

Quesnel & Area Future of Forestry Think Tank

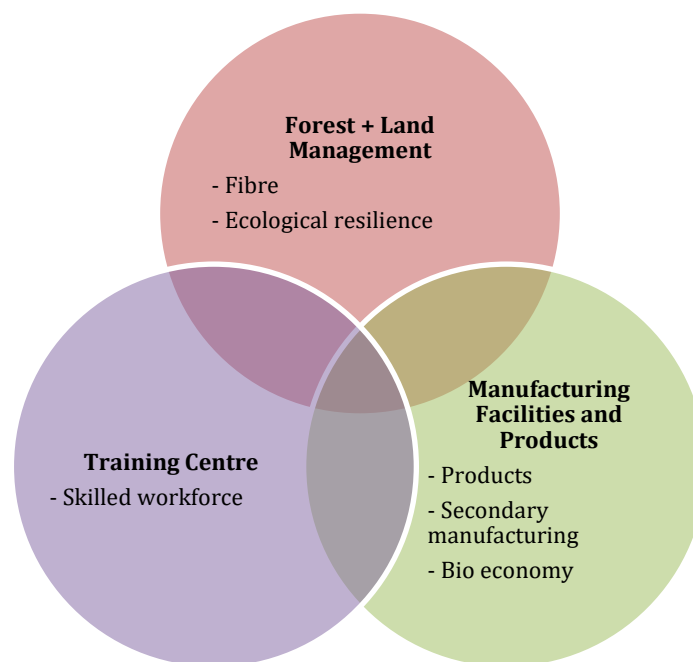
Tuesday May 2, 2023 (8:30AM to 8:30PM)

Wednesday May 3, 2023 (7:30AM to 3:00PM)

North Cariboo Community Campus, 100 Campus Way, Quesnel, BC

Think Tank Vision:

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



Think Tank Objectives:

To convene representatives of BC's forest sector, governments, academia and research institutions:

- To build on [Think Tank #1](#) and [Think Tank #2](#) to revisit recommendations and progress
- To align with new opportunities as a result of government policies
- To identify opportunities for collaboration, investment and action

Acknowledgements:

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Time	Item	Speaker and/or Format
1:00	<p>Topic #2: Manufacturing Facilities and Products</p> <p>Given the current situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decline in sawlog availability • Availability of other forest fibre • New and innovative products in the forest bioeconomy and solid wood • Decline in use of single use plastics and the need for alternatives • The need for housing in BC and beyond <p>Presenter questions: What are the opportunities in the forest bioeconomy? What are the opportunities in the solid wood sector?</p> <p>Panel questions: What are your thoughts on going beyond sawlogs and lumber production in BC, in Quesnel specifically? What products are possible, but what's most probable?</p>	<p>Presentations then panel</p> <p>Sandy Ferguson, Director Forest Bioeconomy, Foresight Canada</p> <p>Alex Boston, Executive Director, Renewable Cities, and Fellow, MJ Wosk Centre for Dialogue, SFU</p> <p>Tim Caldecott, Director of Carbon and Market Economics, FP Innovations</p> <p>Gustavo Oliveira, Director, Innovation, Bioeconomy and Indigenous Opportunities Branch, MOF</p> <p>Audience Q&A</p>
3:15	Break	
3:30	<p>Capturing Your Thoughts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's the most exciting thing you've heard today? • What's the most feasible thing you've heard today? • What barriers exist to us achieving the vision? • How do we address the barriers? • What's taking shape here? • What do you think is possible to do here in Quesnel? 	<p>SLIDO – give people 10-15min to capture their ideas in private/quietly, either individually, or discuss with their immediate neighbour</p>
4:00	Adjourn	
4:00	Downtime	Multiple options – see City of Quesnel information table
5:30	Networking, No-Host Bar	
6:30	Dinner	
7:30	Keynote address – State of BC Forestry	Garry Merkel, RPF

Agenda May 3, 2023:

Time	Item	Speaker and/or Format
7:30	Doors Open, Coffee On, Breakfast Served	
8:30	Summary of Day 1, Overview of Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief recap of Day 1 Agenda and logistics for Day 2 Introductions, new participants 	Mike Simpson, facilitator
8:45	Government Direction on Forestry Workforce	Harry Bains, Minister of Labour
9:00	Topic #3: The Workforce Presenter questions: How do we train the workforce that we need to manage forests and manufacture products? How do we retain them in the forest industry? How do we recruit and retain them in rural communities? Panel questions: Can we achieve our vision without retraining the workforce? How can we address the challenges with how long it takes to re-tool a workforce? Generally, but also specifically in Quesnel? What does a community need to do to attract a workforce?	Presentations then panel Amy Reid, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, City of Quesnel Dominik Roeser, Associate Professor, Forest Operations, UBC Emily Colombo, Regional Manager, JEDI Douglas Jamieson, Director of Regional Education, CNC
10:30	Break	
10:45	Bringing it all together: the Forestry Cluster Innovation in action around the world. Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If other jurisdictions and companies are already doing it, why not here? How do we enable and fast track innovation in the Quesnel area? What's stopping us from stepping up? 	Presentations then plenary discussion Jukka Matikainen, Managing Director, Nordic Trading House Bob Simpson, Independent Insights Consulting Matyas Kosa, Bioproducts Lead, West Fraser Mills Ltd.
12:00	Lunch	Networking
1:00	Forestry Cluster: Turning Ideas into Action World Café: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The forest and land resource Manufacturing facilities and products Workforce and Training Centre What else is missing? What synergies or multiple wins align with the forestry cluster? 	Four tables, at least 3 rotations
2:30	Wrap up, Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think Tank Process, resources (people, \$) 	Erin Robinson Mike Simpson
3:00	Adjourn	

Acronyms Used

AAC – annual allowable cut

CNC – College of New Caledonia

DRIPA – BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples’ Act

MOF – BC Ministry of Forests

JEDI – Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation

SFU – Simon Fraser University

UBC – University of British Columbia