



WESTERN FORESTRY CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, TRADESHOW AND AGM

Wednesday, January 29th to Friday, January 31st, 2020
Coast Prince George Hotel by APA - Prince George, BC



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Wednesday, January 29th, 2020

8:30 am – 11:00 pm Open meeting of the **BC SAFE Forestry Program Strategic Advisory Committee**
Everyone is welcome to attend. Location details to follow.

BC Safe Forestry - Afternoon Program Workplace Safety

- 11:45 am – 12:30 pm **Registration**
- 12:30 pm – 12:40 pm **First Nations Welcome & Opening Remarks**
- 12:40 pm – 1:00 pm **Update on BC SAFE Forestry Program:** Robin McCullough, Chair will review last year's accomplishments and the program's goals for 2020.
- 1:00 pm – 1:40 pm **Safety and Respect in First Nations Traditional Territories:** Presenter TBA will discuss how safety, respect, and cultural awareness should guide forestry activities when working and camping near First Nations communities and on traditional territories.
- 1:40 pm – 2:20 pm **Preventing Sexual Harassment and Assault in Camps and Crews:** Presenters from the Northern Society for Domestic Peace will report their observations from visiting camps and provide training on preventing workplace harassment and violence.
- 2:20 pm – 2:50 pm **Coffee Break**
- 2:50 pm – 3:15pm **Video Premier – Top Ten Bio-Mechanical Imperatives:** Presenters from Total Physiotherapy will introduce their new tool kit to guide the development of healthy ergonomic habits for forestry workers.
- 3:15 pm – 3:35 pm **Update on the EHS Analytics Incident and Close Call Reporting Project:** Presenters Noel Simpson, EHS and Chris Akehurst, SAC Chair Emeritus will indicate what initial data is showing and discuss the larger need for standardized incident reporting across the sector.
- 3:35 pm – 4:20 pm **Key Moments in Hazard Assessment:** Presenter Jordan Tesluk, BC SAFE Forestry Advocate will explain how inadequate hazard assessment relates to serious incidents and injuries in forestry. He will examine key steps in hazard and risk assessment including site assessments, emergency response planning, PPE assignments, and dealing with peak capacity pressure.
- 4:20 pm – 5:15 pm **Mental Health in Forestry:** Presenter Mary Lu Spagrud, Manager of Education and Projects for the Canadian Mental Health Association will discuss mental health challenges for forestry workers. She will explore some of the benefits of programs to improve employee mental health and the available resources to employers dealing with work place mental health challenges.
- 5:15 pm – 6:45 pm **Hospitality Suite - Sponsored by Hawkeye Holdings**

Thursday, January 30th, 2020

WFCA Conference - Forestry Policy Panel and Plenary Sessions

- 7:45 am – 8:30 am **Registration**
- 8:30 am – 10:00 am **Plenary Panel on Forest Stewardship**
Moderator – *John Betts*
Presenters/Panelists include:
Jeff McWilliams, RFP will discuss stocking standards and the current and future state of our plantations and what needs to change.
Kevin Kriese, Chair BC Forest Practices Board will discuss landscape level planning and his board's interest in forest stewardship.
First Nations Perspective: TBA
- 10:00 am – 10:45 am **Coffee & Tradeshow**
- 10:45 am – 11:05 am **The Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests** will discuss our government's strategy on forest stewardship in the context of the ongoing Forest and Range Practices Act review and related changes.
- 11:05 am – 12:00 pm **Plenary Panel Continued:** Minister Donaldson will join the panelists in an open discussion with the audience.
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Buffet Lunch & Tradeshow**
- 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Investors and the Future of the BC Wood Products Sector:** Presenter Kevin Mason, Managing Director ERA Forest Products Research will look at what might attract investors to, or drive them away from, the BC woods product sector and what that means for the future of the industry.
- 2:00 pm – 2:50 pm **What the Loyal Opposition Would Do Different with Forestry in BC:**
John Rustad MLA Nechako Lakes is the Official Opposition Critic for the MFLNRORD based on a longstanding association with the politics and practice of forestry in BC.
Mike Morris MLA Prince George-McKenzie former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Forests remains active on forestry and habitat.
- 2:50 pm – 3:45 pm **Concurrent Workshops Session 1**
- **Front Line Intervention in Sexual Harassment:** Leader Jordan Tesluk along with the NSDP will examine real-time intervention techniques for staff that encounter bad behaviour in the workplace.
 - **Wildfire Smoke Risks:** Leader Steve Lemon BCWS Superintendent of Safety will review the hazards of wildfire smoke and ask and what can be done to mitigate risks.
 - **Marijuana, drugs and alcohol:** Leader Tom Yearwood of Denning Health Group will set the scene in the context of recent changes to laws and how they affect the duties of employers and employees.
- 3:45 pm – 4:15pm **Coffee & Tradeshow**
- 4:15 pm – 5:10 pm **Concurrent Workshops Session 2**
- **Sickness and Infections in the Workplace:** Leader Jordan Tesluk will examine the vectors of common illnesses familiar to workers and how to maintain good health and hygiene.
 - **Competency-Based Wildfire Training:** Leader John Betts will describe a pilot to develop training for wildfire crews based on assessing workers for the abilities.
 - **Cybersecurity Risks to Small Businesses:** Leader TBA will describe the threat to small businesses and how owners can best prepare.
- 5:15 pm – 6:45 pm **Hospitality Suite - Sponsored by Visa Truck Rentals & Northern Metallic**
- 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Banquet and Keynote Speaker TBA**

Friday, January 31st, 2020

Western Forestry Contractors' Association Strategic Session

8:15am – 8:30 am **Registration**

8:30 am – 10:00 am **Planting Billions of Future Seedlings in BC:** John Betts WFCa Executive Director will moderate a strategic session with an assembly of presenters, including the audience, on the short-term tactics we may need to plant this year's seedlings and what it will take in planning, administration, sowing-growing and planting to meet the next billions.

Contributor presenters will include **MFLNRORD Forest Practices Branch, the WFCa Forest Policy Sub-Committee, afforestation subject matter experts, forest safety advocate and the audience.**

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Coffee Break**

10:15 am – 12:00 pm **AGM for WFCa Members**

12:00 pm **Adjourn**