

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

As summer kicks into high gear, this issue brings you a lot to think about. So whether you're logging or fishing this month, take a moment to sit down and read *Truck LoggerBC*.

The four reports at the front of the magazine address a real range of important topics. *Business Matters* is the first in a four-part series about how to structure your business to minimize your risk. The *Safety Report* talks about how we can take safety to the next level by streamlining our administration. The *Market Report* digs into how the softwood lumber dispute will affect the 'little guy'—both sawmills and contractors. Finally, the *Legal Report* explains how not having access to the information in cut control letters is negatively impacting logging contractors. From business structure and administration to federal and provincial government negotiations, there's something for everyone here.

I'm looking forward to reading, "The Jay Treaty: Challenging First Nations' Right to Trade in North America." This is an interesting piece of history that I've used personally and I'm interested to hear if there are other ways First Nations in Canada can use the Jay Treaty to our benefit.

From a contractor perspective, we have three great articles. "Understanding the Challenges Loggers Face: Abbott Begins Review" gives an update on the Contractor Sustainability Review and outlines the next stage in the process. "AAC Reductions: Who Pays The Price & Who's Got Your Back" looks at the latest AAC reductions that have come

out to the Great Bear Rainforest and reviews how government has dealt with AAC reductions in the past. "Nine-Axle Trucks: Where Does This Road Lead?" gives the latest update on the push to get nine-axle trucks hauling logs in the Interior. Each of these articles gives contractors and the industry as a whole some real food for thought.

We continue to see communities and the forest industry reaching out to each other and having better conversations about the forest resource. "Old Fashioned Conversation: Forestry Communities Reach Out To Industry" highlights four different ways BC's coastal communities have reached out to the forest industry and how the forest industry has responded in an open and helpful way.

Finally, I encourage everyone to read the review of the ILA's 59th Conference & Trade Show and check out the great photos. The TLA board looks forward to going every year and this year was no exception. It was a great event and I thank Wayne and Nancy for all the work they do to make it a success!

These are just the highlights, so please take time to look through the whole magazine. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Martin, Director of Communications, at brenda@tla.ca or 604.684.4291 ext. 2.▲

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Congratulations Bruce & Lis Welch



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Our strength is in our roots.

Bruce and Lis Welch accepted the President's Distinguished Community Leadership Award from Simon Fraser University this year. "The Welchs are an extraordinary couple who over the years have seamlessly blended commitments to business, philanthropy and community service," said Andrew Petter, President & Vice-Chancellor, SFU.

The Welch family was also instrumental in the success of the TLA over the years. Bruce's father, Bert Welch, was a founder and the first President. Bruce served as President in 1966-67 and Brian, Bruce and Lis' son, sat on the Board of Directors from 2000 to 2008.

Congratulations Bruce & Lis from the TLA!