

Question 4

What issues or other obstacles stand in the way of us achieving these specific objectives??

	Group	Description of discussion points	Action	Local/ Provincial
Issues / Obstacle	1	Current trade deals (NAFTA, TILMA, CETA) and the fear of bureaucrats have of what legislative changes could mean to these agreements (lawsuits?) is there more impact on our government decisions in consideration of the other countries reaction or large corporation reactions vs Joe Public BC resident		prov
	1	Government policy decisions are made in Victoria with no input from regional/local offices and impact it has on their local area, 2 jobs lost in Clearwater has a significant impact vs 2 jobs in Kamloops, lack of interconnectedness, 5% take back gone	raise awareness to local MLA	local
	1	Legislation, regulation, policy- no local control		
	1	No long term community vision for Clearwater and planning with goals and bench marks	Stakeholders create community vision	local
	2	Legislation is restrictive		
	2	Centralization of decision making power (government / corporate)	decentralize decision making	prov
	2	Centralization of purchasing practices		
	2	Larger political representation (decision making power) by non rural / non-resource based communities	greater voice for rural areas	
	2	Limited education of urban population on what rural communities provide to broader provincial revenues / products.		
	2	Venue to represent individual rural communities is not present (only UBCM which is a collective of rural communities). True size / amount of rural communities not adequately represent through UBCM.		
	2	Legislation prevents local level decision making (decision makers not located in community and not familiar with issues)	create a venue for local voice to be heard	local
	2	Split taxation scheme		
	2	Centralization of business mentality	decentralization	
	2	Location of decision makers in urban centres / not aware of local issues	Electoral Representation	
	2	Having to complete paperwork in urban centres	decentralization	
	2	Limited resources / infrastructure to attract workforces		
	2	Municipalities able to manage finances better than larger regional districts.		
	3	Local Forestry Vision : To define a forestry Vision for the Community, it is necessary to involve and get buy in from the major licensees. Their participation is critical to success. After all one major licensee has the mantra " our roots are in the community". Their absence at this session indicates that they are not walking the talk. Local governments need to become proactive to support the development of a local forestry vision and to follow up with implementation of this vision. Implementation of the local forestry vision: It is suggested that key to implementation is to develop support through UBC M and Rural Secretariate.	stakeholders create local forest vision	
	3	Vision tied to Municipal Economic Strategic Plan: Tie the Local Forestry Vision to the recently adopted Economic Development which has as a main component - Forestry Sector. The Vision is the building block on which to build/ support the Economic Development Plan	create local forestry working committee	
	3	Mechanism for Local Involvement in Decision Making: Significant Local involvement in Forest Resource Decision Making. This involves a change from the current process and in order to remove this obstacle it will require community to organize public involvement and bring pressure to bear on Provincial elected officials.	bring back open house venue for forest resource planning	
	3	Tenure Changes: Change in Tenure. Current legislation (Forest Act) does not allow for public consultation prior to tenure changes including sale of forest licenses.	forestry working committee to communicate with Minister	
	3	Regionalization: Out migration of government positions. The current policy of centralization facilitates the movement of positions, jobs and decision making into regional centers. There is no logical rationale for this except the need for greater control.	decentralization back to rural communities	
	3	Lack of Scientific Data: Lack of up to date forest inventory data and other sound information of the Forest Resources. Forestry Inventory data is not current, data collection methods are not consistent from one agency to another.	forestry working committee to communicate with district manager. Complete forest resource inventory	
	3	Monitoring and Report: While the Chief Forester provides an Annual Reports on the status of the forest resource to the Legislature, there is no reporting on local geographic area such as the North Thompson Valley. Local people need to know if the forests are management on a sustainable manner.	forestry working committee to communicate with district manager	
	4	Feasibility of each, critical mass/opportunities of scale requirements		
	4	Workforce – easier, better paying work elsewhere; aging workforces; low starting wages; lack of FT opportunities		
	4	Education funding	Increased opportunities for apprenticeship programs	
	4	Knowledge transfer		
	4	Marketing & education of consumers		
	4	Gov't regulation (appertency, tenure)		
	4	Support of 'cottage industries' (vs. big box stores)	Increase for small business financial banking, increased promotion, micro loans, creative financing, grants	
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	4	Addressing zoning issues (municipal & regional districts)		
	4	Decreased work ethic and sense of self worth		
	4	Political back scratching, collusion and corruption		
	5	Removal of appurtency clause	reinstate appurtancy	
	5	Lack of integrated resource planning, loss of future options due to lack of planning, too many conflicts due to lack of planning	re-establish local resource planning committees	
	5	Tenure system to much power in the hands of a few, lack of access to resources because of the tenure system i.e. botanicals, birch, cedar	review and revise the tenure system that will give local communities and business access to local resources	
	5	Centralization gets in the way of local input and quality resource management	government needs to move from centralization and decentralize back to local rural areas who create the majority revenue	
	5	Inadequate accounting of the true costs of what is occurring i.e. carbon footprint, travel time etc, true cost of doing business	government needs to move from centralization and decentralize back to local rural areas who create the majority revenue	
5	Do not look at the impacts between business opportunities and values, not factored into the costs of business to other values and or business's			
5	Inability of our political systems to make changes needed at the local level	need local powers to manage local resources		
5	Unresolved land treaties and land claims	resolve them		

5	Attracting young people to the resource industries and rural communities	Address the negative connotations around forestry	
5	Drop in midterm timber supply	accurate inventory of our forests	
5	Inadequate investment in maintaining our resources		
6	Tenure types and not sharing stumpage revenue directly	Tenure review	
6	No ability to go directly to minister responsible if you have a new idea	create a office for new initiatives	
6	Local government offices have no ability to advocate for licence holders	establish advovacy role within local offices	
6	Lack of workforce - constantly loosing workers to other areas		
6	Current tenure system is negative to profitability		
6	International trade agreements		
7	Lack of incentive for local Government representatives to act and advocate locally.		
7	Apathy due to lack of empowerment.		
7	Excess process (still too much red tape) and too far to where process is occurring.		
7	Tenure system - control does not reflect ownership.	tenure review	
7	Pricing system.	revenue review	
7	Distribution of Revenues.	revenue review	
7	Investment in Resource.	revenue review	
7	Administration jurisdiction is not aligned with definition of community.		
7	Fibre insecurity - unresolved landuse, unknown impacts due to forest health agents.		
7	Linkage of fibre to sawmill.	Tenure review	