

BCCFA Annual Update

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BC Community Forest Association



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Inaugural Meeting, March 2002

BCCFA Directors Since 2002

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| 1. Albert Gerow | 13. Erik Leslie | 25. Kevin Davie | 37. Peter Robinson |
| 2. Alistair Schroff | 14. George Brcko | 26. Kevin Davie | 38. Ralph Moore |
| 3. Bob Clarke | 15. Gerald Nice | 27. Kim Menounos | 39. Rami Rothkop |
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| 8. Dave Lasser | 20. Jack McLeman | 32. Noba Anderson | 44. Susan Mulkey |
| 9. Dennis Morgan | 21. James Rakochy | 33. Norm Fraser | 45. Warren Leigh |
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| 12. Duncan McKellar | 24. Ken Guenter | 36. Paul Jean | |

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| 1. Bamfield | 11. Fraser Lake, Village of | 21. Port Alberni |
| 2. Bella Coola | 12. Harrop-Procter | 22. Prince George |
| 3. Burns Lake | 13. Kaslo | 23. Revelstoke |
| 4. Cheslatta | 14. Kitamaat | 24. Sunshine Coast |
| 5. Chinook | 15. Ktunaxa | 25. Tumbler Ridge |
| 6. Cortes | 16. Likely-Xats'ull | 26. Valemount |
| 7. Cowichan Lake | 17. Logan Lake | 27. Wells Barkerville |
| 8. Creston | 18. Lower North Thompson | 28. Wells Gray |
| 9. Esk'etemc | 19. McBride | 29. Westbank |
| 10. Fort St James | 20. Nakusp | |



BCCFA Focus Areas



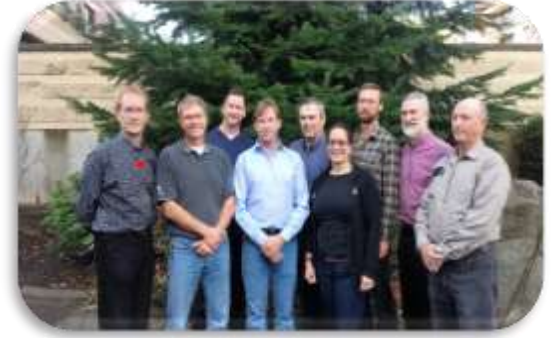
External Relations and
Government Policy



Member Services



Education



Operations and
Governance

1. Pricing

2. Legislative
Change

3. Land Based
Investment &
Wildfire
Management

4. Extension
Services

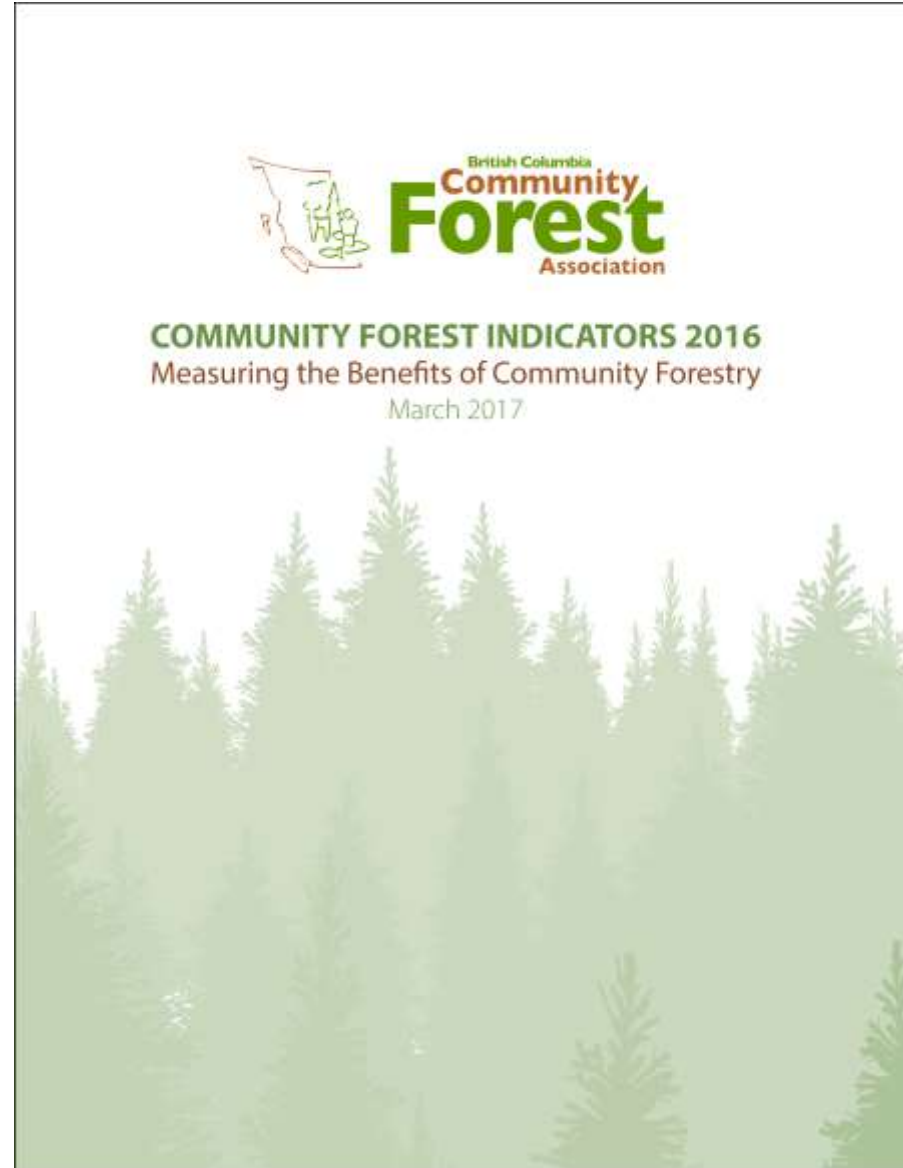
5. Community
Forest Indicators

Top Priorities



Measuring Success

Community Forest Indicators Survey & Report



Community forests generated an average of \$1.9 million of economic activity.



They contributed \$257,000 on average in cash and in-kind donations, a significant boost to rural communities, most with populations of 3,000 or less.

Community Forest Indicators Survey & Report



Investments in Silviculture & Forest Stewardship

Intensive Silviculture & Forest Stewardship

Survey respondents collectively invested **\$1 million of their own funds in intensive silviculture** in the reporting year.

Average of those that invested was \$76,961.

\$1.3 million more from outside sources.

37% of respondents invested in **forest stewardship**, incremental to legal requirements.

Average investment: **\$108,000**

Average # of hectares each: **4,538**

Investments in Recreation

Averaged 20 Km of trail
Total 284 Kms



Proactive efforts to reduce wildfire hazard

40% invested
Average \$52,000





Number of Jobs: Total of 1,462 workers



Telling our stories









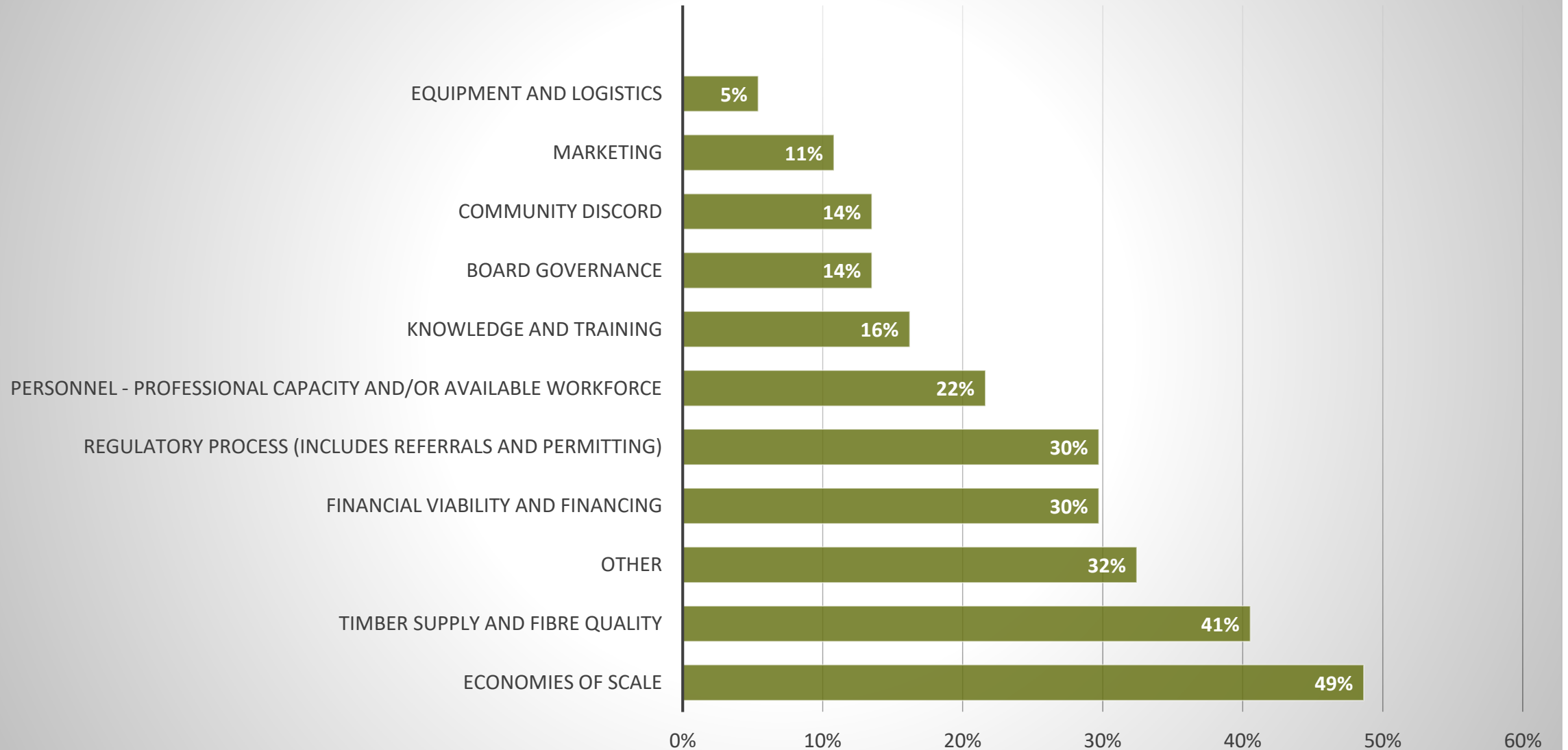


Additional Survey Questions

What key challenges are you facing in your community forest?

What are the things impacting your CFA from being successful or of doing business?

Challenges and Obstacles to Success

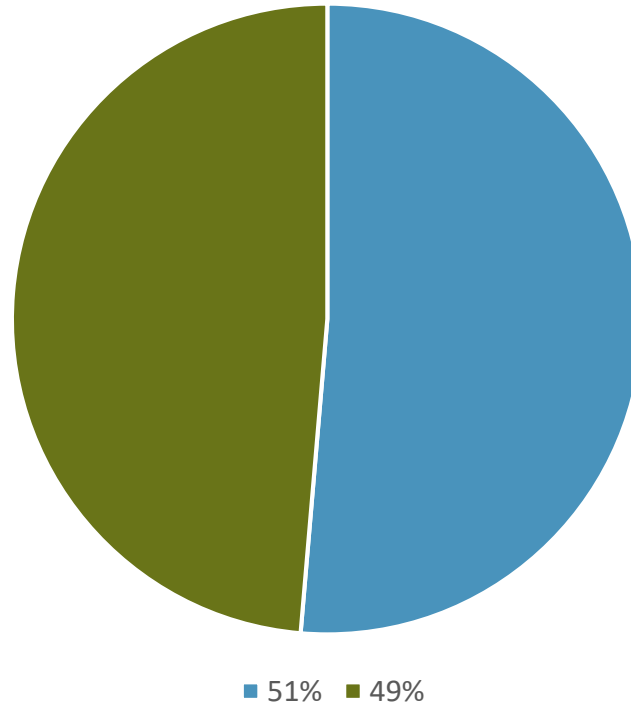


“Other” challenges

- Contentious & expensive operating area
- High % of hemlock, distance to market, steep terrain
- Provincial land use decisions impacting THLB
- Minimal community interest
- Vulnerable to market downturns

Survey respondents looking to grow

Seeking Expansions





Opportunities identified



BCCFA Priority #1

Maintain existing policies that support community forest agreements that recognize the unique characteristics of community forest agreements, enabling them to harvest in highly constrained areas while managing for multiple values, to generate economic benefits for their communities, and encourage investment in the land base.



BCCFA Priority #2

Increase the number of community forest agreements, making them broadly available to communities and First Nations that are committed to meeting the goals and requirements of the Community Forest Program.

Ensure community forest agreements are large enough to be efficient, economically viable, and able to provide the maximum benefit to local economies.



BCCFA Priority #3

Facilitate investment in activities such as wildfire hazard reduction, restoration, intensive silviculture, and economic diversification **by providing support through programs such as Land Based Investment – Forests for Tomorrow, Forest Enhancement Society, Forest Carbon Initiative and the Rural Dividend.**

Thank you

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