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Welcome to the Spring edition of the ILA Insider, we hope everyone had a wonderful Easter long weekend. On behalf of Nancy, myself, and our Board of Directors, we would like to extend our appreciation to all our members for their continued support during these unprecedented times.

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, we have unfortunately had to make the decision to postpone our Annual Trade Show and Conference for another year, but we look forward to seeing everyone in 2022! Despite this cancellation, the ILA will now be offering a series of Webinar events to our members in the coming months.

We are happy to announce that our first Webinar will be a “Luncheon with Forest Minister Katrine Conroy” on May 14th at 12:00 noon. Minister Conroy will be providing an update on issues that affect our industry, and ILA Directors will be asking the Minister questions on your behalf on issues that affect your businesses.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Nancy Hesketh by e-mail at nancy@interiorlogging.org for details on how to attend.

Also, if there are any topics of interest that you would like us to provide more information on, please feel free to contact myself directly at todd@interiorlogging.org.

I look forward to hearing from you and making sure that we are providing you with all the information that you will need to manage your business safely and cost-effectively.

Sincerely,

Todd Chamberlain, RFT

General Manager, Interior Logging Association

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EMBRACING A SUSTAINABLE BRAND NEW DAY FOR TIMBER HARVESTING

WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR B.C.

SUBMITTED BY: SUSAN YURKOVICH, PRESIDENT & CEO, BC COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES



The forest industry has deep roots in British Columbia, supporting workers and families in rural and urban communities in every region of our province.

A study published late last year by COFI – the Regional Supply Chain Study – found that, in 2019, COFI member companies purchased \$7 billion worth of goods and services from nearly 9,900 B.C.-based companies – small, medium and large – across the province.

The study also found that more than 340 communities and 120 Indigenous Nations and organizations of all sizes benefited economically from this forest industry supply chain, including many Lower Mainland communities.

In fact, our members purchased \$2 billion worth of goods and services from 2,100 businesses located across 19 municipalities in Metro Vancouver. Vancouver-based companies were the top recipients of forest industry supply chain spend, with local purchases totalling \$978 million. So, yes, even Vancouver is a forestry town.

This study shows that manufacturing the forest products that are in demand around the globe can only be done with the sup-

port of a healthy supply chain and strong relationships with suppliers of goods and services – including the contractor community.

As we all know, our business and our industry has evolved over time. It has modernized and the products offerings have expanded over the years. But it has also grown more complex in a lot of ways with increasing demands, rising costs, regulatory complexity and uncertainty that has sometimes created some strain.

This is not unexpected. Like all relationships, the relationship between licenses and the contractor community has experienced some bumps. But working through the bumps, we have also found common ground. I believe that is because, whatever our differences, we all care about the viability and sustainability of our industry, and the people who work in it.

The Contractor Sustainability Review is a good example of a working together, in a collaborative effort, to address some long-standing issues. Over many months, COFI, the ILA and other industry associations came together to work with the

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to identify potential solutions to improve the sustainability and competitiveness of both contractors and licensees. This work included jointly developing proposed updates to the Timber Harvesting Contract and Subcontract Regulation for negotiating, implementing and monitoring timber harvesting contracts.

From COFI's perspective, our team has really appreciated the collaborative approach that the ILA under Todd Chamberlain's leadership has taken on these challenging issues. We have had lots of opportunity to hear and each other's perspectives and work to achieve common ground. It has also led to our two associations working collaboratively on other issues that are important to our sector.

While we are currently experiencing unprecedented prices for lumber, we know that the industry is cyclical and the challenges we faced in 2019 and early 2020 are still present. The fact is, B.C. still faces a number of significant cost competitive issues that need to be addressed.

That is why it's important that our organizations continue to seek opportunities to work together on issues that impact our industry and to look for opportunities to continue to share information and perspectives.

We need more industry voices calling for the need for a balanced, province-wide strategy to manage all B.C. forests, including old growth. We need to work collaboratively with government to reduce complexity. We need to look for opportunities to grow the business and attract the next generation of forest workers. These are things we can do together.

While we face some challenges, the future for our industry is bright. As the world increasingly turns to sustainably harvested, renewable, low-carbon wood products as a climate change solution, I have no doubt our industry has the capabilities to seize new opportunities and expand our markets. By working together, we can build a better future for our workers, our companies, and our communities.



Susan Yurkovich
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BUILDING HEALTHY SECTORS
SUBMITTED BY: DAN BATTISELLA



**Interior Lumber
Manufacturers'
Association**

On behalf of the Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association (ILMA), I would like to thank Todd for the opportunity to give your membership a view of who the ILMA is, and how our organizations have many common interests and goals. As president, I can tell you that our connections with the ILA go well beyond our often-intermingled acronyms!

For those that do not know, the ILMA represents 13 forest companies, a Community Forest corporation, and more than 75 associate member companies. Our members are some of the last-remaining small and medium sized independent forest companies in our province. They focus mainly on higher-value, specialty forest products: paneling, boards, finger jointed lumber, cedar products, veneer, plywood, cross laminated timber, and more. Most member companies are family-owned and on average, have been in business for more than 65 years, including some with more than 80 years at the same location. Our members are located across Southern BC in many of the small rural communities that depend on forestry.

Despite differences in company size, product-mix, and markets, everyone in the forest sector needs to find their common voice, and to advo-

cate for the shared issues that impact every operator, whether they're a multinational corporation, an independent high-value specialty mill or a mom-and-pop custom mill or contractor.

There are some mis-informed ideological agendas being pushed loudly and forcefully by a few, that are a detriment to our industry and our communities. Forestry and forest products are clean, green and renewable, and create hundreds of thousands of family-supporting local jobs at the same time. Working together, the entire industry (along with the support of government) can be a much stronger voice than the ideologues trying to end us.

For the past 3 years we have worked closely with the ILA on the Contractor Sustainability File where collectively we looked for ways to improve the overall competitiveness of the industry while focusing on the valuable service the contracting community provides. It's no secret that wood product facilities need contractors like the ones the ILA represents, and contractors need facilities like those that the ILMA represents.

We believe that 'a rising tide floats all boats' and conversely, when one suffers, we all suffer. A lot of effort has gone into collectively agreeing to

a new Timber Harvesting Contract and Subcontract Regulation (THCSR) that helps address the issues raised by the contracting community. We look forward to the improved communication and transparency that will go a long way in moving our industry forward.

Like the ILA membership, most of the ILMA members are family owned with generational ties to the communities they operate in. In working closely with the contracting community over the past few years, it's provided a great opportunity to understand the challenges and opportunities our collective members have in common.

Some of the big issues that require the work and cooperative voices of everyone in the industry include:

- a legislated 'Working Forest' to provide certainty and stability for everyone
- improving access points to wood fibre, including tenure review, to help diversify our industry and extract the most value from every tree we harvest.
- broad public communications to show how our industry is a vital partner when it comes to forest health, wildfire protection, our fight against climate change, jobs, and the environment. As an industry, we've not done enough to tell the public our story, and a vocal minority have dominated the public discourse. It's time the entire industry speaks up, or what we take for granted may be lost.

A healthy sector includes all. Smaller, high-value producers making specialized products, primary producers who can effectively and efficiently produce dimensional lumber, contractors of different size and shape and all the other service industries, are all essential. There isn't a one size fits all solution; the forest industry - and indeed, the Province - succeeds when there is sufficient diversity in our entire supply chain.

No matter which part of the industry you're in - specialty mill, primary producer, contractor, or any other part of the wood-product supply chain - we have many common goals and requirements.

The ILMA looks forward to continued cooperative work with the ILA and our entire industry to ensure that we can indeed create that rising tide to float all boats.



Dan Battistella

President - ILMA

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MESSAGE TO BILL 13 CONTRACTORS: BEWARE THE FRONT LOAD

SUBMITTED BY: JOHN DRAYTON



Imagine a harvesting contractor with a Bill 13 replaceable volume of 100,000 cubic metres per year.

Under the Regulation, that contractor is to expect 100,000 cubic metres of yearly replaceable harvesting work, although it is possible for the licensee to depart from that figure in any particular year for “bona fide business and operational reasons.” Over the course of the five-year term, however, the licensee is to supply at least 95% of the total five-year volume, i.e. at least 475,000 cubic metres in this scenario.

Imagine, though, that this particu-

lar logging contractor harvests 200,000 cubic metres of logs in a year. The contractor may think that it is harvesting 100,000 cubic metres in replaceable volume, followed by 100,000 cubic metres in non-replaceable volume. That would be a reasonable assumption.

Contractors are advised to beware of a licensee characterizing that entire 200,000 cubic metres as replaceable volume. A licensee might say, two and half years into the five-year contract, “We have fulfilled our five-year contractual obligations

to you. Do not expect any more work from us in the next two and a half years” This is what I call “front loading”.

Contractors can guard against this by ensuring that front loading provisions are not contained in their replaceable contracts. (I have seen licensees try to do this in the past. And, beware, they do not use the words “front loading” in the contract, to alert the reader of this clause. It is more difficult than that to uncover.)

The other mechanism is by having each per-block rate agreement indicate that it is for “replaceable work”, even if the replaceable volume for the year has already been completed.

I encourage Bill 13 contractors to know their contract years, i.e. on what day does the counting of the year’s volume begin? And, I encourage them to keep track of their volumes from that day, to make sure that once their annual replaceable volume has been reached, everything

that follows is identified as non-replaceable.



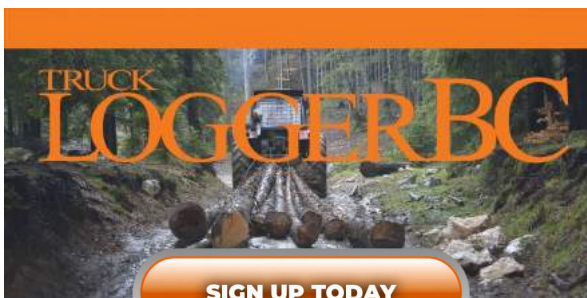
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FOREST EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM—FEP

**SUBMITTED BY: LORI HENDERSON, A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT
MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**



**Ministry of
Forests, Lands, Natural
Resource Operations
and Rural Development**

In 2020, rural communities, particularly those that had experienced recent mill closures or curtailments, were further challenged by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the supports government identified to assist was the Forest Employment Program (FEP). The program was expanded to meet this challenge, broadening our funding to support additional projects in Interior B.C and include the Coast region. In March 2021, FEP successfully concluded year two of its three - year program, providing funding to over 180 valuable projects on the land-base.

The FEP was first created in 2019 as part of a broader \$69 million forest worker support program, to provide short-term employment opportunities for contractors and workers in the interior of BC impacted by indefinite and permanent mill closures. The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development administers the funding, which is implemented at the district office level on priority land-based projects.

From December 2019 to March 2020 FEP funded over 25 projects through its first year, helping forest industry

contractors during a tough economic time. The program provided an initial \$3 million in targeted relief for projects matching existing skill sets and expertise in the industry.

In year two, with an allocation of \$9 million, the program was in the process of identifying projects when the pandemic struck. The success of FEP created an opportunity to leverage an existing program to provide further short-term employment prospects on the land-base to promote recovery.

In September of last year, FEP was provided a one-time uplift of \$12 million for the interior and coast regions to support forestry workers and contractors during the pandemic, bringing the total investment to \$21 million for the 2020/21 fiscal year. As of late March, FEP was wrapping up the last of this expanded funding, with

projects being completed across B.C.

Over the past year, the program invested in more than 180 priority land-based projects in a wide variety of areas including Indigenous partnerships, rural roads, forestry related activities, fencing and range infrastructure, recreation sites and trails upgrades, and wildfire mitigation. This diversity is reflected in FEPs many projects, including:

- Installation of rip rap to support the replacement of a washed-out bridge on Criss Creek FSR, near the Skeetchestn Band.
- Bridge maintenance and repair in the Okanagan Shuswap Natural Resource District, from Salmon Arm to Keremeos.
- Improvements of recreation sites and trails impacted by wildfire and floods near the communities of Barriere,

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SUBMITTED BY: LORI HENDERSON, A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT
 MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Chase, Logan Lake, Kamloops, and Sun Peaks.

- Preparations for a prescribed burn and fuel management to reduce wildfire risk in EC Manning Provincial Park, near the communities of Princeton and Merritt.

For more information on the FEP I would encourage you to read the news release published on March 25, which can be accessed here:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021FLNR00020-000549>

Ministry staff are now in the process of compiling information on these and dozens of other projects. Initial estimates suggest over 500 short term employment opportunities were created by FEP in 2020/21. Short term work opportunities created through the program have engaged many contractors and companies in rural B.C.

We are already well into preparation for FEP's third and final year. Over the course of 2021/22 we will be disbursing the final \$3 million of our original three-year allotment. Quali-

ty projects identified by the ministry last year which were unable to proceed due to logistics, weather windows or other factors, are already on our radar.

The projects are procured through regular government processes, with many posted on BC Bid, making it a good source to monitor for FEP opportunities. If any of your members want more information about projects, or where to look for information, I encourage them to contact us at

forestemploymentprogram@gov.bc.ca

and our staff would be glad to assist.

In closing, many thanks to the ILA's members who provide expertise and on-the-ground know-how that makes programs like these successful.

Lori Henderson
 A/Executive Director
 Rural Development Unit



Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development



Have something to contribute to the ILA Insider? We'd love to hear from you!

Contact Todd Chamberlain, RFT, ILA General Manager

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The Interior Logging Association is hard at work for you in these groups and committees:

- Timber Sales Advisory Committee (TSAC)
- Trucking and Harvesting Advisory Group (TAG) BCFSC
- The Log Trucking Technical Advisory Committee (LTTAC) BCFSC
- Falling Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC) BCFS
- Board of Directors for the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC)
- Northern Road Health Coalition
- Contractor Sustainability Working Group
- Forestry Service Providers Compensation Fund
- Program Committee for the BC Forest Safety Council
- Industry Training Authority (ITA) Forest Sector Advisory Group



FORESTRY ELD SPECIALISTS STREAMLINE TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES: PREPARE FOR THE ELD MANDATE

SUBMITTED BY: STREAMLINE TRANSPORTATION INC



On June 12th, 2021, the Canadian Federal Government will enforce a law requiring the mandatory use of Electronic Logging Devices, or "ELD's". Streamline Transportation Technologies can help you easily transition to the new ELD requirements with Navistream.

Navistream, Streamline's ELD platform, provides value beyond compliance with its advanced reporting tailored for Forestry professionals. Initially an in-house solution for Arrow Transportation Systems, Streamline Transportation Technologies has been providing Navistream ELD and telematics for over fourteen years as an independent corporation. Navistream is easy to use and will appeal to owner operators, drivers, service teams and administration personnel alike.

Thanks to Streamline's industry partnerships and ongoing collaboration with transportation companies, Navistream is positioned as the leading ELD provider for the Forestry industry. President of Munden Ventures Ltd., Greg Munden stated "We don't have a driver that would go back to paper logbooks. What I like about Streamline is how easy it is to use, I would

highly recommend you consider it!" [Watch Greg's testimonial video here.](#) BC Forest Safety Council has featured Navistream [in their videos.](#) Along with the Forestry sector, Streamline services several industries including liquid bulk, motor coach, heavy equipment and dangerous goods. These key industry verticals have provided an ongoing feedback loop for continuous improvement for Streamline. By building strong connections with business owners, operators, and administrators, Navistream has developed into an ELD solution to satisfy all types of customer needs.

Some Key Navistream's features include:

- Driver Performance Summary & Driver Coaching Reports

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- Manage Points of Interest with Geozone Reports

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distance, and time duration in areas like load and unload sites. Greg Munden has mentioned that by using this unique feature of Navistream ELD, the company paid back their ELD purchase within a week.

- Automated business intelligence through Trip Summary Reports

Review individual driver metrics on the trips they travel. Compare individual details like fuel consumption, distance, idle, idle fuel consumption, and how they compare to others in your fleet. Adjust date ranges, filter in and out the details you want to analyze, create and save templates for use in other departments.

- Improve your bids with Cycle Summary Reports

Manage fleet and individual cycles for your fleet. Compare empty, loading, loaded, and unloading details like distance and duration to increase visibility on your fleet cycles.

- Review driver trips with Breadcrumbs on the Fleet Tracking Map

Review driver trips, delays, and durations visually marked on the Fleet Tracking map. See exactly where and when various driver behaviors and events are occurring on the Fleet Tracking map.

- Fuel monitoring

Monitor individual driver's fuel consumption as well as the entire fleet. Review as averages or totals and separate Empty vs. Loaded vs. Combined consumption. Monitor how much time drivers are idling, the average for the fleet, and eliminate wasted fuel. See when, where,

and for how long drivers are speeding to improve fuel efficiency.

- Customize & automate important tasks

Like all of the advanced reporting features in Navistream, the Shift Summary report is fully customizable and can be tailored to your business's specific needs and desires. With the ability to save multiple view types and the ability to schedule and email reports to others, utilize the Shift Summary for several internal and external purposes.

In addition to the simplicity and reliability of Navistream ELD, we continuously work on upgrading our features and all upgrades are shared across the whole customer base. Updates occur over the air with no action required by our customers. We've also partnered with several other industry leaders to provide best in class offerings like;

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Several Forestry Specific Technologies

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Forestry is British Columbia's founding industry and logging is its lifeblood. The Interior Logging Association knows the importance of timber harvesting to BC's economy and has been a strong and unifying voice for its members since 1958.

The strength of the Interior Logging Association lies in the commitment of our members to work together to secure a thriving industry that supports our local communities and economy—one that embraces a sustainable brand new day for timber harvesting.

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