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Week of February 8	212
Previous Week	212
Previous Month	200
Year Ago	263

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President's Memo

The forest industry in British Columbia, because of its large size, complexity and regional diversity is represented by a number of associations. Thus it was a fairly significant day in Prince George on February 15, 2008 when six different Associations banded together to present their collective view at the Premier's Climate Change Symposium.

The Symposium was very successful and the six Associations (known as the BC Forest Industry Working Group on Climate Change) and Government have agreed to establish a joint working group to assist in moving the file forward.

The Climate Change Agenda represents a huge opportunity to revitalize and reposition the industry and improve its competitiveness. The forest products manufacturing sector contributes only 3% of the Province's overall carbon footprint and the Canadian industry has set a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2015.

In BC the forest industry has achieved remarkable progress, reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 50% from 1990 levels as compared to a Kyoto target of 6%. The pulp and paper sector alone has reduced fossil fuel use by 60% and greenhouse gas emissions by 62% in the same time period.

Our opportunities lie primarily in clean bioenergy production, increased wood product use in the construction of homes, public buildings and commercial buildings and in expanding the working forest a typical wood frame home can store 30 tonnes of carbon.

As government rolls out its Climate Change Plan, we expect to be covering this issue extensively in future newsletters. In the meantime think about combating climate change by using wood.

John Allan



Vice-Chair Announced for Working Roundtable on Forestry

Former interim BC Lotteries president and CEO Dana Hayden will lead the Province's work on the new Working Roundtable on Forestry and the Province's review of forest sector regulations. Hayden will be vice-chair of the Roundtable, and report to Forests and Range Minister Rich Coleman on the Roundtable and regulatory review.

The Working Roundtable on Forestry will be chaired by Coleman and includes the Agricul-

ture and Lands Minister Pat Bell, rural MLAs, and forest sector representatives. The roundtable and regulatory review were announced by Premier Gordon Campbell in January at the 65th Annual Truck Loggers Association Convention.

The Roundtable will meet in communities across British Columbia and undertake an exhaustive review of all facets of the forest industry, reporting quarterly to cabinet on

ways to expedite workable improvements to ensure a strong, vibrant, and sustainable forest industry.

The full regulatory review will streamline and reduce unnecessary red tape, cut processing time, and eliminate unnecessary cost burdens resulting from regulation. The Province is allocating \$1 million for this review.

Fort Nelson Community Dinner

Battling severe winter weather, the COFI team and community leaders joined together on the evening of February 7th to enjoy COFI's bi-annual community dinner in Fort Nelson. The Mayor and community leaders expressed appreciation for COFI's continued support through Community Relations and Forest Education programs, especially during this time when the Town has been hard hit by curtailments. Canfor's Mill Manager, Jack Stevenson echoed COFI's view that this is the time to support resource dependent communities and keep the lines of communication open.

The dinner was well attended by approximately 40 community and industry leaders who were well informed by guest speaker, Peter Moonen. Peter is the Coordinator of Sustainability and Special Projects for WoodWORKS B.C., a program developed by the Canadian Wood Council to stimulate and enhance a wood culture in B.C. through education, training and

awareness-building programs.

Peter's presentation 'Wood Solutions to Sustainability Questions' focussed on the environmental issues relative to using wood and engineered wood products. His presentation incorporated information about the role various building materials play in our fight against climate change as well as the importance of ensuring sustainable supplies of materials we all use everyday. Peter discussed the economic and productivity rationale for 'green' or 'high performance' buildings and data that reinforces the social and economic gains from employing environmentally sound building practices.

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Fort Nelson Community Dinner guests included: Hugh Morey; Doug Routledge, VP Forestry & Northern Operations, COFI; Christine Morey, Mayor, Town of Fort Nelson; Jack Stevenson, Regional Manager, Canfor & his wife Sherry-Anne; Peter Moonen, WoodWORKS B.C.; Danita Drouin, Fort Nelson CoC; and Chris Lear, Forest Education Manager, COFI Northern Operations.

COFI Sponsors PG Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Speaker

COFI was pleased to add to the list of Prince George and the Lheidli T'enneh Nation, 2008 Forest Capital of BC events by sponsoring guest speaker, Peter Moonen, of the Canadian Wood Council /WoodWORKS! BC at the Prince George Chamber Luncheon on Wednesday, February 6th.

Peter gave a highly informative presentation on the environmental issues relative to using wood and engineered wood products, including an overview of life cycle assessments conducted on various home designs and new tools that can be used to determine the relative impact of using various building systems and materials. His presentation incorporated infor-

mation about the role various building materials play in our fight against climate change as well as the importance of ensuring sustainable supplies of materials we all use everyday.

Included in the presentation was an overview of the economic and productivity rationale for 'green' or 'high performance' buildings. Peter highlighted information about the performance gains for office buildings, schools, hospitals and other structures and data that reinforces the social and economic gains from employing environmentally savvy building practices and integrated design processes.



WoodWORKS! B.C. Peter Moonen was well received at the Prince George Chamber of Commerce luncheon and questions were numerous following his presentation.

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Annual Forestry Lecture in Sustainability

Trees - The building blocks of a global bio-economy

Tues., March 11, 2008 8:30 PM
Dr Ian de la Roche, President & CEO of FPInnovations

Depletion of the planet's non-renewable natural resources continues unabated and this is moving us very close to the tipping point where supply will not meet future demand. Also, human activity continues to be a significant and growing contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. The new bio-economy will enable us to meet future resource demands of a growing global population while sustaining and even enhancing our environment and quality of life.

Forest Sciences Centre (Room 1005)
2424 Main Mall, UBC

Please RSVP to
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Open House-Centre for Advanced Wood Processing, UBC

Date: March 28, 2008
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

The Centre for Advanced Wood Processing (CAWP) would like to invite industry, faculty and students to attend a day of presentations and demonstrations at our state-of-the-art facility. These events will allow attendees the opportunity to network and take advantage of the expertise of our equipment, software, and educational partners.

Contact:

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Registration is required, please RSVP by March 7, 2008 (lunch is included)

Climate Change and our Forests – Presentation Helps Teachers and Students Understand the Role of our Forests and Wood Products in Combating Climate Change

In schools across BC teachers and students are discussing 'climate change' and seeking information on what they can do to tackle the change. For Chris Lear, COFI Northern Operations' Forest Education Manager, this is a 'teachable moment', an opportunity to provide teachers and students with information on how forests and wood products can help combat climate change.

Chris' new presentation '*Climate Change and our Forests*' outlines some of the theories as to why our climate is changing and highlights the role our forest play sequestering carbon, how wood products store carbon and how both forests and wood products lead the way to help fight climate change. Incorporated into the presentation is information comparing various building materials and how in choosing to use wood products we can help improve our own environmental and carbon footprint.

"This is a great presentation," noted Mrs. Wiebe, Grade 7 teacher at Alwin Holland School in Fort St John. Over 120 intermediate students attended Mr. Lear's presentation. They were captivated by his PowerPoint slides and enjoyed handling the wood samples he passed to students. Students learned how our forests sequester carbon and how we can all help fight climate change by building with wood!

Chris is offering the '*Climate Change and our Forests*' presentation to schools across north-central BC. For more information on this presentation, or other COFI Forest Education presentations, programs and teaching resources, contact Chris Lear, COFI Northern Operations by phone at (250) 614-4352 or by e-mail at: lear@cofi.org or visit our new forest education website: www.forest-education.info.



Snowmobilers Should Use Caution Near Forest Roads

With the busy winter log-hauling season underway, all snowmobilers are advised to be extremely cautious whenever they ride near an active forestry road, for their own safety and for the safety of forestry workers.

Collisions or near-collisions between snowmobiles and vehicles happen on forest roads each winter. Accidents occur when snowmobiles are driven on forestry roads and when personal vehicles and trailers carrying snowmobiles

obstruct or block roads during loading and unloading.

Snowmobilers are also advised that it is illegal to operate a snowmobile on any Forest Service Road that has been plowed or that is passable to motor vehicles. This applies to all Forest Service Roads, except the Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail, which is subject to additional conditions.

For more information, please refer to the Forest Service Road Use Regulation at: www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/legsregs/frpa/frparegs/forservroaduse/fsrur.htm.

A guide for the public, entitled "Forest Roads: Guide for Safe Travel," is available on the ministry's website at: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/engineering/documents/brochures/guide-for-safe-travel.pdf.

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Softwood Lumber Agreement 2006

For information about SLA 2006 please see the following websites:

Government of Canada:
www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/eicb/softwood/menu-en.asp

Government of BC:
www.for.gov.bc.ca/HET/softwood

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BC Announces Bioenergy Strategy

Premier Gordon Campbell announced the BC Bioenergy Strategy which will create new opportunities for rural communities; spur new investment and innovation; and help British Columbia reach the goal of becoming electricity self-sufficient by 2016.

The BC Bioenergy Strategy lays the framework for us to convert more waste into clean energy, helping to ensure we meet future energy demands," said Campbell. "There is an abundance of bioenergy opportunities, such as using biomass created out of the mountain pine beetle outbreak that can stimulate investment and economic diversification while producing clean energy."

B.C. has half of Canada's entire biomass electricity-generating capacity," said Forests and Range Minister Rich Coleman. "This strategy helps forest-dependent communities and brings opportunity to the agriculture sector as it looks at recovering maximum value from beetle-killed timber, wood wastes, and agricultural residues to generate renewable energy."

The BC Bioenergy Strategy includes:

- \$25 million in funding to establish a Bioenergy Network.
- Up to \$10 million over three years for biodiesel production.
- A goal of meeting 50 per cent or more of B.C.'s renewable fuel requirements by 2020 with biofuels produced in B.C.
- A goal of establishing at least 10 community energy projects that convert local biomass into energy by 2020.
- The establishment of one of Canada's most comprehensive provincial biomass inventories that creates waste-to-energy opportunities.
- Issuing a two-part Bioenergy Call for Power – the first part will be issued shortly, the second part by July 1, 2008 – focusing on existing biomass inventory in the forest industry and offering opportunities for smaller energy producers with projects that are immediately viable.
- Additionally, the bioenergy strategy will help facilitate the closure of beehive burners and divert the waste stream for energy production, increase production and utilization of biofuels including biodiesel and facilitate production of anaerobic

digestion bioenergy to address waste management challenges posed by the agricultural industry. The Province will also work with industry to develop new fine particulate standards for industrial boilers to improve air quality.

- B.C. leads the country in energy production from biomass. Over 800 megawatts of biomass electricity capacity is installed in the province, enough to power 640,000 households. Pulp and paper mills meet over a third of their electricity needs through cogeneration of electricity and steam on site. In 2007, the B.C. wood pellet industry produced over 900,000 tonnes of wood pellets, of which 90 per cent was exported for thermal power production overseas.
- Encouraging the emerging bioenergy industry and developing new and innovative uses for beetle-wood is part of the provincial Mountain Pine Beetle Action Plan. For more information on the action plan, or to download a copy, visit www.gov.bc.ca/pinebeetle.

For more information on the new BC Bioenergy Strategy, go to www.energyplan.gov.bc.ca/bioenergy.

Centre for Advanced Wood Processing

"It should be an easy sell," writes Nathan Vanderklippe of the National Post in a February 20, 2008 article on forest industry jobs. "At UBC's Centre for Advanced Wood Processing, graduates all have jobs before they don mortarboards." Indeed, "A recent survey found that five years after graduation, those who have completed the [Bachelor of Science in Wood Products Processing] program are averaging salaries

of \$88,000, more than graduates of any other UBC faculty, including mechanical and civil engineering."

This award-winning program is a fusion of science, engineering and business that prepares students for careers in the wood products sector and beyond. Students gain a comprehensive understanding of wood science, advanced manufacturing and business operations. They can also choose to

complement their science degree with a Minor in Commerce and take Co-op to 'earn and learn'.

To learn more about the program and the associated opportunities, please visit www.wood.ubc.ca/info.