



British Columbia Community Forest Association

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Inaugural meeting, Victoria 2002



Vision

Our vision is a network of diverse community forest initiatives, where local people practice ecologically responsible forest management in perpetuity, fostering and supporting healthy and vibrant rural communities and economies.





The purposes of the Association are to:

- **Work to ensure the viability of community forest initiatives in First Nation's and other rural communities.**
- Provide education on community forestry issues.
- **Assist community forest practitioners in accessing resources required to succeed.**
- Promote community forest management as a strategy for community economic development.





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Burns Lake 2006 Field Trip



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Priorities set in Burns Lake 2006

Pricing
Program Review & Policy
Safety
FIA
Outreach & Education
Research



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**Forests and Range Minister Rich Coleman
Burns Lake 2006**



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Bob Friesen, ADM, Tenure and Revenue; Jennifer Gunter, BCCFA;
Jim Langridge, Director of Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch



Timber Pricing – 3 Years in the making

- removes all cruising requirements for CFAs
- provides an 85% rate reduction to the Interior Appraisal Manual Table 6.1
- provides a 70% reduction to the Average Sawlog Stumpage Rates for the Coast Forest Region.





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Pricing – A work in progress

- Zoning on the Coast
- New MPS tables





Policy

- Community Forest Program Review
- 36 Recommendations concerning: program objectives, characteristics of a CFA, administration.
- BCCFA working collaboratively with Ministry of Forests & Range to address these recommendations.



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BC Forest Safety Council
Unsafe is Unacceptable



BCCFA is advocating for the interests of CFAs

- Seat on the Forest Safety Council
- Leaders in forest worker safety
- System designed for large companies
- Cost effectiveness and administrative efficiency are critical



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Safe Companies Certification Course

Kamloops March 2007



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The Community Forestry Guidebook: Tools and Techniques for Communities in BC

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Community Forest Support Project: 2005 – 2007



**Western Economic
Diversification Canada**

**Diversification de l'économie
de l'Ouest Canada**

FORD FOUNDATION

Strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice,
promote international cooperation and advance human achievement



CFA Expansion

Since our 2006 AGM, Sechelt, Wells Gray, Powell River, Prince George, the Nuxalk First Nation and Bella Coola have all been issued CFAs. This brings the total number of operating CFAs up to 17.

28 communities and First Nations are in the application process.



FIA

Administered Forest Investment Account funds in 06/07 for 7 CFAs, totaling \$ 386,000

With the expansion of the CF Program, our allocation has increased to \$457,000 for 07/08.





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FIA

Worked with MOFR to develop new system for administering \$ to CFAs.

Joined Land Based Investment Program

Administered by PricewaterhouseCoopers





Negotiated a new deal

- CFAs retain separate funding allocation
- CFAs join LBIP and get access to full list of eligible activities
- CFAs reserve the right to re-allocate \$ amongst themselves.



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Non Timber Forest Products

- Participated in a consultative workshop hosted by Royal Roads University for the Forest Science Program.
- Working to support the development of an NTFP Pilot Program with the Interagency Committee on NTFPs.
- Secured CEDTAP funds to put on a series of workshops this coming year, delivered by Centre for Non-Timber Resources, RRU.



Research Collaboration

School of Resource and Environmental Management at
Simon Fraser University:

- Tenure & multiple resources
- First Nations Interests
- Community Participation
- Full Cost Accounting



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BCCFA Strategic Planning Members Survey

