



CONTRACTOR SUSTAINABILITY AND ILA'S 60TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Contractor sustainability still remains at the top of the Interior Logging Association's list of concerns. We are pleased to advise that individual private meetings between contractors and the independent facilitator George Abbott have been held in Vernon, Castlegar and Prince George over the summer. More than 100 meetings have been held to-date covering concerns facing independent timber harvesting contractors and log haulers. Abbott has also held meetings in Nanaimo, Courtenay, Campbell River and Vancouver with coastal timber harvesting contractors. If you are interested in attending future meetings with George Abbott please contact Wayne Lintott at the Interior Logging Association at 250.503.2199.

Save the dates! The Interior Logging Association's 60th Annual Conference & Trade Show will be held May 3, 4 & 5, 2018. Where will it be held? **Kamloops, BC.** The inside and outside displays will be located at the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Powwow Grounds just off the Yellowhead Highway. The powwow grounds give us a very large space for

outside displays, a large area for the inside displays and ample parking.

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We will be using the Colombo Lodge Centre for all evening events, lunches, meetings and the ILA Annual General Meeting. We have negotiated rooms, rates with the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre (250.828.6660) and the Sandman Signature Kamloops Hotel (250.377.7263). When you book your rooms, ask for the ILA room rate. More information will be posted on our website, www.interiorlogging.org and registration packages will be mailed out in January 2018.

Have we had an interesting spring and summer? You bet we have. With the provincial government election, flooding and forest fires, it was an interesting few months and more is still to come as we move into the fall. Some local contractors have been shut down since early July for fear of starting forest fires. At the time of writing, mills are hold-

ing average log inventories but are concerned that contractors may lose two to

three weeks of production volume this season and in some cases more.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the winners of the Interior Logging Association's 2016 - 2017 scholarships.

- Forestry: \$2,000
Tamara Nicol, Coldstream, BC
- Member: \$1,000
Casey Harrison, Nelson, BC
- Trades: \$1,000
Shane Meadah, Lumby, BC
- Associate: \$1,000
Brogan Houston, Coldstream, BC

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