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**Council of Forest Industries**

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Presented by: Mayor Rick Gibson, Chair CCBAC

# CCBAC 101

- Who, Why, Where, What, When
- Our Mission, Objectives
- Our Critical Issues and Measures
- Our Strategy and Commitments
- Status Update



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# CCBAC: Who We Are

- Local Directors:
  - Communities
  - Coalitions
- Local Advisors



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# Why We're Here

- The Problem:
  - *"The MPB epidemic can be seen as a potentially serious challenge to the lifestyle of the Cariboo-Chilcotin.*
  - *Currently the many different levels of government are struggling to address the potential impacts of the MPB epidemic"*



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# Our Mission

*“The Coalition will be effective with government regarding:*

- the MPB epidemic*
- the future of our communities*
- the entrepreneurial spirit that is fundamental to the Cariboo-Chilcotin lifestyle”.*



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# Our History

- *12–18 months concern*
- *Then concept presented to Coalitions*
- *First formal meeting in October 2004*
- *Proposal ready in February 2005*
- *Proposal to government in early March 2005*
- *Start process in April 2005*



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# Our Objectives

- *To BE positive, constructive, entrepreneurial and innovative in dealing with the MPB problem.*
- *To AVOID contributing to the “sky-is-falling” syndrome.*
- *To LEAD on the issue and opportunities related to the MPB.*



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# Our Critical Issues

- *Community stability*
- *Leading and leadership*
- *Uncertainty, misinformation, fear*
- *Timber supply (over and under)*
- *Openness, communications, involvement*
- *Being proactive and decisive*



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# The Area

- *Cariboo-Chilcotin Land Use Plan (CCLUP)*
- *Wide range of sectors represented*
- *Everything is available for analysis*
  - *Land use and land management*
  - *Legislation and policy*
  - *Government direction*



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# Key Measures

- *Measures of*
  - *Impact*
  - *Mitigation*
  - *Recovery*
  - *Economic Development*



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# The Deliverables

- *Deliverables*
  - *Plans*
  - *Strategies*
  - *Policies*
  - *Recommendations*



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# Our Approach

- *Two Phases:*
  - *Short-Term (12-18 months)*
  - *Long-Term (2-30 years)*
- *Effort expended as follows (Short-Term):*
  - *Analysis* 10-15%
  - *Mitigation* 40-50%
  - *Long Term Economic Development* 35-50%



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# The Strategy

- **Short-Term** (12-18 months)
  - ‘Road map’ for the future
  - Mitigation
    - Short term environmental and economic impacts
    - Long term environmental and economic impacts
  - Engage First Nations groups
  - Provincial and Federal governments
  - Assist other groups
  - Link to existing studies and efforts



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# The Strategy (cont'd.)

- **Long-Term** (2-30 years)
  - *Pine Beetle Trust Fund*
  - *Endowment and expenditure components*
  - *Both levels of government*
  - *Regional perspective*
  - *Appropriate governance model*



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# Our Commitments

- *Economic Impact Commitments*
  - *Impacts from MPB*
  - *Information issue*
  - *Job loss issue*
  - *Economic factors*



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# Our Commitments (cont'd.)

- *The Case for Salvage Harvesting*
  - *Maximizing salvage area*
  - *Minimize rehabilitation area*
  - *Rehabilitate*



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# Our Commitments (cont'd.)

- *The Pine Beetle Trust Fund*
  - *Inclusive model*
  - *Regional focus*
  - *Governance*



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# Our Commitments (cont'd.)

- *What will the PBT Fund Support*
  - *Best practices*
  - *All levels of government*
  - *Infrastructure investments*
  - *Citizen investments*
  - *Business investments*
  - *Non-timber values*



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# Our Commitments (cont'd.)

- *End Result:*
  - *Both levels of government*
  - *Maximize benefits*
  - *Reduce risks*
  - *Sustaining perspectives*
  - *CCLUP*



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# Our On-going Interests

- Timber
- Socio-economic analysis / assessment
- Agriculture and ranching
- Involvement of other communities
- First Nations
- Kyoto accord



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# Our On-going Interests (cont'd.)

- 2010 Olympics
- Communications



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# Where We Are Now

- Legal structure in place (Society)
- Directors in place
- Advisors almost all in place
- Involvement of academic institutions
- Manage information



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# Where We Are Now (cont'd.)

- Commitment of funds
  - CCBAC self-funded initially
  - Provincial government funds in place
  - Federal government funds not in place to date



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# Where We're Going

- Three key areas
  - Land base issues
  - Economic development
  - Communications
- Long term vision for the PBT fund must be developed



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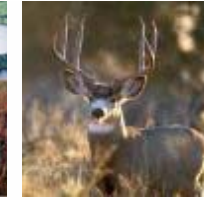
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# Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition

*After the MPB epidemic is over, we (our communities) will still be here, fighting to protect our lifestyles.*



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