



Forestry Initiatives Program 2023 Annual Report

Summary of Achievements

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	GOAL ACHIEVED IN 2023
Community Forest Agreement (CFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Determined area for the community forest ✓ Secured Inspector of BC Municipalities Approval ✓ Formed Limited Partnership ✓ Established Management Board ✓ Submitted CFA application (Nov 2023)
FireSmart and Community Wildfire Protection Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Treated >30 hectares of land ✓ Prescribed >270 hectares ✓ Reached ~6000 residents through FireSmart ✓ Carried out 28 FireSmart home assessments ✓ Secured second year of FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition for South Hills ✓ Issued 13 FireSmart rebates ✓ Piloted fuel management goats (2-year program) ✓ Established Community Wildfire Resilience Roundtable
Landscape Management and Ecosystem Restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supported Provincial Forest Landscape Planning (FLP) ✓ Continued to work with academic partners on landscape level research (Silva21 to run from 2021-2026) ✓ Continue to utilize Forestry Innovation Centre as a hub for academic and applied research (12 active research projects)
Labour Force Re-Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hosted third Future of Forestry Think Tank (biennial) ✓ Signed an MOU with North Karelia Finland to advance: sustainable development in forest management; forest bioeconomy; knowledge exchange; and research and innovation ✓ Continued advancing training hub project for alternate forest management
Manufacturing Analysis and Business Case Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Participated the Biomass Scoping project workshop hosted by Lhtako and Nazko ✓ Partnered with West Fraser on a District Heating feasibility study ✓ Collaborated with Three Rivers Community Forest on the Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone investment risk rating project ✓ Worked with West Fraser Mills on advocacy for moving the Lignin plant to Quesnel



Financial Summary

GRANT	PROJECT	AMOUNT	SPENT	% SPENT	DURATION
FESBC 2	CWPP	\$725,202	\$725,202	100%	2020-2023
FEP	CWPP	\$260,122	\$260,723	100%	2022-2024
UBCM (CRI)	CWPP, FireSmart	\$179,738	\$89,869	50%	2022-2024
Red Cross 2	FireSmart	\$91,058	\$84,382	92%	2022-2024
FES 3	CWPP	\$529,000	\$264,448	50%	2023-2025
Total		\$ 1,785,120	\$ 1,424,624	79%	

The Forestry Initiatives Program (2019-2023) has delivered projects and programming through 3.9 million dollars since it's inception.

Employment Enabled

The FIP program enabled ~500 person days of community employment (not including FIP staff) in 2023.