

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between:

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)

and:

The Coast Forest Products Association (CFPA) Member Companies

WHEREAS:

A. The Parties, Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) and The Coast Forest Products Association (CFPA) Member Companies are described as follows:

- The AVICC has a membership of 51 municipalities and regional districts that stretch from the Central Coast Regional District down to the tip of Vancouver Island and include Powell River and the Sunshine Coast. The Association deals with issues that affect these large urban areas to small rural communities, including those related to the coastal forestry sector.
- The CFPA is an Association which advocates on behalf of 18 member companies operating on crown land on the coast of British Columbia. These companies produce logs, lumber, pulp and paper and other forest products.

B. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

- Is a statement of the good faith and mutual intention between the AVICC and CFPA member companies to collaboratively work to achieve the objectives stated in this MOU within the timelines outlined.
- Does not have any binding effect on the Parties unless otherwise stated herein and/or until such time as the Parties have entered into a final definitive agreement as contemplated in Section F of this MOU.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

C. With this MOU, the Parties wish to work together to achieve the following four objectives:

1. Improve communications between the Associations;

2. Strengthen relationships between local governments and the forest industry;
3. Strengthen two-way engagement between AVICC members and CFPA member companies with respect to planning and operations at the local level; and
4. Collaborate on forest policies where there is mutual agreement and benefit for both Parties.

D. Our joint statement of intent is as follows:

- The Parties wish to develop a long term, working relationship based on mutual trust, respect, communication and goodwill and wish to exchange information in good faith and;
- The Parties are willing to be creative in finding solutions to the above-stated objectives, recognizing that this may require them to coordinate with other initiatives and work with the Provincial and/or Federal government to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

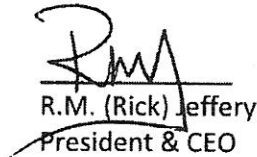
E. Timeline

- This MOU will be reviewed in 2 years from the date of signing with subsequent reviews every 2 years. Should either Party wish to withdraw from the MOU at any time, they will provide written notice one month before withdrawing.

F. This Memorandum of Understanding hereby agreed to on the 28th day of March 2017.



Barbara Price
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APPENDIX A

Deliverables & Timelines

The key deliverables the Parties collaboratively will seek to address are focused on:

1. Improved communications between the Associations;
2. Strengthening relationships between local governments and the forest industry;
3. Strengthening two-way engagement between AVICC members and CFPA member companies with respect to planning and operations at the local level; and
4. Collaborating on forest policies where there is mutual agreement and benefit for both Parties.

Specific activities will include:

- AVICC and CFPA to hold structured bi-annual calls or meetings to discuss activities, updates, events, questions, next steps.
- Designate point people from CFPA member companies, AVICC to communicate with each other in the interim (between the above-specified meetings) to address issues on a case-by-case basis.
- Holding regular consultations and meetings with a wide array of coastal communities (urban, forest dependent, manufacturing dependent), First Nations and other stakeholder groups within the communities to present, review and/or address:

Below are some examples:

- Community operational plans
- Certifications, consultations, public advisory groups (PAGs)
- Web-based resources and information
- Tree Farm License (TFL) management plans, sustainable management plans, operational planning maps
- Specific community & regional engagement initiatives
- Sharing environmental data such as watershed protection
- Working together to improve and clarify Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP) for communities
- Promoting awareness within the communities on existing forestry engagement and forums

Timelines

The goal of the Parties is to schedule the actions determined by the deliverables within 3 months of the signing of the MOU with the actions to be implemented no later than 6 calendar months.