

Wildland Fire Canada 2016

Forest Enhancement Society of BC **“Delivering the Program Across BC”**

October 26th, 2016 - Kelowna



Forest Enhancement
Society of British Columbia

Greg Anderson, Executive Director



Background - FESBC

- On Feb 26, 2016 the BC Government announced the formation of the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) with initial funding of \$85 million.
- On August 19th, 2016 FESBC accepted its first intake of project proposals.
- Second round of applications due November 4th, 2016 for 2017 projects.



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Executive Director: Greg Anderson

Operations Managers: Al Neal (interim) & Dave Conly

Office Manager: Kathy Dupuis



The purposes of the Society as laid out in its Constitution are:

To advance environmental and resource stewardship in BC's forests by:

- i) preventing and mitigating the impact of wild fires
- ii) improving damaged or low value forests
- iii) improving habitat for wild life
- iv) supporting the use of fiber from damaged and low value forests
- v) treating forests to improve the management of greenhouse gases

To advocate for the environmental and resource stewardship of BC's forests.

Funding Parameters



- No hard time lines for spending, but initial funding is projected to be spent over 3 to 5 years. Commencing projects in Fall, 2016.
- Funding projects on Provincial Crown land only.
- Society will pursue other potential funding to expand the program.
- Now establishing a well governed and efficient organization that can reliably manage funds and deliver programs is critical to build confidence with “investors”.
- Society will be subject to an annual financial audit.





Why a Society?

The Society model meets three objectives:

- It allows provincial government and other sources of income to invest in an organization dedicated to deliver a multi-year program focused on wild fire risk reduction and forest enhancement.
- It provides an arm's length platform for the program, allowing more flexibility in operations and alignment with communities and stakeholders.
- It creates an opportunity to leverage Government's contributions to pursue other funding sources.

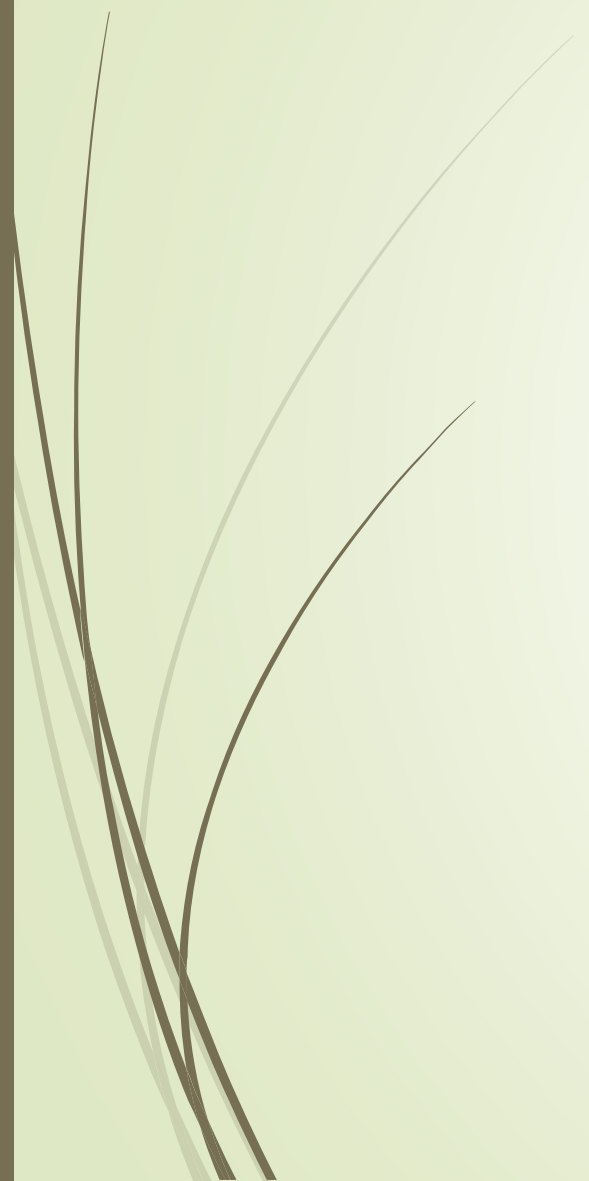
Progress to Date



- Society established – BC Societies Act Incorporation
- Constitution and bylaws legally filed
- Governance structure and policies set
- Banking and financial procedures in place
- Staffing - Executive Director, Operations Manager and Office Manager hired
- New office opened in Kamloops
- Communications – logo, webpage up
- Ongoing meetings with many stakeholders and partners to provide updates, answer questions and explore opportunities to collaborate
- Contract negotiated and signed with third party delivery agent



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- A ramping-up of projects is occurring in 2016. We expect to see the number of projects and funding allocation increase substantially in 2017 as planning and processes come together.

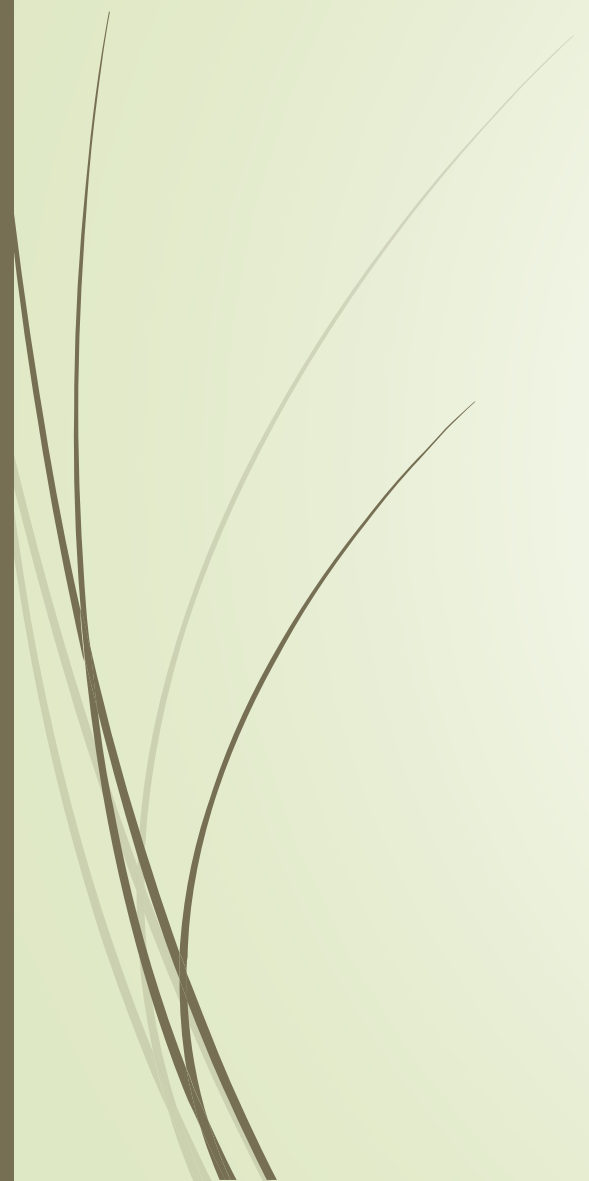


Eligible Applicants

Currently:

- Provincial government resource management agencies – primarily the Ministry of FLNRO
- Local governments – municipalities and regional districts
- First Nation governments
- Small area-based tenures – Community Forests and Woodlots

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Costs that will not be considered by the FESBC Board include:

- Costs committed to meet objectives outside of FESBC criteria
- Wages or regular expenses for staff
- Expenses or costs paid or committed to by others
- Costs that could be considered tenure obligations or in any way would create a Softwood Lumber trade risk.



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Questions

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