## **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:**

The organizers acknowledge that this event is taking place on the unceded traditional territory of the Lktako Dene Nation. Thanks to the City of Quesnel and the Three Rivers Community Forest for providing support to the Quesnel & Area Future of Forestry Think Tank process. Thanks to North Cariboo Community Futures for their financial contribution.

# Agenda May 2, 2023:

Time	Item	Speaker and/or Format
8:30	Doors Open, Coffee On	
9:00	Welcome and Introductions  Welcome  Opening proves and for constraints	Lhtako Dene Nation representative  Erin Robinson, Forestry Initiatives
	<ul> <li>Opening prayer and/or ceremony</li> <li>Introductions around the room</li> </ul>	Manager, City of Quesnel
0.45	Third Table Decree Officer and Process	Mike Simpson, facilitator
9:15	<ul> <li>Think Tank Purpose, Objectives, History</li> <li>Agenda, objectives, logistics</li> <li>Expectations for participation</li> <li>History of Think Tanks, vision, forestry cluster, key questions</li> </ul>	Mike Simpson, facilitator
9:30	Welcome from BC Government	Doug Routley, MLA, Parliamentary Secretary for Forests (virtual)
9:45	Topic #1: The Forest and Land Resource Current initiatives and future directions:  • Forest landscape planning – ecological resilience/landscape resiliency, land use  • DRIPA and Indigenous engagement  • Other stakeholder engagement  • Timber supply review, AAC determination of sawlogs and all fibre  • Community forest agreement  How do the above topics fit together within the forestry cluster in Quesnel? How do the above topics connect with each other?	Josh Pressey, Cariboo Regional Executive Director, MOF
	World Café:	8 tables, two questions per table
	<ol> <li>What does DRIPA mean, what does it look like, how do we make it work?</li> <li>How do we engage "stakeholders"</li> </ol>	All participants
	constructively without having a fight?  3. What does the outcome of a forest landscape plan look like?	
	4. What do we mean by ecological resilience or landscape resiliency?	
12:00	Lunch	Networking

Time	Item	Speaker and/or Format
1:00	Topic #2: Manufacturing Facilities and Products	Presentations then panel
	Given the current situation:	
	<ul> <li>Decline in sawlog availability</li> </ul>	Sandy Ferguson, Director Forest
	<ul> <li>Availability of other forest fibre</li> </ul>	Bioeconomy, Foresight Canada
	<ul> <li>New and innovative products in the</li> </ul>	AL 5 . 5 5
	forest bioeconomy and solid wood	Alex Boston, Executive Director,
	Decline in use of single use plastics and	Renewable Cities, and Fellow, MJ Wosk
	the need for alternatives	Centre for Dialogue, SFU
	The need for housing in BC and beyond	Tim Caldecott, Director of Carbon and
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	Presenter questions: What are the opportunities	Warker Economics, 11 milovations
	in the forest bioeconomy? What are the opportunities in the solid wood sector?	Gustavo Oliveira, Director, Innovation,
	opportunities in the solid wood sector:	Bioeconomy and Indigenous
	Panel questions: What are your thoughts on	Opportunities Branch, MOF
	going beyond sawlogs and lumber production in	
	BC, in Quesnel specifically? What products are	Audience Q&A
	possible, but what's most probable?	
3:15	Break	
3:30	<b>Capturing Your Thoughts</b>	SLIDO – give people 10-15min to capture
	<ul> <li>What's the most exciting thing you've</li> </ul>	their ideas in private/quietly, either
	heard today?	individually, or discuss with their
	What's the most feasible thing you've	immediate neighbour
	heard today?	
	What barriers exist to us achieving the	
	vision?	
	How do we address the barriers?  What's taking shape here?	
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4:00	in Quesnel?  Adjourn	
4:00	Downtime	Multiple options – see City of Quesnel
7.00	Downland	information table
5:30	Networking, No-Host Bar	
6:30	Dinner	
	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	<ul> <li>Summary of Day 1, Overview of Day 2</li> <li>Brief recap of Day 1</li> <li>Agenda and logistics for Day 2</li> <li>Introductions, new participants</li> </ul>	Mike Simpson, facilitator
8:45	<b>Government Direction on Forestry Workforce</b>	Harry Bains, Minister of Labour
9:00	Topic #3: The Workforce	Presentations then panel
	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	Amy Reid, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, City of Quesnel
	retain them in rural communities?	Dominik Roeser, Associate Professor, Forest Operations, UBC
	Panel questions: Can we achieve our vision without retraining the workforce? How can we address the challenges with how long it takes to	Emily Colombo, Regional Manager, JEDI
	re-tool a workforce? Generally, but also specifically in Quesnel? What does a community need to do to attract a workforce?	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.	Presentations then plenary discussion
	Questions:  • If other jurisdictions and companies are	Jukka Matikainen, Managing Director, Nordic Trading House
	<ul><li>already doing it, why not here?</li><li>How do we enable and fast track innovation in the Quesnel area?</li></ul>	Bob Simpson, Independent Insights Consulting
	<ul> <li>What's stopping us from stepping up?</li> </ul>	Matyas Kosa, Bioproducts Lead, West Fraser Mills Ltd.
12:00	Lunch	Networking
1:00	Forestry Cluster: Turning Ideas into Action World Café:	Four tables, at least 3 rotations
	<ul> <li>The forest and land resource</li> <li>Manufacturing facilities and products</li> <li>Workforce and Training Centre</li> <li>What else is missing? What synergies or</li> </ul>	
	multiple wins align with the forestry cluster?	
2:30	<ul><li>Wrap up, Next Steps</li><li>Think Tank Process, resources (people, \$)</li></ul>	Erin Robinson Mike Simpson
3:00	Adjourn	

### Participant Final agenda v3 as of April 25, 2023

### **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