

NEW DIRECTION

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Hon. Bruce Rolston
Minister of Forests

Hon. Nathan Cullen
Minister of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship

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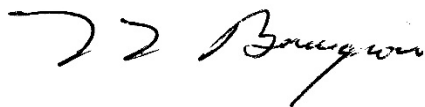
Dear Ministers:

Congratulations on your new Ministerial roles! They will be challenging to say the least.

I would also like to congratulate your government on embarking on the modernization of the forest sector. As you will note in the attached description of who I am, I have consistently advised throughout my career on how we could/should/must modify our forestry practices on the BC Forest Asset to achieve long-term forest stewardship, full utilization of the available fibre and diversification of wood manufacturing with the goal of achieving resiliency of our forest dependent communities. However, given what I know about the recent initiative, I believe there are some major gaps that will prevent us from achieving this goal. The most critical is moving from a series of individual issues to a structured and integrated model of forest stewardship and wood manufacturing and away from the chaotic approach applied the last several decades. This does not mean starting from "square one". I have attached a pdf power point presentation outlining my vision regarding what is essential to make this move. My comments are based on over 40 years of practicing forestry in BC and being recognized for my innovation, expertise, and experience. Although I have now retired, I am still providing my views on how we can do better in capitalizing on the BC Forest Asset as part of my dedication to progressive resource management.

You can access more details and justification on the components through postings on the Healthy Forests-Healthy Communities website (<https://www.bcforestconversation.com/>). If you have any questions or need more information regarding my views or vision, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you about how we can improve the path to modernization of the forest sector.

Yours truly,



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Attachments:

21st Century BC Forest Asset vision (pdf)
Who is Bill Bourgeois (pdf)