

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

First let me say I'm sad to hear the news that W.D. Moore Logging is getting out of the industry. It's a sad testament to the times we are living in. You can learn more about the situation by reading Graham Lasure's article on page 22.

On a happier note, this issue of *Truck LoggerBC* is packed with information. To start, we look at both ends of the supply chain. There are two articles that dig into how loggers are paid and what a cubic metre really is when you look how it's measured. This is an important analysis for loggers no matter how you're paid—by the cubic metre or the tonne. On the other end of the chain, we have an article looking at what the term value added actually means. We know it's a popular term at election time, but what does it mean on-the-ground for forestry? Then, pulling back to a broader perspective that affects the entire supply chain, another article asks, "Where did the forestry jobs go?" We've lost just over 45,000 jobs since 2000. This article digs into what caused this job loss and if there is anything we can do to get them back.

From a First Nations perspective, I'm particularly interested in the article about the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and how it could be applied to BC's forest industry.

These are exciting times for First Nations to get involved in the forest industry. However, we also have a cautionary note in this issue. Our Safety Report looks at how Bill C-45 has changed how liability is treated by the courts and I think many small First Nations licensees are not provided the necessary information to know how much risk they are taking on when they become a tenure holder.

In this issue we also follow up again on the issue of HEMS (helicopter-based emergency medical service) in BC and how BC is lagging behind the rest of the world. British Columbians living, working and playing in remote locations need and deserve a better system. This article gives some clear steps toward finding a solution.

Finally, the TLA's 75th anniversary is just around the corner! This issue gives you all the details for the 75th Annual TLA Convention & Trade Show. I hope to see many of you in Victoria this January!▲



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