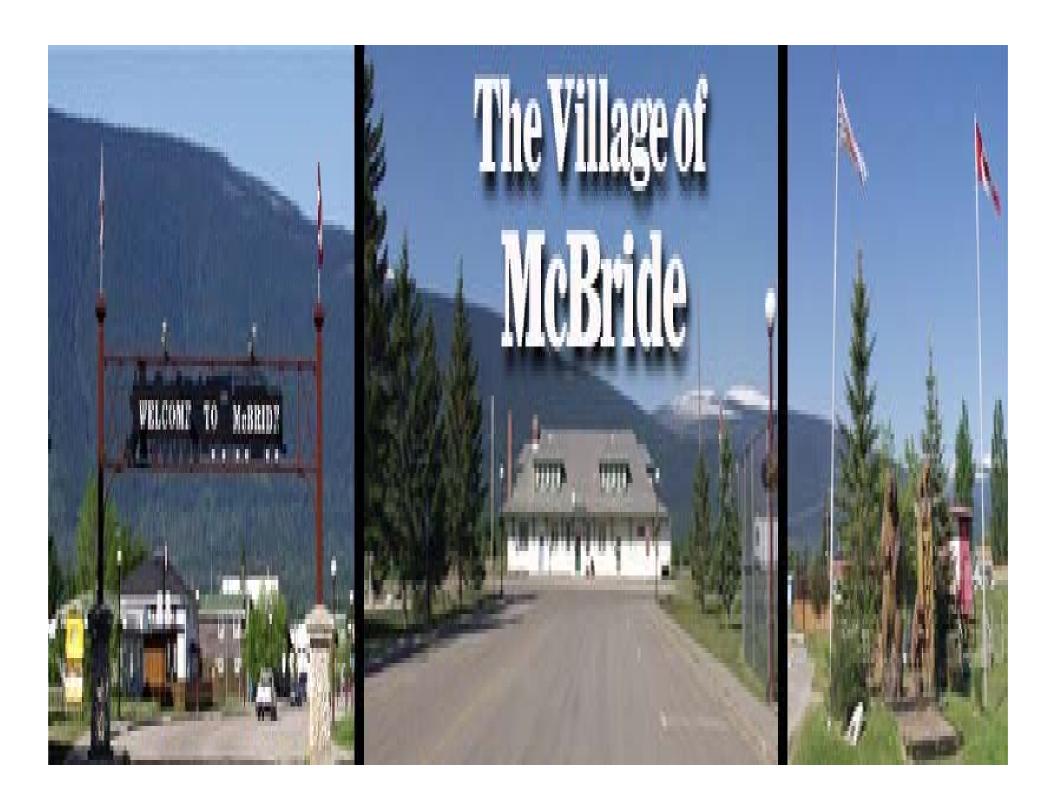
















2008 BCCFA/MFR JWG established

- Working group comprised of BCCFA exec & MFR staff from branch, 3 Regions & district established
- 2 face to face meetings in July 2007 in Kamloops & Sept 2007 in Likely (as well as numerous conf calls)
- Purpose is to prioritize recommendations & work through them



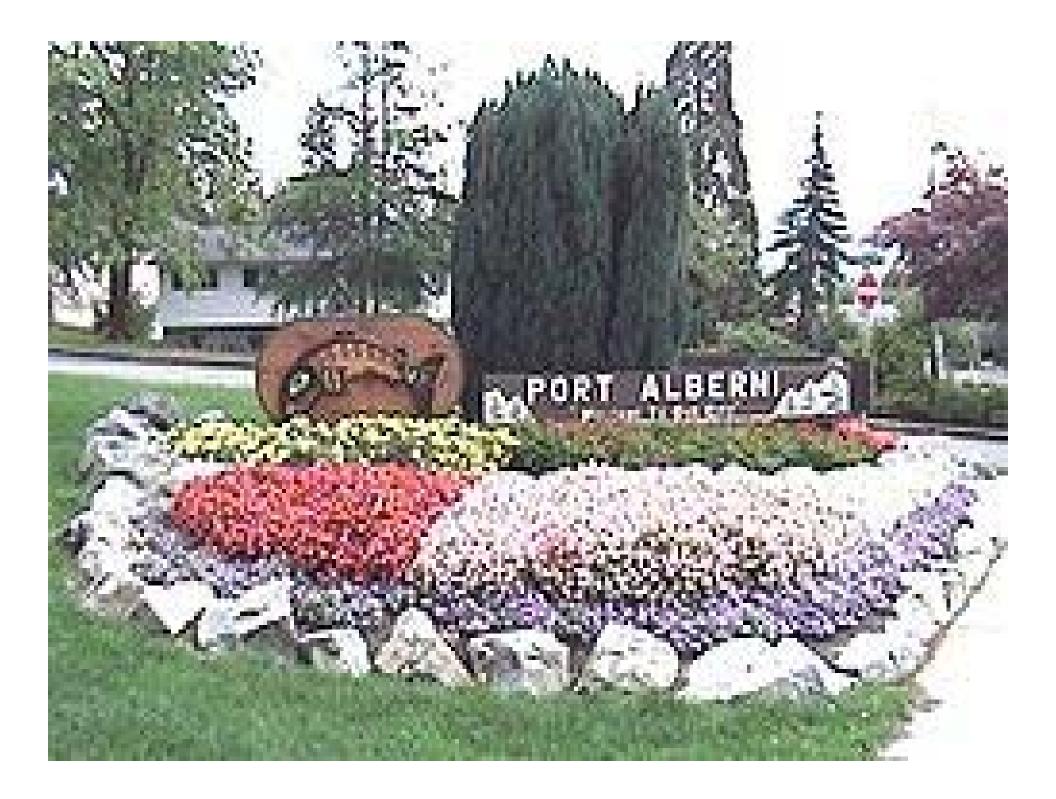
What Have We Been Up To?

The MFR & JWG has been hard at work!



Accomplishments

- JWG established
- Strategic Plan
- Vision, Mission & goals
- Reviewed & updated Licence documents
- Revised the application package/process
- Formalised a disposition plan
- Improved working relationships



LEGISLATION

- Bill 13 Forest Statutes Amendment Act March 31, 2009
- Removes the Probationary form of community forests (no more assessment)
- All applications go directly to a 25 year replaceable licence
- Provides for existing 5 yr PCFAs to transition to a 25 yr CFA
 - Need to surrender existing 5 yr licence and get a 25 yr licence
 - New licence document with 3 changes
 - Term from 5 yrs to 25 yrs
 - Cut control provisions
 - Minor changes to the MP requirements

Please ensure you initiate the transition with enough timeline to get your new licence before your existing one expires.



WESTBANK FIRST NATION

COMMUNITY TENURES REGULATION

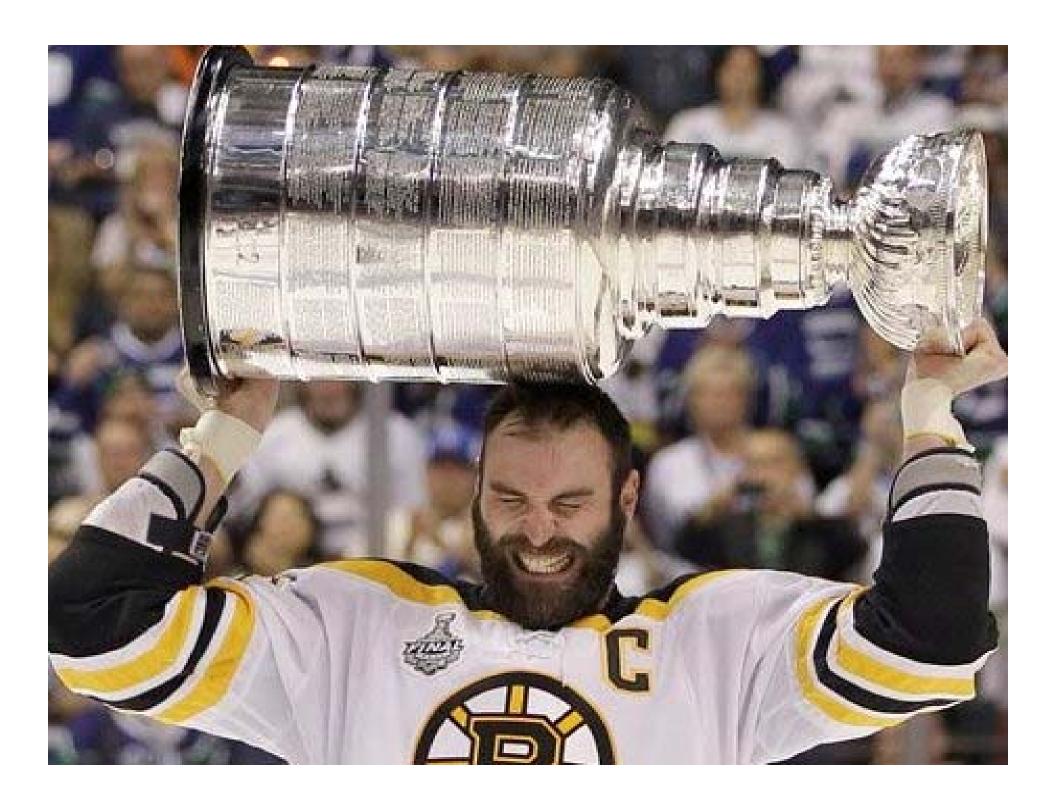
- Amendments to regulation passed Sept 3, 2009
- Changes required to be consistent with Act changes of March 31, 2009
- Removal of probationary language
- Removal of assessment requirements





TRANSFER REGULATION

- Amendments to regulation
- Allows for community forest to be transferred if minister is satisfied it is in the best interest of the community to which the CFA relates and entity meets requirements of holding a CFA.
- Eg. Adding or removing a partner
- Or changing from society to corporation.





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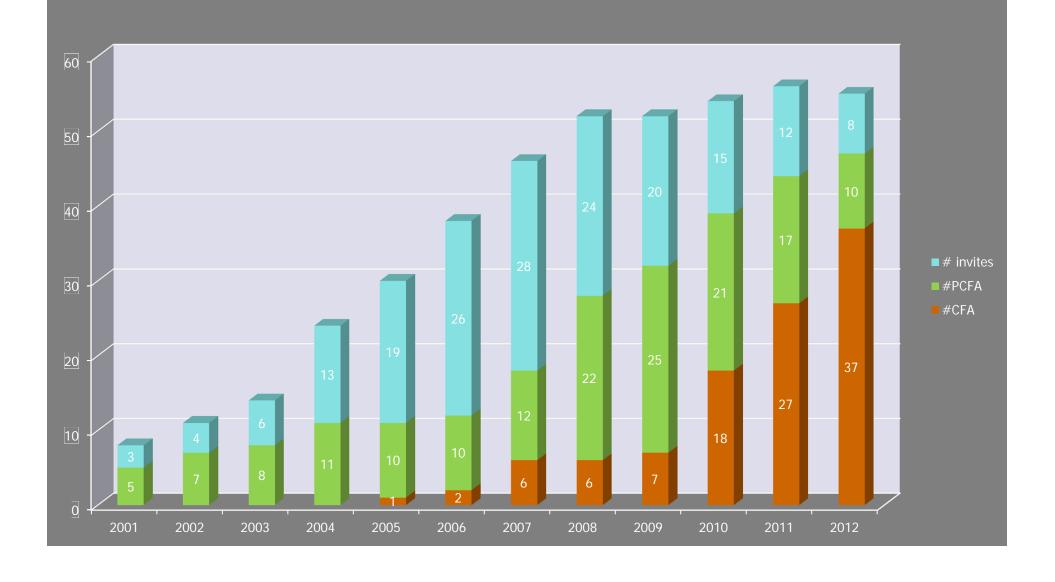
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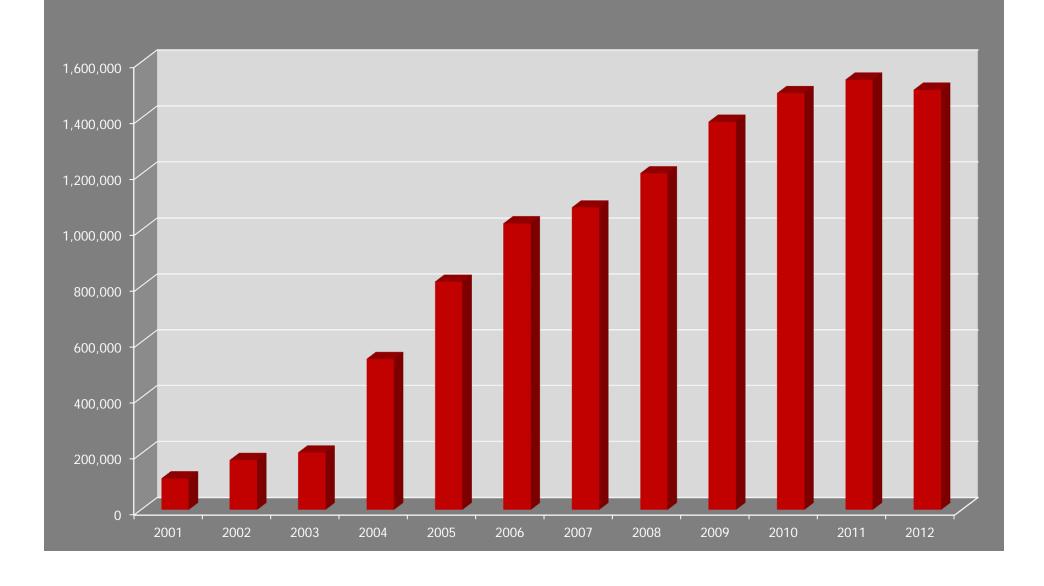
CFAs Issued Since last Year

- 3 new CFAs were issued (Babine Lk CF Society (Granisle), Cascades Lower Canyon CF Corp (Hope), Little Prarie CF Inc (Chetwynd)) totalling 57,000m3
- Wells Gray , Powell River, Nuxalk Nation, & Logan Lake received their 25 yr agreement

EXPANSION (#s)



EXPANSION (m3)





- Limited volume available
- Where apportioned volume exists working to confirm communities
- Exploring options with BCCFA & BCTS for partnerships



One CP over a CFA

- Last yr announced pilot
- Committee established
- 5 pilots established (Powell River, Wells Grey, Esketemc, Dunster, Valemont)
- 2 issued One CP (Powell River, Dunster)
- Monthly conf calls
- Continue to work through issues



- Lots of good work done over the years
- Small changes to ministry (stability)
- No changes to legislation (stability)
- Continue to work on program expansion
- Continue to work on One CP
- Continue to work with BCCFA via monthly conference calls



