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Appendices



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Appendix 2 – Detailed List of Commitments and Actions

Forest and Land Management

Commitments and Actions	Who	When
Advocate for LiDAR data for Quesnel as a priority and communicate so that data can be used for vegetation inventory	MOF – Office of Chief Forester	Short term
Allocate human resources to maximize use of available funding	MOF – Quesnel	Short term
On-the-ground projects such as road rehabilitation, fuel management	West Fraser, First Nations	Short term
* Three Rivers Community Forest agreement issued and innovation is catalyzed	City of Quesnel, First Nations	Short term
* FLP informs land and resource management, Indigenous values, ecological resilience	MOF, First Nations	Short term
*Develop partial cutting systems and capacity for operational delivery	Multiple	Short term
*Implementation of fuel management in various jurisdictions	Multiple	Short term
*Changes to the timber pricing system to incentivize and provide certainty around partial cutting (stand sanitization, fuel management, etc) or commercial thinning	MOF	Short term
Advance meaningful reconciliation, relationships	MOF – Quesnel, West Fraser	Ongoing
Maximize amount of available BC funding for on-the-ground projects	MOF – Quesnel	Ongoing
Develop new and support existing processes with financial and human resources	MOF – Quesnel	Ongoing
Promote and implement innovative practices	West Fraser	Ongoing
Investigate fibre sharing opportunities between primary, secondary and tertiary users	West Fraser, ILMA	Ongoing
Develop capacity and transfer expertise through Silva 21	UBC	Ongoing
Explore using CNC Research Forest as experimental ground for innovation	CNC	Ongoing
Continued participation and full involvement in existing processes (FLP, modernizing Forest policy) and initiatives (Community Forest, Silva 21)	Nazko First Nation	Ongoing
Develop collaborative projects with industry partners for on-the-ground projects	Nazko First Nation	Ongoing
Advocate for the truth	Nazko First Nation	Ongoing
Political support and advocacy	CRD	Ongoing

*most probable or feasible

Manufacturing Facilities and Products

Commitments and Actions	Who	When
Provide funding to increase access to fibre	FESBC	Ongoing
Explore opportunities to bring bioproducts to market, develop regional bio hubs	FP Innovations	Ongoing

Commitments and Actions	Who	When
Identify opportunities to better utilize underutilized biomass , make supply chains more competitive	Foresight Canada	Ongoing
Offer tax exemptions for new or expanded facilities	City of Quesnel	Ongoing
Support rezoning for manufacturing	City of Quesnel	Ongoing
Build capacity through funding dedicated forest management staff	City of Quesnel	Ongoing
Continue to assess new technology to support forest transformation, bioproduct use and supply	West Fraser	Ongoing
Learn from Freres Brothers Engineered Wood, mass timber plant in USA	Everyone	Ongoing
Explore opportunities to support/fund manufacturing companies to innovate/develop sustainable business lines through BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund	JEDI	Ongoing
Continue to build capacity of local businesses, provide funding, research and development support	NDIT	Ongoing
Help scout technologies to support growth of the manufacturing sector in Quesnel and across Canada	Nordic Trading House	Ongoing
Endorse local projects, advocate for region	CRD	Ongoing
Explore opportunities to implement prefab laneway home designs across the CRD	CRD	Ongoing
Continue to explore new/existing technologies and support implementation of more training opportunities in Quesnel (in partnership College of New Caledonia).	UBC	Ongoing
Promote region as an attractive opportunity for investors, consider setting up an industrial park.	City of Quesnel, CRD	Ongoing
Learn from Bioindustrial Innovations Canada and Leuna, Germany	Everyone	Ongoing

Workforce and Training

Commitments and Actions	Who	When
Develop a Workforce and Training Centre through collaborations and formal MOUs between Finland, Quesnel and Prince George	Nordic Trading House	Short term
Engage CRD chair in meeting with Nordic Trading House to expand Workforce and Training Centre to regional scale	CRD	Short term
Develop the business case for Workforce and Training Centre and advancing the harvesting sector; have discussions with other potential users; demonstrate the demand for training and sell the value. Possible expand the training need to entire Pacific Northwest.	City of Quesnel, CNC	Short term
Hear from other industry partners about the value of developing a training centre	CNC	Short term
Assemble data for business case	CNC Applied Research	Short term
Approach COFI to see if they might be a 3 rd party leader in some of the business case building research/outreach. COFI could open doors with companies for a warm intro	City of Quesnel, CNC	Short term

Commitments and Actions	Who	When
Advocate for funding once the business case is developed.	City of Quesnel	Long term
Work with college as part of a workshop/delivery at the innovative harvesting or other innovation training	Strategic Partnerships Lead, BC	Long term
Support immigration through an exchange student program, enabling students to attain immigration by taking advantage of rural/northern locations for immigration	Multiple	Long term
Develop settlement services supports in Quesnel; help to create platform for social connections to develop (sport is one way to do this). City will continue to bring existing group together to work on this (evolving out of Workforce Strategy)	City of Quesnel	Ongoing
Continue the conversation around provincial nominee program skilled labour pathway for labour attraction – either travelling promotion or online sessions.	NDIT	Ongoing
Explore MITACS opportunities to bring graduate students to Quesnel. Open registration for program awareness session around MITACS	NDIT	Short term
Communicate and share MITACS invite and opportunity with QFFTT participants	NDIT, City of Quesnel	Short term
Revitalize a North Cariboo Post-Secondary Working Group/Education Roundtable ; identify a non-politician champion; consider REDIP application to support capacity; reach out to Kathy at Chamber of Commerce	JEDI, City of Quesnel	Short term

What else is missing

Commitments and Actions	Who	When
Rebranding of forestry to address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity in the workforce, exclusion of women, LGBTQ+, others Not seen as green Lack of youth recruitment Trust in local people and operators, not just those with university degrees 	Undefined	Ongoing
Frame investments as co-investments , supporting incubation hubs	Undefined	Ongoing
Utilize economic accounting for other values other than the timber	Undefined	Ongoing
Encourage innovation, cutting red tape	Undefined	Ongoing
Encourage connection to the land, shift towards First Nations Forestry and reconciliation opportunities	Undefined	Ongoing