



Presentation

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The Community Forest Agreement

A Little History

- 1945** Royal Commission recommends management of local forests by municipalities
- 1946** First BC Community Forest in Mission
- 1998** Jobs and Timber Accord - Community Forest Agreement and Pilot Program established
- 2003** Forestry Revitalization Plan and reallocation
- 2009** Roundtable on Forestry recommends more Community Forests
- 2013** 58 Community Forest Agreements

Community Forest Program Status

2% of the provincial annual timber harvest

A 3D pie chart showing a very small slice representing 2% of the provincial annual timber harvest. The slice is colored red and is labeled "Community Forests AAC" in the legend.

The Community Forest Agreement

Provincial Government Objectives

- Long-term tenure opportunities
- Manage for a range of local priorities
- Diversify use and benefits
- Provide social and economic benefits
- Environmental stewardship
- Community involvement
- Strengthen relationships
- Foster innovation

The Community Forest Agreement

Innovation

"Community Forests own the principle of social license. They have the ability to pilot ideas and innovate in the way they manage their land base... they have an opportunity like no other tenure in the past."

Pat Bell MLA, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and former Minister of Forests


The Community Forest Agreement

- Area-based tenure
- Exclusive right to harvest timber within the CFA
- Right to manage botanical forest products
- 25 year long-term agreement replaceable every 10 years



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- Managed under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*
- Fees are paid to the Crown based on tabular rate structure
- Invitation or direct award
- Application process



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Application Contents

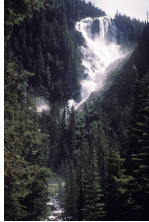
- Confirmed location and availability of the proposed landbase
- Confirmed available wood supply
- Description of the proponent's legal entity



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Legal Entity Options

- Municipality
- Community Corporation
- Cooperative
- Society
- First Nations Band Council
- Limited Partnership



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Application Contents


- Evidence of broad-based community support
- Evidence of a business plan
- Management plan



Community Forestry Benefits

"The community forest has allowed for the spiritual connection on the land to be re-established. They don't call it a community forest at home, they call it home."

Mike Robertson, Senior Policy Advisor
Cheslatta Carrier Nation



Community Forestry Benefits

Westbank First Nation

- steady employment
- funding for education, health, seniors and children's services



Community Forestry Benefits



Likely First Response Vehicle

Community Forestry Benefits

Lower North
Thompson
Community Forest



- The community forest sponsored a Job Creation Partnership Program
- Staff provided mapping and technical expertise to the project

Community Forestry Benefits



- Crew reclaimed a number of historical trails in the area
- Promoted the trails to Mantracker
- Two episodes filmed

Community Forestry Benefits

Sunshine Coast
Community Forest



- First right of entry to West Coast Log Homes
- 2500 m3 per year of low grade cedar required to run their operation

Community Forestry Benefits



- West Coast Log Homes puts 22 FTEs to work
- Pays \$70 above market price for the preferred selection rights and special handling

Community Forestry Benefits

Cheakamus Community Forest
 Limited Partnership with the Lil'wat and Squamish
 First Nations and the Resort Municipality of
 Whistler




Community Forestry Benefits

Recreation Agreement with Whistler Off Road Cycling
 Association 2011 Logging
Runaway Train Mountain Bike Trail



Lessons from Communities

Identify community
 Identify vision and priorities
 Realistic business plan
 Start with small successes



Lessons from Communities


Arms length from politics
 Community champions
 Informed and engaged community



Lessons from Communities

Capacity and governance development

- Volunteer participation
- Range of skill sets required on the board
- Challenges of community based decision making




Lessons from Communities

Fair distribution of benefits

- Excess revenue or profits from forest management activities
- Clear policy for a re-distribution system that will benefit the whole community, even those who do not participate directly in the forest management activities.
- Creation of local leveraging resources

Lessons from Communities

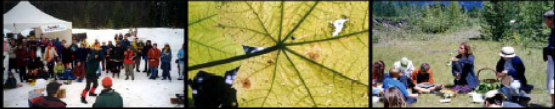
Financial resources for startup and infrastructure



Lessons from the BCCFA

Secure tenure and rights

Effective forest management policy framework



Lessons from the BCCFA

Coordinated advocacy support

The BCCFA

- Serves as the voice and advocate for community forestry in BC.
- Works with government to expand community forestry in BC.
- Provides input to government to facilitate the success of community forest initiatives.

Lessons from the BCCFA


Networking and extension services

- Community Forest Management and Governance tools
- Community Forest Extension Program
- Digital technology project
- Extension partnership with UBC Faculty of Forestry
- BCCFA annual conference, website and monthly newsletters

Lessons from the BCCFA

Marketing access and support

An on-line wood marketplace connecting buyers and sellers



Get the right log, to the right person, at the right time
www.WoodSourceBC.com

Lessons from the BCCFA

Community forestry is:

“Decisions being made by people who have to live with the outcome;


Finding local solutions to contentious issues;

Keeping benefits in the community;


A very good idea;

One of the hardest things I have ever done!”

- John Cathro, RPF



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local people, local forests, local decisions



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