

27th AGM HELD IN VERNON

The 27th Canadian Women In Timber Annual General Meeting was held on October 21, 2016 in the ILA office in Vernon. General housekeeping was done, annual reports were read and Board Elections held.

The CWIT Board of Directors for 2016/2017 are:

Chair - Makenzie Leine, **Vice Chair** - Sandy McKellar, **Treasurer** - Betty-Ann McDonald
Secretary - Laurie Septav, **Directors** - Alison Anderson, Vicki Smith, Joanne Kineshanko, Ann Polson, Marg Hagardt, Steve Baumber, Wayne Lintott, Molly Hudson, Penny McDonald, and Melinda Morben.

You can now apply for your Canadian Women In Timber membership online!

Canadian Women in Timber has signed up with Canada Helps to assist us in managing memberships and donations online!

Canada Helps is a registered charity dedicated to increasing charitable giving across Canada. They do that by serving both donors and charities.



For our current and prospective members, you can fill out your membership form, easily make your payment. You can also do regular or one time donations to CWIT here. Canada Helps processes donations made using the site, disburses the funds to CWIT and provides instant or anytime access tax receipts directly to our members. For CWIT, Canada Helps provides open access to an affordable, secure, online fundraising platform, so we can better connect with our supporters. Canada helps is a safe way to donate money. They are trusted by, and serve, over 17,000 Canadian charities and over 1 million Canadians donors have supported charities using Canada Helps. They have been doing this for 16 years and in that time have raised over \$650 million!

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Canada Helps is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as CANADAHELPS CANADON, BN: 896568417RR0001. As a non-profit, the fees are a fraction of for-profit alternatives so your donation dollars go further and work harder when you support Canadian Women in Timber using Canada Helps.

You can find more information about Canada Helps on their website and some detailed FAQ on what they are about at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/help/about-canadahelps/>

We are currently setting up access to Canada Helps on our website at www.canadianwomenintimber.com so you can renew your membership on line.

When you visit our website, don't forget to like us on Facebook!

"You can still apply or renew your membership by filling out a membership form and mailing a cheque. Details and the membership form are on our website."

312 Port Alberni students hit the field and learn all about forestry!



It was a big day last fall, during National Forest Week, in Port Alberni where over 300 grade 4, 5, and 6 students had a day of learning about forestry.

The Port Alberni Network of Forest Professionals with support from South Island Natural Resource District worked several months in advance with the local school district, to help plan for the event. This collaboration ensured that all of the committee planning supported student learning with a forestry emphasis. The committee established a vision for the day; that placed a focus on an event provided for grade 4-6 students. This was with an understanding that this is the first year forestry is a part of the school curriculum.

The September 21, 2016 - National Tree Day was born!

Some of the many highlights from the day included:

- All expenses for the day paid for by sponsorship money raised by the organizing committee.



- 312 Grade 4, 5 and 6 Students arriving on site at the McLean Mill National Historic Site via Steam Train.
- Students full day participation at four stations relating to forest education including:
 - * Riparian Management and Ecology
 - * Forestry/Ecology Nature Walk
 - * Old Time Logging Demonstration - Steam Donkey demonstration
 - * Fire Management and Suppression
- Lunch presentation to students by Chief Foresters of TimberWest and Western Forest Products.
- Helicopter Fire Suppression Water Drops - Three water drops occurred in front of students. (This was a huge success; based on student feedback).
- Snacks provided to all students during coffee break (granola bars, bananas, pudding, and juice boxes).
- Breakfast, Snacks and lunch provided to all volunteers on site (estimated to be 20 Forest Professionals and another 40 volunteers on site).
- Sponsorship generated for the event was over \$4000.

Sponsors included: Island Timberlands LP, Western Forest Products, TimberWest Forest Corp, South Island Natural Resource District, BC Timber Sales, Private Forest Landowners Association, Save On Foods, Toquaht First Nation, Greenmax Resources, E & B Helicopters, Alberni Valley, Community Forest, Rotary Club of Port Alberni, Meridian Forest Services Ltd, See Group of Companies, Alberni Valley News, West Coast Aquatic, Mclean Mill National Historic Site and the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society.

Overall the event was a great success. The committee is following up and meeting with the teachers who participated on the day to get their feedback. In these teacher meetings we are going to present some educational packages that we have prepared. Having teacher support and input of this event, resulted in an opportunity to increase forestry in the local curriculum.

To add to the positive momentum of the event, the Port Alberni Network of Forest Professionals that coordinated this event won the coveted Network of Forest Professional Battle awarded by the Association of BC Forest Professionals!

- CWIT Vancouver Island Branch



Lavington Elementary School

Shuswap Branch members Ann and Betty-Ann gave a presentation with the ILA Forestry Education Van at the Lavington Elementary School at the end of September. Each class was divided into 2 groups for 15 minutes with each group. The whole school went through from Kindergarten to Grade 7, with a total of 137 students.

CWIT Forest Awareness Day

Shuswap Branch celebrated Canadian Women In Timber Forest Awareness Day (Oct. 5/2016) by setting up a display in a local mall. We had many interested and curious people stop by, including some old loggers with interesting stories, a young girl wanting to become a scaler, a young fellow from Alberta looking for work as a faller, a few guys who work in the forest industry, along with visitors from Slave Lake and Nashville. Along with our free draw we handed out our Splinter books, pencils, pens, sticky notes and CWIT information.

Corporate Members

Canadian Women In Timber appreciates the support of yearly Corporate Members. With their help we can continue our volunteer work producing and distributing forest education materials to inform and educate the public about our forests and forest industry in a positive and factual manner.

Thank You to these companies for your support:

Timber West Forest Corp.

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Upcoming Events

ABC FP Conference - February 22-24/2017 in Prince George

COFI Convention - April 5-7/2017 in Vancouver

ILA Conference and Trade Show - May 4-5/2017 in Vernon

Canada North Resources Expo - May 26-27/2017 in Prince George

Canadian Women In Timber membership renewals were due in September 2016. If you haven't renewed your membership yet please send it in soon. Thank you very much to the members that have renewed. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Wood is the Answer

The More Wood We Use, The More Trees We Grow

Humans have an ancient relationship with forests as source of food, shelter and even spiritual well-being, and wood has played a prominent role as a material for home building, furniture and as a source of heat.



Over time, as populations grew and the demand for wood increased, forests were progressively under pressure. This drove the evolution of sustainable forest management and conservation.

Some feared we would run out of trees, and asked, "would we save more forests if we stopped using wood?". Ecologist and co-founder of Greenpeace, Dr. Patrick Moore says, "No". First, if we stop using wood, it doesn't change our need for fuel and housing; and substitutes like fossil fuels, steel and concrete require more energy to produce and generate more emissions.

Second, with decreased demand for wood, some forest land would be converted to other uses. Landowners are unlikely to maintain vast tracts of forest with no economic return, and instead, may clear the land for agriculture or housing. The bottom line is—buying wood sends a signal to the market to plant more trees, as evidenced by the growing forest land base in North America and Europe.

Advancements in Wood Manufacturing

Wood is prized for its strength, beauty, and ability to produce energy. Advancements in technology over the last 70 years have more than doubled the amount of product we can make from every log. Computers, scanners, and automation in modern mills have boosted lumber production and recovery.

Engineered wood products enable the use of smaller trees and wood-waste in the production of high-value, high-strength products. BC is a world leader in advanced wood technologies and is credited with developing many of the engineered wood products used by architects to build taller, stronger, and more environmentally friendly buildings.

Today, wood manufacturing produces virtually no waste. Sawdust and other residues are used to make composite wood products and clean bioenergy, thus reducing the need for fossil fuels. On average, BC mills use 98 percent of every log they process.

Wood, Forests and Climate Change

Forests and wood products play a major role in reducing the impact of climate change.

Most people know that forests help clean the air by removing pollutants, absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. But did you know that trees incorporate the carbon they absorb into their wood? Products made from that wood, such as lumber and furniture, continue to store the carbon indefinitely.

In addition, innovations in biomass energy and tall wood buildings are creating opportunities to further reduce greenhouse gases.

Think of wood as a bank account for carbon -the more you build with wood, the more you save!

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