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Another Successful Show!

SUBMITTED BY: TODD CHAMBERLAIN, RFT, ILA GENERAL MANAGER



Our 67th AGM and Convention was another amazing success! This years' theme —"A Forest of Possibilities"— we felt was fitting considering the multiple changes our industry has been facing, and the new and innovative ways the industry is pivoting once again to meet the challenges in front of us.

We saw a great turn out at all of the events, as well as multiple generous donations from our members and partners to the silent auction. Those donations allowed us to raise a really good amount of money to donate to the Ty Pozzobon Foundation! Thank you to all of our generous bidders!

At the annual Dinner and Dance we were once again entertained by the Shawn Lightfoot Band after an excellent turkey and roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Many danced the night away and enjoyed the opportunity to network and visit after a couple very busy days of meetings and the trade show down at the Powwow Grounds.

We are of course already planning the 68th AGM and Convention for next year! Mark your calendars for April 30th, May 1st and 2nd, 2026 in Kamloops B.C. when we all meet again for another exciting couple of days!

We want to sincerely thank all of the Co-Sponsors, Vendors, Members, and individuals who have contributed to this show over the last 67 years. Without your dedication and continued support of the Interior Logging Association and the industry as a whole, events like this would not continue to be possible or feasible.

I would like to thank our amazing Office Administrator, Nancy Hesketh for all of her hard work putting together the show. A huge thank you as well as our show coordination volunteers Connie Stass and Wendy Sherman who support Nancy prior and throughout the duration of the show, and of course Betty-Ann McDonald and Ann Polson who set up and maintain the Forest Education Van at the show.

Also a thank you to our resident Consultant, Meagan Preston, who supports Nancy during the show and takes care of all of our media and press prior, during and post show, and Rob Stanhope the "official" ILA photographer.

Happy to see Summer weather is upon us finally, stay safe out there everyone!

Regards,

Todd Chamberlain, RFT
General Manager, Interior Logging Association



EMBRACING A SUSTAINABLE BRAND NEW DAY FOR TIMBER HARVESTING

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF FORESTS

SUBMITTED BY: HON. RAVI PARMAR



Even before my first day as the Minister of Forests, I knew that if I was going to deliver for B.C., I had to get out from behind my desk and meet the people at the heart of the sector where they're at, out in the field.

I heard this consistently during meetings with ILA members and while talking to vendors at the annual ILA AGM and Convention in May. Having seen firsthand the operations and the people behind them, I've never believed more in B.C.'s forestry sector.

The world is catching on to what forestry workers have known all along: wood is a clean and renewable

resource that can sustain our economy and build our homes, businesses, and towns.

As I travel around B.C. and meet with workers and leaders, I am hearing incredible stories about forestry. The good, the bad, and the gritty.

One of those stories was about 30-year-old Jack Gardner. From the moment we met, I said to myself, 'this guy gets it.' A few years ago, Jack, his brother and their dad took a huge leap and started Stein Lumber. As if that wasn't gutsy enough, he took it one step further when he bought the old Teal Jones facility in Salmon Arm, hired back local workers and

started producing made-in-B.C. wood products.

Jack put everything on the line. Not for headlines but because he believes in this province and in the future of forestry in B.C.

He's an example of someone doing the work by building something from the ground up and bringing his community along with him and his family. He's putting in the work and is proof that the next generation isn't waiting for permission to lead.

Over the past eight months, I've visited communities built on forestry and met the people who rely on it to put food on the table, and at the heart of every conversation was what has been - and continues to be - my main goal: ensuring our forestry sector is strong not just today, but for the next hundred years.

It brings me back to the three priorities I developed when I first became the Minister of Forests:

- First, restore confidence in the forestry sector which plays a vital role in B.C.'s economy;

- Second, stand up for the workers who drive our forest industry, from those who work in B.C.'s mills to those finding ways to keep our forests strong and sustainable; and,

- Third, honour the commitments our government has made to biodiversity and to reconciliation through the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

When it comes to standing up for workers, I want to assure you that we are going to fight for people in B.C. against unfair and unjust duties and tariffs. We will make sure that you, your communities and the forestry sector have a future that is secure and prosperous for generations to come.

I believe in you, and I believe in this sector because I've seen the proof with my own eyes.

Recently, I spent some time in northeastern and interior B.C. Seeing the incredible and innovative operations

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SUBMITTED BY: HON. RAVI PARMAR



in towns like Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Chetwynd, Burns Lake and Prince George confirmed that we truly can have it all – a strong, vibrant economy and beautiful and sustainable nature we all cherish.

On the beautiful territories of Saúlteau First Nations, I met John who shared about his team’s ‘retaining and

maintaining’ approach to harvesting. Rather than going in and clear cutting an area, which is what would have happened 30 or 40 years ago, John and his team make sure that they leave stands untouched and able to flourish and grow.

They prioritize sustainability, wildlife protection and wildfire risk reduction all while ensuring employees have stable, well-paying jobs.

I was impressed, but I wasn’t surprised. This scale of work, attention to detail, sheer effort and obvious care is something I’ve seen repeatedly on my travels.

As I mentioned, I also saw and heard about these kinds

of innovations at the ILA convention a few months ago, where I even had a small taste of a day in the life of a logger when I sat behind the wheel of the logging simulator that was on display. That was quite the experience! Though, trying to manage all the levers, pedals and buttons was tough enough on the moving simulator chair – I don’t know how you pull it off out in the field while also navigating rugged terrain. It is remarkable and is proof that the success of B.C.’s forestry didn’t happen by accident, it’s thanks to all of you.

I left the convention knowing that the today’s forestry

industry is in good hands. I’m honoured to stand with you and work together everyday to keep building a sector that people in B.C. can be proud of today, tomorrow, and for the next century.



Honourable Ravi Parmar

Minister of Forests

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The Interior Logging Association is once again offering 4 annual scholarships for 2025!

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EMPOWERING CONTRACTORS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 2025 TIMBER HARVESTING EQUIPMENT COST MODEL WEBINAR

SUBMITTED BY: MNP



On June 12, Forestry professionals across British Columbia joined a live webinar to see firsthand how to operate the Timber Harvesting Equipment Cost Model on bctimberharvest.ca.

The webinar — hosted by MNP — a Canadian Accounting, Tax, and Advisory firm — provided a walkthrough of the Equipment Cost Model's purpose, logic, and practical applications— designed to support contractors in setting accurate, fair, and informed rates for their services.

The Timber Harvesting Equipment Cost Model

on bctimberharvest.ca is a tool developed in collaboration with the Interior Logging Association, Truck Loggers Association, and Northwest Loggers Association. It calculates hourly equipment rates using data from vendors, contractors, and desktop research.

The Cost Model aims to be:

- A starting point for contractors to set equipment rates

- A negotiation aid when negotiating with tenure holders.

- A baseline tool that reflects the costs of

running a reasonably efficient operation.

Forestry contractors can create a free account on bctimberharvest.ca to get access to the tool. Using the tool is relatively simple:

- A contractor makes a few selections — Area of harvesting operation, whether the operation is on steep grade, and the type of equipment needed (e.g., Log Loader, Skidder, crew trucks, etc.)

- The tool then calculates an hourly All Found Rate based on cost of equipment, labour, maintenance, fuel, overhead, profit requirements, and risk.

- Contractors can then adjust several variables to reflect their specific operations and compare against the baseline outputs.

The tool is driven by

input from the Forestry industry and is continuously evolving. Data & information contributions and feedback related to the tool can be sent to feedback@bctimberharvest.ca. MNP monitors this inbox and aims to respond back to all emails within 2 business days.

Missed the Webinar?

The full recording will be posted on bctimberharvest.ca for future reference.

Whether you are a seasoned contractor or new to the industry, this tool is designed to help you make informed, data-driven decisions.

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ARE YOU WILDFIRE READY? HOW BC FORESTRY OPERATIONS CAN PREPARE FOR THE 2025 FIRE SEASON

SUBMITTED BY: BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL



BC Forest Safety

Safety is **good** business

Last year, wildfires burned more than one million hectares across British Columbia. As of May 5, 2025, fires are already active in several regions and the BC Wildfire Service is forecasting another intense year.

With summer just around the corner, BC forestry operations are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures now by planning ahead, preparing crews and equipment, and being ready to respond swiftly if conditions escalate. Wildfires pose significant risks to workers, equipment, forest resources, and surrounding communities and being prepared is essential to safeguarding lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure from the growing threat of wildfires.

And did you know that forestry employers may be eligible for **partial reimbursement of training costs** through the **BC Employer Training Grant**, especially for wildfire-related safety and emergency response training? Learn

more at [WorkBC Forest Sector Supports](#).

Here are Some Wildfire Preparation Steps for Forestry Operators

1. Review your responsibilities under the Wildfire Act and Regulation

Among other responsibilities in the Act and Regulation, forestry operators are responsible to carry out fire control of a fire that starts within one km (1km) of their worksite, regardless of the cause of the fire. The forestry operator must carry out fire control until the fire is extinguished, it becomes unsafe to fight the fire, or an official takes over the fire. The forestry operator must report the fire to the Wildfire Service as soon as practicable. Ensure that your operation is ready to meet these responsibilities.

2. Train and Equip Your Team

Ensure all workers are trained in wildfire awareness

and that you have trained and tested your emergency procedures. Check your fire suppression equipment and communication devices and confirm that everyone is familiar with their use. Provide S100 training (initial or the annual review) for all workers that may be needed to conduct fire response. The BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) also has many courses that will support workers including Resource Road Driver, Off Road Vehicle, Introduction to Dangerous Trees, Forest Supervisor, and Incident Investigation. See the [BCFSC course catalogue](#) for more information.

3. Monitor Conditions and Stay Informed

Monitor the [Fire Danger Rating](#) in the area that you will be working and be prepared to respond to any restrictions on high risk activities. Conduct on-site weather reading to confirm the local weather conditions. Pay special attention to sudden shifts in weather as these may increase the local fire danger and potentially increase safety

risk. Use the BC Wildfire Service mobile app and online dashboards to track wildfire activity, fire bans, and evacuation alerts in real time. Staying informed allows for rapid response and safer decision-making.

4. Shared Responsibility

Collaboration with strong partners can help align wildfire preparedness efforts. When forestry operators, fire officials, local governments, Indigenous leaders, and community members come together, they can share knowledge, coordinate planning, and create a unified response framework. While these groups often operate independently, working collaboratively ensures that everyone understands their shared role(s) and can act swiftly and cohesively when a wildfire occurs.

Don't wait until it's too late – start preparing today. For more information, visit the [BC Wildfire Service](#).

Report Wildfires Immediately

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EMBRACING A SUSTAINABLE BRAND NEW DAY FOR TIMBER HARVESTING

EXTREME HEAT AND WORKER SAFETY

SUBMITTED BY: BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL



In recent years we have seen an increase in the unpredictable nature of summer weather conditions. Recently BC broke numerous heat records due to a heat dome which led to an unprecedented number of heat related illnesses and fatalities. People who work outdoors can often be at the highest risk for heat-related illnesses and injuries during hot summer conditions. High temperatures and sunshine can be a wonderful thing when enjoying time at the lake or on the beach but can cause serious health issues. The wide variety of job roles and often rigorous physical activity in forestry can put workers at risk for heat-related illness if not managed properly.

There are three main causes of heat stress and illness:

1. The environment

Radiant heat from direct or indirect sunlight, air temperature hotter than skin temperature (warms a worker up) and high humidity (makes it harder for a worker to cool down).

2. The work

The more active you are, the more heat you will produce.

3. The worker

Conditioning (regular work in hot environments makes workers less prone to heat stress), poor health, and excess clothing or inappropriate personal protective equipment (trap heat and prevent cooling). As a worker's body heats up it

loses fluids and salt through sweat. As workers dehydrate, they are less able to cool themselves down. The most serious types of heat-related illnesses experienced by workers are heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion generally develops when a person is working hot weather and does not drink enough liquids.

Signs

Symptoms of heat exhaustion may start suddenly, and include:

Thirst, heavy sweating, high body temperature, pale, cool and moist skin, dizziness, feeling faint, fatigue, muscle cramps or weakness, nausea, and headache.

Heat exhaustion may also quickly develop into heat stroke. Heat stroke, which occurs when the body fails to regulate its own temperature and body temperature continues to rise, often to 40.6 °C (105 °F) or higher. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Even with immediate treatment, it can be life threatening or cause serious long-term problems.

Symptoms of heat stroke include:

Skin that may be red, hot and dry, heavy sweating or sweating may have stopped, very high body temperature, fast heart rate, confusion, seizures,

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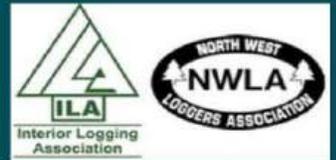
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nausea or vomiting, difficulty breathing, and loss of consciousness.

A key indication of heat stroke is the body often stops trying to cool itself, so the person has hot, dry, skin whereas they are still sweating with heat exhaustion.

Prevention is the best option for dealing with heat-related illnesses in the workplace. Prevention includes monitoring current weather conditions and forecasts,

taking adequate rest periods in a cool location, acclimatizing to the heat, adjusting the type, timing and duration of work, wearing sunscreen, wearing appropriate protective equipment, knowing the signs of heat-related illness, do not work alone in extreme heat, and drinking plenty of fluids.

If prevention did not work and a worker is dealing with heat-related illness, consider the following:

First aid for heat exhaustion includes:

Administer or get first aid, stay with the person until help arrives, move to a cooler location, remove as many clothes as possible (including socks and shoes), apply cool, wet compresses/towels or ice

to head, face or neck, encourage the person to drink liquids.

It is also important to remember to not cool too much. If the person starts to shiver, stop cooling.

First aid for heat stroke includes:

The treatment for heat stroke is similar to heat exhaustion with the following exceptions:

This is a **life-threatening condition**, get medical treatment immediately and do not try to force the person to drink liquids.

With summer here, now is a good time to think about how to prepare for and work safely in the heat.

Additional Information:

Heat stress - [WorkSafeBC](#)

HealthLinkBC - [Heat-related Illnesses](#)

HealthLinkBC - [Heat Stroke](#)

Fit to Log Poster - [Maintaining Hydration](#)

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We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

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Truck Logger BC is published quarterly by the Truck Loggers Association in partnership with the Interior Logging Association and North West Loggers Association. This magazine is distributed to over 10,000 readers who rely on the forest industry across British Columbia for their livelihoods. It is the pre-eminent source for timber harvesting and forestry perspectives, information and updates. Get Truck Logger BC Magazine delivered to your door for FREE! Click on the link to be re-directed and sign up!

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SIXTY-THREE PERCENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FORESTS WILL NOT BE LOGGED

SUBMITTED BY: KIMBERLEE BAGGIO, FORESTRY WORKS FOR BC



Some online commenters have expressed the view that BC is imminently about to run out of trees due to logging ([CBC News](#)).

“...BC has treated it like a factory product where you can always increase production. I've constantly heard about "expanding the forest sector" for decades now. Well, here we are, with no trees left”.

“...the liquidation of B.C.'s once abundant forests...”

So, is it true that BC's trees gone or almost gone? According to the BC Government, the area of BC is about 95 million hectares (a hectare is about the size of three soccer fields). Of that, approximately 56.2 million hectares is public forests. Of that, about 22.3 million hectares is designated as the Timber

Harvesting Land Base, which appears likely to be reduced by at least another 2 million hectares [Old growth definitions and values - Province of British Columbia](#).

A fact of BC forestry is 63% of BC's forests currently (in 2025) will not be harvested because they are already protected as parks, provincial parks, ecological reserves, conservancies, recreation areas, protected under the Environment and Land Use Act, National parks, and indigenous protected areas. Therefore, 37% is available to be commercially harvested (and by strict laws, must be managed for perpetual sustainability, growing new forests again and again). Of the area that is available, about 0.6% is harvested each year.

Some people equate harvesting (logging) forests with harm (they believe the rate of harvesting is too high, or that harvesting by

humans is unnatural and unsustainable). On the other side of spectrum, there are other people who feel that jobs and the economy should be prioritized. For most people in the middle, there is a balanced approach.

Most people who work in the sector (forest technicians, loggers, mill workers, silviculture workers, biomass energy workers, truck drivers, professional foresters, construction, etc.) feel that harvesting trees is acceptable if it is done in a responsible manner that respects and protects other values (such as biodiversity, water, wildlife, visual aesthetics, and so on). Most people understand that trees are a renewable resource, so why not respectfully put them to good use? For most people, forestry is not a dilemma of choosing the environment versus the economy. Good forestry is managing forests to achieve both.

Most British Columbians live in urban areas and have a strong connection to forest management because:

If we want a lower carbon future, then we should manage for healthy growing forests that absorb carbon dioxide and;

Use more wood waste to create more bioenergy (and displace fossil fuels);

Use more wood in buildings and everyday items such as furniture for long-term carbon storage, and more wood/paper products instead of plastic (which comes from fossil fuels).

If we want reduced wildfire risks for our communities, etc., then we should manage forests to be resilient and coexist with fire.

If we want better wildlife habitat and healthy ecosystems where fires have regularly occurred for thousands of years, then we should manage those forests so they don't become overgrown and unhealthy.

The purpose of Forestry Works for BC is to encourage citizens and leaders in British Columbia be proud of forestry.

[Please visit Forestry Works for BC - When Forestry Works](#), we all do better to learn more.





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The forest industry has been resilient. Across Canada, our sector continues to innovate and adapt in the face of change; from new technologies and evolving market demands to environmental stewardship and workforce development. One of the most important challenges we're facing today is how to attract and retain the next generation of talent, particularly with more than 50% of the sector expected to retire in the next 2 decades. That's where Forestry Together comes in.

Forestry Together is a national alliance of organizations that touch the forest sector committed to fostering inclusion in their workplaces and beyond, with a focus on promoting equity for all. Through shared resources, collaboration, and community-building, the alliance is working to create safe, welcoming workplaces that reflect the diversity of the communities where we operate and serve.

Whether you're a small contractor or a large integrated

company, a training organization or an Indigenous-owned business, Forestry Together offers a space to learn, connect, and act together.

Why It Matters

The forestry workforce is changing. Like many industries, we're experiencing a shortage of skilled workers and increased competition to attract talent. But we also know this is an opportunity.

To remain strong and sustainable, the forest sector must remove barriers and make room for people who've historically been underrepresented—Indigenous Peoples, women, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and newcomers to Canada. The future depends on ensuring everyone feels safe, supported, and valued in their careers, from the forest floor to the boardroom.

Equity, diversity, and

inclusion (EDI) isn't just a trend. It's about performance, retention, safety, and long-term viability. As the Forestry Together alliance puts it: this is not just a business imperative.

It's the right thing to do.

Who We Are

Forestry Together is made up of forestry representatives from across Canada. Members include forest sector employers, contractors, industry associations, Indigenous partners, HR leaders, and front-line workers. Together, they share a vision: to make the forest sector an employer of choice for all.

The alliance was formed in response to a growing need for connection, resources, and collective action. With no one-size-fits-all approach to inclusion, Forestry Together encourages continuous learning and tailored solutions that meet each organization where they're at.

What We're Doing

Since its launch, Forestry Together has focused on building the tools and networks needed to support

change on the ground. Some of our recent work includes:

The Resource Hub
One of the alliance's cornerstone offerings is its public-facing Resource Hub. This growing library includes free, downloadable tools to support inclusive hiring, accessible workplace practices, cultural safety, and more. Whether you're looking for a guide to equitable recruitment or resources on supporting workers with disabilities, the Hub offers practical, easy-to-use materials.

All content is filterable by topic and area of interest—making it easier for companies to find what's most relevant to their team or operation.

Community Events & Workshops

The alliance regularly hosts virtual roundtables, in-person meetups, and training events. These sessions are designed to spark dialogue, share what's working (and what's not), and give people the chance to learn from peers across the country. We've talked about inclusive PPE, onboarding newcomers, and the power of small daily acts

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of inclusion.

Member-Led Stories

From forestry companies in BC offering wraparound supports for new hires, to organizations in Alberta rethinking how they welcome young women into trades, our members are leading inspiring change. Forestry Together is proud to amplify these stories—and provide platforms where others can learn from them.

What's Next

The alliance is now focused on expanding its network and deepening its impact. In the months ahead, Forestry Together

will be piloting new workshops, launching a communications toolkit for members, and continuing to evolve the Resource Hub to meet emerging needs.

We're also building stronger connections across sectors, working closely with partners like the Interior Logging Association (ILA), Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA), and industry safety councils to make sure this work is relevant, accessible, and aligned with boots-on-the-ground realities.

Most importantly, we're listening. We know that inclusion isn't about ticking boxes—it's about building trust, relationships, and belonging.

Get Involved

If you're part of the forest sector and want to support a stronger, more inclusive workforce, we invite you to join us.

Explore the Resource Hub at forestrytogether.ca

Follow us on LinkedIn for updates and stories from across the sector: Forestry Together on LinkedIn

Reach out to learn how your organization can become a member

Whether you're just getting started or looking to take the next step in your EDI journey, Forestry Together is here to walk with you. Together, we can build a sector where everyone feels welcome, valued, and able to thrive.

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- **\$1,000 ASSOCIATES SCHOLARSHIP**
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Applications will close July 31, 2025 Applications postmarked later than July 31 will not be considered.

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