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Forest Professionals British Columbia Newsletter

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## NEWS

### New FPBC Registrant Directory Now Available

Use the new **Forest Professionals British Columbia (FPBC) Registrant Directory** to find a forest professional.

FPBC maintains a public [registrant directory](#) of current and past registrants. The directory allows you to search for individual registrants and verify their registration history, status, practice areas, practice restrictions, discipline history, employer, and location.

If you are an employer hiring for a position that must be filled by a forest professional, you can use this register to check if your candidates are registered with FPBC and eligible to practise professional forestry in BC.

Information in the registry includes verified and self-reported information.

### FPBC Board Adds Government-Appointed Members

**Margaret Lanthier**, BA, B.Ed, CIM, and **Ian Miles**, MBA, C.Dir., have joined the **FPBC Board** as government-appointed members.

The [FPBC Board](#) governs, controls, and administers FPBC affairs and is composed of **12** people, including **four** government appointees.

Lanthier has more than **30** years of experience and recently retired as a portfolio manager at **Genus Capital Management Inc.** She is currently serving as a director of the **West Vancouver Foundation** and sits on its investment committee. Lanthier also belongs to the **Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute, Estate Planning Council of Vancouver,** and **Institute of Corporate Directors of Canada.**

Miles is a retired senior executive with more than **30** years of experience leading start-up and mature organizations in the utility and telecommunication sectors. He was president of **Toronto Hydro Telecom**, CFO of **Guelph Hydro**, and CEO of **GrandBridge Energy**, an electric utility.

## Be Vigilant to Avoid Engaging in Unlawful Practice

As part of our mandate to protect the public, **FPBC** is empowered under the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA) to take action against individuals who misuse reserved titles or abbreviations to imply they are registered forest professionals and entitled to practise professional forestry.

Reserved titles such as **Registered Professional Forester** (RPF) and **Registered Forest Technologist** (RFT) carry significant weight within our profession and signify a level of expertise, education, and experience that is recognized and respected by industry stakeholders and the public alike.

**FPBC Bylaws** allow retired registrants to use the term 'retired' preceding or following the title or abbreviation or (Ret.) following the title or abbreviation. Retired FPBC registrants also submit a declaration confirming they will not engage in the practice of professional forestry while holding retired registration.

However, retired FPBC registrants may put themselves at risk if they do not update their social media profiles to accurately reflect their retired status. Social media platforms like **LinkedIn** serve as valuable tools for networking and professional visibility, but they also pose a risk when it comes to the unlawful use of reserved titles. FPBC actively monitors these platforms to identify individuals who may be improperly using reserved titles.

FPBC has also added an [Unlawful Practice webpage](#) to our website. The new page provides information on the practice of professional forestry and explains what is considered unlawful practice.

If you have reason to believe a person is unlawfully engaged in the reserved practice of professional forestry or is unlawfully using a **reserved title**, please submit your concern to [complaints@fpbc.ca](mailto:complaints@fpbc.ca) or contact the compliance manager at 604.331.2329.

## Check Out Spring Edition of BCFP Magazine

Read 'A Call to Action – Advancing Forest Management in BC,' the cover story in the **spring 2024** edition of *BC Forest Professional* (BCFP) magazine.

While you're at it, check out *Can Thinning Operations be Used as a Form of Ungulate-adapted Forest Management? A Review and Primer*, and *Navigating the New Frontier of Carbon-Conscious Forestry*.

**Click** the link for a full PDF version of [the magazine](#).

## Help Shape 2025 FPBC Conference Program

**Forest Professionals British Columbia** (FPBC) is looking for volunteers to help plan our **2025** forestry conference, scheduled for **February 5-7** in **Victoria**.

Join the FPBC **Conference Program Advisory Panel** to help develop a program and identify speakers that will challenge and inform your fellow professionals. Planning panel members don't need to be based in Victoria. Since all planning panel meetings are held via video conferencing, panel members can participate from anywhere within the province.

Role of panel members:

- identify conference topics and potential speakers;
- assist in recruiting speakers;
- act as moderator for one conference session and/or recruit other forest professionals to act as moderators; and
- assist in identifying and contacting potential conference sponsors or trade show exhibitors.

Topics and speakers must relate to the practice of professional forestry and contribute to foresters' professional development. Consideration must be given to topics and speakers that offer an Indigenous perspective on forestry. Topics and speakers should also balance and represent a range of social values, including ecological and economic ones.

Priority will be given to registrants who are interested in professional development; knowledgeable about current issues affecting the practice of professional forestry; have a network of contacts within the forest sector in BC and/or nationally; and are organized and can work collaboratively as part of a team.

**Terms of Reference** for the conference panel can be found on the FPBC [website](#).

## What's in it for You

Volunteering on an FPBC committee counts towards Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and can also help grow your network and gain other interpersonal skills as you meet and work with other forest professionals from across the province.

The conference is held over a three-day period, during which advisory panel members are expected to attend. Advisory panel members may moderate a session during the conference. When not performing an assigned role at the conference, advisory panel members can choose to participate in the conference along with other participants.

Registration fees for advisory panel members to attend the conference are paid by FPBC.

If interested, email [communications@fpbc.ca](mailto:communications@fpbc.ca) before **April 26, 2024** with details of your experience and how you would contribute to organizing and staging the conference program.

## Access FPBC 2024 Forestry Conference Sessions Online

If you participated in the **2024 FPBC forestry conference**, either in-person in Kelowna or virtually, you can access recordings of all sessions until **May 10**.

Log in on the **EventMobi** platform with the same credentials used to participate in the conference. If you didn't participate in the conference, you can [purchase access to all recordings](#) for **\$175**.

Remember, participating in the FPBC conference is an easy way to gain up to **50 per cent** or more of the required **30 hours** of CPD for 2024.

**Click** the link to log in to the [conference platform](#).

## FPBC Looking for Practising RPF and RFT Sponsors

**FPBC** is recruiting practising **RPFs** and **RFTs** to sponsor new trainees.

Sponsors are responsible for guiding and mentoring trainees to become independent forest professionals. Tasks include reviewing document submissions, invigilating exams, ensuring broad exposure to professional practice areas, verifying supervised work or articling experiences, and the overall monitoring of a trainee in their progress to complete their registration requirements.

See a full overview of a sponsor's responsibilities on our [legacy portal page](#).

Becoming a sponsor is also a great mentoring opportunity and can lead to life-long relationships.

If interested, email [admissions@fpbc.ca](mailto:admissions@fpbc.ca) for more information.

## PRO-D OPPORTUNITIES

### Sign Up for Community of Practice Webinar *Fire Hazard Assessment and Abatement*

FPBC presents an upcoming webinar from the **Wildland Fire and Fuel Community of Practice**.

The **Forest Practices Board** (FPB) has completed investigations, audits, and other works related to fire hazard assessment and abatement (FHAA), with mixed findings related to results, understanding of obligations, and legislative intent/interpretation.

The webinar *Fire Hazard Assessment and Abatement – Roadmap for the Future* will focus on providing clarity, describing the government's strategic roadmap moving forward, and how FHAA links into wildfire resiliency and forest landscape planning.

**When:** April 17, 2024.

**Time:** 1:00 to 3:30 PM.

**Presenter:** Pete Laing, RFT, superintendent, fuel management, BC Wildfire Service (BCWS).

Click the [link to register](#).

### FPBC Webinar: *Wetland Identification and Delineation*

Sign up for a new **FPBC** webinar introducing tools to sharpen your wetland delineation skills.

Evaluation results from the **Ministry of Forest's Forest and Range Evaluation Program** (FREP) have shown that riparian management could be improved if wetlands were more accurately identified and mapped.

*Wetland Identification and Delineation* will introduce the various tools available to identify potential locations of wetlands and the field indicators that can be used to confirm their boundary to support appropriate classification and management. Although the focus is on forestry, the information is relevant to any professional seeking to sharpen their skills at wetland delineation.

**When:** May 15, 2024.

**Time:** 1:00 to 2:30 PM.

**Presenters:**

- Lisa Nordin, MSc, RPBio, PAg;
- Erin Rutherford, MSc, RPBio; and
- Neil Fletcher, MSc.

Click the [link to register](#).

## Webinars Added to FPBC Recordings Library

The latest **FPBC** webinars, *Wildfire-mediated Forest Type Conversion in Northwestern North America* and *Building a Prescribed Burn Culture in the Modern Era*, are now available in the recordings library on our website.

The webinars are among more than **40** free recordings in the library, dating back to **2020**. These webinar recordings are easy ways to get caught up on forestry practice topics you may have missed. As well, each recording qualifies for CPD hours.

Click the link to access the [webinar recordings library](#).

## FAPN Webinar Shows Roadmap Toward Net Zero

Sign up for the next webinar from the **Forestry Adaptation Practitioners Network (FAPN)**, *Climate Change Mitigation in Canada's Forest Products Sector: Roadmap Toward Net Zero*.

This webinar will provide an overview of the approach taken to identify and develop emission reduction targets, the emission reduction pathways, as well as next steps to build on the implementation of the roadmap.

**When:** Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 AM.

**Presenters:**

- Sarah Falloon, senior consultant, Delphi; and
- Kate Lindsay, senior vice-president and chief sustainability officer, Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC).

Click the link to [learn more or register](#).

## Urban Fires Sparked by Wildfires ‘Overlooked’

Read [Wildland-urban Fire Disasters Aren’t Actually a Wildfire Problem](#), an article published by **Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, U.S.**

“The prevailing view in society is that wildfires primarily impact human communities,” according to the article.

“These disasters, often grouped as wildland–urban interface fires, are essentially urban fires sparked by wildfires. This distinction is crucial for effective future fire preparedness, yet it has been largely overlooked.”

## Podcast Discusses ‘Life Beneath Our Feet’

Listen to **UBC Faculty of Forestry** researchers **Dr. Cindy Prescott** and **Dr. Sue Grayston** discuss below-ground biodiversity and the important roles it plays for carbon sequestration, and above-ground ecosystem function.

The latest edition of the *YourForest* podcast is titled [The Life Beneath Our Feet](#).

## Read: *Thinning Increases Forest Ecosystem Carbon Stocks*

Read a research article from **Forest Ecology and Management** titled *Thinning increases forest ecosystem carbon stocks*.

The research, [published by ScienceDirect](#), examines the response of forest carbon stock to thinning and concludes that there is an overall increase in forest carbon accumulation.

“However, post-thinning changes in carbon stocks depend on climate and soil moisture,” according to the article.

## Save the Dates: Upcoming Forestry Events



- Take part in the [2024 Wildfire and Resiliency Training Summit](#), **April 20-24** in **Prince George**.
- The [8<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference](#) takes place at the **Vancouver Island Conference Centre** in **Nanaimo, April 24-26**.
- Join the [BC First Nations Forestry Council](#) (BCFNFC) for its **2024** conference in **Penticton, May 29-30**.
- Register for the [Wildfire Coexistence in BC: Solutions Symposium](#), **June 3-5**, 2024 at the **UBC Okanagan** campus in **Kelowna**.
- Sign up for [Beyond Borders: Collaborating for Success](#), the **2024 Private Forest Landowners Association** (PFLA) conference field tour and annual general meeting, **June 6-7** at **Bear Mountain Resort** in **Victoria**.
- The [BC Community Forest Association](#) (BCCFA) 2024 conference and AGM is set for **June 11-13** in **Mackenzie**.
- Take part in the **UBC Wild and Immersive** program's first [Rainforest Retreat](#) at the **Malcolm Knapp Research Forest** in **Maple Ridge, June 14-16**.
- Registration is open for the [BC Seed Orchard Association \(BCSOA\) conference](#), **June 18-19**, in **Sidney**.
- **Save the date:** [Southern Interior Silviculture Committee](#) (SISCO) 2024 Fall Field Tour, **October 1-3** (*registration coming soon*).

## FORESTRY CULTURE

# Have a Say in Ministry of Forests Workshops on Climate Change Adaptation

Share perspectives and priorities on how a **Climate Adaptation Policy Framework** can support resilient forests and communities during a series of virtual workshops from the **BC Ministry of Forests**.

The workshops aim to explore and discuss future goals and policy ideas for more resilient forests and rangelands.

### When:

- [April 23, 9:00 AM to noon](#);
- [April 25, 9:00 AM to noon](#); and
- [May 16, 9:00 AM to noon](#).

**Contact** [FOR.ClimateAdapt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FOR.ClimateAdapt@gov.bc.ca) for more information.



## Survey: How do Foresters Define 'Public Interest'

**UBC** masters student **Levi Robson** is seeking participants for a survey on how foresters interpret public interest. The **15-minute UBC Faculty of Forestry** survey is voluntary and anonymous.

Click the link to [learn more and take part](#).

## Share Your Expertise: Become a NFW-BC Volunteer

The **NFW-BC Coalition** co-ordinates related educational opportunities across the province year-round, and is looking for foresters to volunteer to lead or participate in field trips or classroom lessons.

A forester wanting to volunteer should complete the volunteer [application form](#) to help match teacher requests. Find program content on the NFW-BC website, including free educational materials for teachers and students.

Click the link for [more information](#).

## Featured Career Opportunities

A sampling of postings on the [FPBC Career Opportunity Centre](#) this month:

- Practices Forester, **Ministry of Forests** (*Revelstoke, Vernon, hybrid*)
- Forest Technician or Junior Forester, **DWB Consulting Services Ltd.** (*Prince George*)
- Woodlands Operations Supervisor–Planning/Development/Harvesting/Roads, **Tolko Industries** (*Lumby or Kamloops*)



*Forest Professionals British Columbia recognizes that our business and the work of our registrants occur on lands that Indigenous People have occupied and been responsible for since time immemorial. We are committed to supporting reconciliation through inclusion, awareness, and providing ongoing education and training opportunities to our registrants on the culture, history, and rights of Indigenous People.*



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