

WESTERN SILVICULTURAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

2012 Annual Conference, AGM and Tradeshow

Program Speakers, Panelist and Workshops

February 1st to 3rd, 2012

The Coast Kamloops Hotel and Convention Centre

Kamloops, BC

Special Thanks To Our Platinum Conference Sponsor:

BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 1st, 2012

Focus on Silviculture Sector Human Resources and Safety Strategy

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| 8:00 am to 8:30 am | Registration – Sponsored by Yellowhead Helicopters Ltd. |
| 8:30 am to 9:30 am | Professional Development Session: Facilitated Discussion Human Factors in Power Saw and Driver Training |
| 9:30 am to 10:00 am | Coffee Break – Sponsored by Porter & McMillan Insurance |
| 10:00 am to 10:45 am | Facilitated Discussion: Silviculture Power Saw Work and Falling Certification |
| 10:45 am to 11:30 am | Maintaining a “Performance State” at Work
Presenter: Alan Sidorov, Sidorov Advanced Driver Training |
| 11:30am to 12:00 pm | Silviculture Sector Human Factors Research Proposal
Presenter: Jenny Coleman, Human Factors Specialist, WorkSafeBC |
| 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm | Lunch Break (on your own) |
| 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm | Employment Standards ‘Zero Tolerance’ Policy in Practice
Presenter: Jennifer Hagen, Program Advisor, Employment Standards Branch |
| 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm | Silviculture Sector Human Resource Strategy Proposal
Presenter: John Betts, Executive Director, WSCA |
| 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm | BC SAFE Silviculture Program Contract Extension
Presenter: Chris Akehurst, Chair, BCSSP Strategic Advisory Committee |
| 3:00 pm to 3:15 pm | Coffee Break – Sponsored by PRT Growing Services Ltd. & IRL Supplies (2011) Ltd. |
| 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm | Silviculture Sector Worker Panel Facilitated Discussion: How to Recruit and Retain the Silviculture Workforce
Facilitator: John Betts, Executive Director, WSCA
Panelists: Jonathan “Scooter” Clark, Natalia Leigh, Sara Lococo, Michael Mloszewski, Mike Renaud, Jordan Tesluk, and Ryan Zapisocki |
| 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm | Hospitality Suite – Hosted by Tufport |

Thursday, February 2nd, 2012

Focus on Forest Policy and the BC Silviculture Sector

7:30 am to 8:30 am

Registration and Tradeshow – Sponsored by Fountain Tire

8:30 am to 9:00 am

State of BC's Forests

Presenter: Jim Snetsinger, Chief Forester, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

9:00 am to 9:30 am

The Bio-Economy Opportunity - A Forest Industry Perspective

Presenter: Ric Slaco, VP, International Forest Products Limited

9:30 am to 10:00 am

21st Century Value-Added

Presenter: Bob Simpson, Independent MLA Cariboo North

10:00 am to 10:30 am

In encouraging a Bio-Energy Sector, BC could realize Healthier Ecosystems and Communities

Presenter: Bob Gray, Fire Ecologist, R.W. Gray Consulting

10:30 am to 11:15 am

Coffee Break and Tradeshow – Sponsored by Hawkeye Holdings Ltd.

11:15 am to 12:00 pm

Panel on the BC Bio-Economy

Panelists: Jim Snetsinger, Ric Slaco, Bob Simpson and Bob Gray

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Lunch and Tradeshow – Sponsored by High Country Cold Storage & Edson Honda

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

BC Jobs Strategy and the Forestry Sector

Presenter: The Honorable Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm

China and the BC Forest Industry

Presenter: Rick Jeffrey, President and CEO, Coast Forest Products Association

3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Coffee Break and Tradeshow – Sponsored by Summit Truck Rentals & Leasing

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

The NSR Debate: A Case Study in Proofiness

Presenter: Marvin Eng, BC Forest Practices Board

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Workshops:

- **Land Based Investment Program:** Kelly Osbourne, Resource Practices Branch
- **How WorkSafeBC Sets Assessment Rates:** Gerry Paquette, Manager Certification and Rate Modification Dept. WorkSafeBC

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Hospitality Suite – Hosted by Visa Rentals and Leasing

7:00 pm

Banquet and Keynote Address:

Guest Speaker: Adrian Dix Leader of the Loyal Opposition

Friday, February 3rd, 2012

8:15 am to 8:30 am

Registration – Sponsored by WorkSafeBC

8:30 am to 9:00am

Recent Developments Natural Resource Road Act

Presenter: MaryAnne Arcand, Executive Director, Central Interior Logging Association

9:00 am to 9:30 am

FS 704 Rewrite

Presenter: Alan Powelson, Resource Practices Branch

9:30 am to 10:00 am

Benchmarking Rates and Costs for the Silviculture Sector

Presenter: MaryAnne Arcand, Central Interior Logging Association

10:00 am to 10:15 am

Coffee Break – Sponsored by Mardon Insurance

10:15 am to 10:45 am

Khaira Report: Setting Up a Registered Silviculture Contractor Program

Presenter: John Betts, Executive Director, WSCA

10:45 am to 11:00 am

Proposal to reprise WSCA Wild Fire Conference in 2013

Presenter: Bruce Blackwell, BA Blackwell & Associates

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Annual General Meeting

12:30 pm

Conclusion