Quesnel & Area Future of Forestry Think Tank (QFFTT) #4 – 2025 **Accelerating Progress**

Draft participant agenda as of April 14, 2025

Date:	Wednesday May 21 (8AM start) and Thursday May 22 (3PM end), 2025	
Location:	North Cariboo Community Campus, UNBC/CNC, 100 Campus Way, Quesnel, BC	
Format:	In person only	

QFFTT #4 Objectives:

To bring together diverse representatives of BC's forest sector, governments, academia and research institutions:

- To deliver a progress report on what's underway in the 3 clusters of the forestry hub
- To identify challenges in progress
- To identify how to address challenges through various mechanisms
- To initiate action to address the challenges
- To share current research underway

Agenda in Brief

Timing	Wed May 21	Thurs May 22
Morning	Light breakfast	Full breakfast
	 Forest and Land Management: Plenary – progress made; challenges encountered Small group – further define challenge, mechanisms to address, path forward 	 Manufacturing – bioeconomy: Plenary – progress made; challenges encountered Small group – further define challenge, mechanisms to address, path forward Manufacturing – solid wood: Plenary – progress made; challenges encountered
Lunch	Provided	Provided
Afternoon	 Workforce: Plenary – progress made; challenges encountered Small group – further define challenge, mechanisms to address, path forward 	 Manufacturing – solid wood: Small group – further define challenge, mechanisms to address, path forward Next steps
Evening	No host bar, dinner provided Keynote presentation – Jason Fisher, Executive Director, Forest Enhancement Society of BC	
Throughout	Research presentations, network	

Think Tank Vision and History

Vision – Quesnel and area is a hub of innovation in forest and land management, manufacturing of forest products and workforce development

Forestry Cluster:



Think Tank #1 May 2018 - link

Think Tank #2 September 2019 – <u>link</u>

Think Tank #3 May 2023 - link