

ILA 58TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW: BE THE CHANGE FOR FOREST SAFETY

By Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests,
Lands and Natural Resource Operations

In advance of this year's ILA conference, I'm excited to provide you an update on the Ministry's activities, especially in light of the 2016 Budget—the fourth balanced budget in a row.

As part of Balanced Budget 2016, government is committing \$75 million over the next three years for the Rural Dividend. The allocation for 2016/17 is \$25 million. Funds will be directed to assist communities with populations of 25,000 or fewer, to assist in reinvigorating and diversifying their economies. As many ILA, TLA, and NWLA member companies are key economic contributors to rural communities, I hope the associations help us spread the word about this program and how to apply. Details are online at www.gov.bc.ca/ruraldividend.

Another key initiative announced as part of Balanced Budget 2016, is the formation of the new Forest Enhancement Society of BC. Backed by \$85 million, the new society will focus on wildfire fire risk reduction to complement the ministry's existing forest stewardship programs and world-class wildfire suppression activities.

The Forest Enhancement Society of BC will help meet the goal of a sustainable and reliable timber supply under the Forest Sector Competitiveness Strategy, and align with the ministry's other programs designed to enhance BC's forests, most notably the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, Forests for Tomorrow, Land Based Investment Strategy and integrated silviculture strategies.

Including the \$10 million announced as part of Budget 2016, this government has now committed \$78 million to the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative since 2004. As of December 2015, over 288 community wildfire protection plans have been completed and almost 80,000 hectares of land in and around communities that face a significant wildfire risk have been treated.

Budget 2016 also saw an uplift of \$12

million to the Ministry's land-based investment strategy, with the majority of the funding targeted to Forests for Tomorrow. Since 2005, we've invested over \$400 million in Forests for Tomorrow, and have surveyed approximately 1.5 million hectares in mountain pine beetle affected areas and planted more than 175 million seedlings on over 128,000 hectares.

The new Forest Enhancement Society will concentrate its activities in four areas:

- Wildfire risk reduction: including fuel management activities such as thinning, pruning and removing woody debris from forests (especially those impacted by the mountain pine beetle infestation). The recently updated Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis will provide guidance for potential treatments.
- Forest rehabilitation: clearing stands damaged by wildfire (or at high risk from wildfire) and reforesting them.
- Wildlife habitat restoration: designing fuel management and forest rehabilitation activities to promote desired wildlife habitat attributes.
- FireSmart program: raising awareness among local governments and rural property owners about steps they can take to protect their homes and properties from wildfire.

A benefit of the Society's activities will be that local forest product businesses—mills, wood bioenergy, and value-added manufacturing facilities—will have opportunities to purchase the resulting timber, roadside debris and other forest fibre at market prices. This will help maintain and support jobs in rural areas, including logging jobs.

The society's inaugural board of directors consists of five people with ex-



tensive experience in BC's forest sector, and includes: Wayne Clogg, retired vice-president, West Fraser; Chief Derek Orr, McLeod Lake Indian Band; Jim Snetsinger, retired BC chief forester; and Dave Peterson and Robert Turner, both Assistant Deputy Ministers with the Ministry.

The society will develop work plans, and consult with communities, stakeholders and industry, on using allocated resources in the most efficient way possible to meet the overall objectives of healthy, resilient forests for future generations to enjoy.

Given the theme of your convention is "Be the Change for Forest Safety," and the partnership this year with the BC Forest Safety Council and concurrent Interior Safety Conference, I'd be remiss if I didn't remind you to be safe in the woods.

The Interior Logging Association has always played an important role in trying to recruit for the next generation of loggers. In attracting young people to forestry, we all need to do our part to ensure that we're creating a safe work environment.

Best wishes for a successful convention!▲

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Interior Logging Association 58th Annual Conference & Trade Show combined with The 2nd Annual Interior Safety Conference

"Be the Change for Forestry Safety"

May 5th, 6th & 7th, 2016
Vernon, BC

HOST HOTEL:

Vernon Atrium Hotel & Conference Centre
3914 - 32nd Street
Vernon, BC, V1T 1P1
Tel: 250-545-3385
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EVENTS:

May 6th & 7th: Inside & Outside Displays
■ Kal Tire Place

May 5th: Thursday Evening, Meet & Greet
May 6th: Friday Luncheon, Dinner & Dance
May 7th: Interior Safety Conference
■ Vernon Atrium Hotel & Conference Centre



For registration and further information,
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AGENDA & EVENTS PRICING

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016

TRUCK LOGGERS ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR'S MEETING

9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Vernon Atrium Hotel (Ballroom III, Mezzanine Floor)

ILA DIRECTOR'S MEETING

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Vernon Atrium Hotel (Room #130)

MEET & GREET **\$50.00**

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Vernon Atrium Hotel

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

BREAKFAST **\$25.00**

7:30 am – 9:30 am
Vernon Atrium Hotel

INSIDE & OUTSIDE DISPLAYS **N/C**

9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Kal Tire Place

ILA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **N/C**

8:30 – 10:00 am (ILA Members Only)
Vernon Atrium Hotel

ASSOCIATION'S MEETING

10:30 -11:30 am
Vernon Atrium Hotel
ILA, TLA and NWLA meet with Honourable Steve Thomson, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

FRIDAY LUNCHEON **\$50.00**

11:30 am -1:30 pm
Vernon Atrium Hotel

Guest Speaker: HONOURABLE STEVE THOMSON, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

WESTERN NIGHT DINNER & DANCE **\$55.00**

FEATURING LEE DINWOODIE & BAND
6:00 pm to 12:00 am
Vernon Atrium Hotel

SATURDAY MAY 7, 2016

INSIDE & OUTSIDE DISPLAYS **N/C**

9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Kal Tire Place

INTERIOR SAFETY CONFERENCE **FREE**

8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Vernon Atrium Hotel & Conference Centre
Pre-Registration Online Required (see page 49 for agenda details)



FOR FREE REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SAFETY CONFERENCE:

<http://www.bcforestsafe.org/ISC2016>

TICKET & DISPLAY REGISTRATION

Description	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
MEET & GREET		X \$50.00	
BREAKFAST		X \$25.00	
ILA AGM (MEMBERS ONLY)		N/C	N/C
FRIDAY LUNCHEON		X \$50.00	
WESTERN NIGHT DINNER & DANCE		X \$55.00	

Display Space Requested & Costs:

10' X 10' INSIDE DISPLAY _____ X \$800.00 = \$ _____

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Order Sub-total: _____

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Total: _____

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Company Name _____

Contact _____

Address _____

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Name Tags: (please print neatly)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Interior Safety Conference



“Choose to Save Lives—Actively Participate in a Safety Culture”

Vernon Atrium Hotel and Conference Center

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Time	Topic	Presenter	Co-Sponsor
8:00 – 9:00	Registration		
9:00 – 9:05	Opening Remarks	MC	
9:05 – 9:10	First Nations Welcome	TBD	
9:10 – 9:30	Setting the Stage	Rob Moonen – CEO BC Forest Safety Council	
9:30 – 10:15	What do we need to do to be twice as safe by 2020?	Dave Fennell – Dave Fennell Safety Inc.	
10:15 – 10:35	Coffee Break		
10:35 – 11:20	Effective Supervision	Mike Tasker - WorkSafeBC	
11:20 – 12:00	Peer Panel		
	Collaboration and Sharing Best Practices	Industry Representatives from Harvesting and Manufacturing	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch		
1:00 – 2:00	Risk Tolerance	Dave Fennell - Dave Fennell Safety Inc.	
2:00 – 2:30	Log Truck Rollover and Seatbelt Safety	Adrian Sunduk	
2:30 – 2:50	Coffee Break		
2:50 – 3:50	Break Out Sessions		
	Building a Road Safety Culture in Your Organization	Rick Walters – Road Safety at Work	
	Off the Job Safety – Safety in the home, on the road, in the outdoors.	Chief Keith Green – Vernon Fire Rescue Services Coralie Nairn – Vernon Search and Rescue	
3:50 – 4:10	Wrap Up	Rob Moonen – CEO BC Forest Safety Council	
4:10 – 4:20	Door Prizes		