

PRESS RELEASE TLA Elects New President from Campbell River

January 26, 2018, Vancouver – Mike Richardson was elected President by the Truck Loggers Association membership at their AGM last week.

With 42 years of experience in the forest industry, Richardson will represent TLA member interests to both government and industry. He is currently a partner in Tsibass Construction Ltd., a stump-to-dump logging contactor based out of Campbell River. However, he spent 14 years of his career working for both a major licensee and a First Nations licensee. "I've worn a few different hats over the years and I believe there is common ground that can be reached so all parties can be successful," said Richardson.

"The Contractor Sustainability Review must be our main advocacy focus in 2018," said Richardson when asked about his focus as president. "The TLA has worked hard to have the Review happen and we look forward to working with government and industry to implement any recommendations that improve the lot of timber harvesting contractors in BC."

Richardson has called Campbell River home for 37 years and that's no surprise—Campbell River is the heartland of forestry on BC's coast. "There are 100 TLA member companies based in Campbell River which is just over a fifth of our membership," said Richardson. "I see people in the industry every time I leave my house—grocery store, golf course, boat ramp—Campbell River is full of people making their living in forestry."

The TLA (Truck Loggers Association) represents 489 independent forest contractors and their suppliers operating in British Columbia. Our membership supports thousands of workers and, along with other independent contractors, accounts for close to 90 per cent of the trees harvested in BC. The TLA promotes a thriving, sustainable forest industry in BC.

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