

RESTORING BC's FOREST LEGACY AND ENERGIZING THE FOREST SECTOR

RECOMMENDATIONS

The 13 recommended strategic actions and associated objectives for each of three (3) short-term goals are:

1) Goal - Develop a sustainable forest management infrastructure

Objective – To update existing legislative and policy structures for improved long-term stewardship guidance to forest regulators, managers and communities

Recommendations

- a) **Provincial structural instruments** – *adopt provincial resource management and extraction principles, a forest lands vision, goals and targets and a flexible and "living" forest management system that will guide long-term forest stewardship decision-making*
- b) **Local structural instruments** – *establish laws and policies to enable communities to influence strategic, local, long-term forest stewardship decisions*
- c) **Forest asset investment** - *provide laws and policies to increase stable, long-term forest stewardship funding*

2) Goal - Deliver priority needs of communities

Objective – To provide legislative and policy mechanisms required to increase community involvement and influence in local forest lands decision-making and capitalizing on the use of existing and potential forest products

Recommendations

- a) **Community or Regional District economic diversification** – *develop an integrated forest-products-finance system to support long-term, stable community economic diversification opportunities*

- b) **Community forest culture** – *embark upon a forest knowledge extension initiative to develop and maintain a community forest culture*
- c) **Community influence on decisions** – *provide the necessary laws and policies enabling communities to influence strategic, local, long-term forest stewardship decisions*

3) Goal - Demonstrate long-term forest stewardship

Objective – To improve upon the critical requirements to practice and demonstrate SFM on forest lands

Recommendations

- a) **Community or Regional District economic diversification** – *develop an integrated forest-products-finance system to support long-term, stable community economic diversification opportunities*
- b) **Wildfire management actions** – *provide resources and policies to increase wildfire protection for communities*
- c) **Pest management actions** – *increase protection of susceptible forest stands to insect and disease attack*
- d) **Strategic forest resources inventories** - *provide up-to-date forest resources foundational information for long-term forest stewardship decision-making*
- e) **Monitoring and assessment system** – *develop a transparent and trustworthy monitoring and assessment system to demonstrate the status of BC forests moving towards achieving the provincial and community vision and goals*
- f) **Forest lands research** – *provide resources for a stable and world recognized research sector to fill priority knowledge gaps relative to achieving the provincial and community visions and goals*
- g) **Fish and wildlife habitat management and restoration actions** – *provide the resources to restore habitats necessary to achieve the provincial vision and goals*

Detailed (“how to”) actions for each recommendation are also presented in the full report available on the HFHC website. <http://bcforestconversation.com>