



BC **COMMUNITY**
FOREST
ASSOCIATION

BCCFA 2026 CONFERENCE & AGM

June 3-5, 2026

All events will take place at the Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre in Vernon, with the exception of the Field Tour on Day 1.

We respectfully acknowledge that we are gathering on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Sylix and Secwepemc Peoples.

**Program subject to change*

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Dinner on your own. Preferred location the Prestige Lodge, Cabana Bar and Grill or Brixx Brewhouse.
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DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:00 am	<p>Breakfast Presentation - Introduction to the Monashee CF before getting on buses.</p>
8:00 am - 4:30 pm	<p>Field Tour: Silvopasture in Action — Collaboration, Innovation, and Climate Adaptation</p> <p>This field tour showcases the innovative partnership between the Monashee Community Forest and Coldstream Ranch, where forestry and ranching are being integrated to manage multiple values on the same landscape.</p> <p>Participants will explore how silvopasture, combining tree growth, forage production, and livestock management, is being applied to support water protection, soil health, biodiversity, wildfire risk reduction, and economic resilience. The tour will highlight practical lessons from implementation, including silviculture approaches, grazing design, and strategies to adapt to changing climate conditions.</p> <p>Beyond the technical aspects, the tour will also examine the governance and partnership model behind the project, offering insights into how collaboration across sectors can build trust, share risk, and support more integrated decision-making.</p> <p>Grounded in experience, this tour provides a compelling example of how community forests can deliver ecological, economic, cultural and social outcomes through innovative, climate-adaptive stewardship. Participants will leave with practical insights and inspiration to apply similar approaches in their own communities.</p>

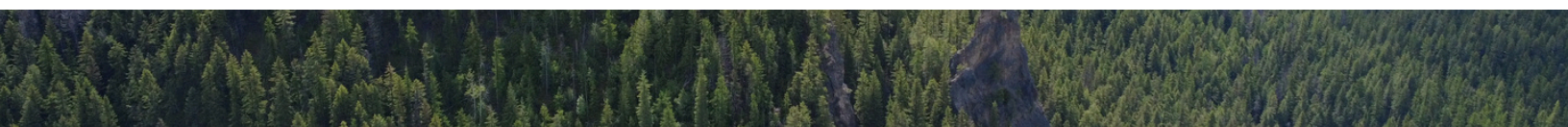
PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Registration desk open
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Reception and Exhibits 7:00 pm – President's Welcome, sponsors, and guests

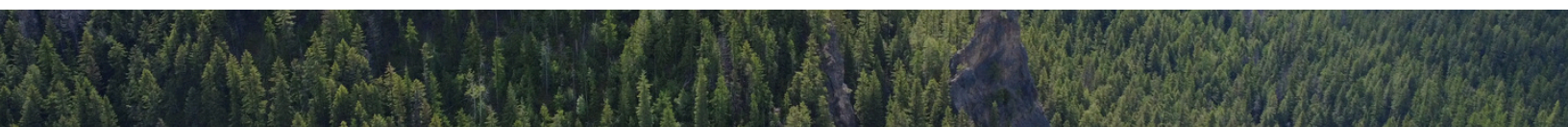
DAY 2 - THURSDAY, JUNE 4

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:20 am	Welcome
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Session 1 Community Forests in a Changing Sector: Growth, Governance and Accountability As interest in community forestry grows, so does the complexity of how to expand the program. This session will provide context on provincial strategic direction and examine how the Community Forest Program can expand in a way that is grounded in current government priorities, sector realities, and strengthened accountability expectations. It will support a shared understanding of evolving policy and explore how to move the program forward with clarity and confidence. Moderator - Randy Spyksma Panel - TBA
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break



THURSDAY, JUNE 4

<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Session 2 Stewardship and the Long Game: Rethinking AAC and Timber Supply</p> <p>This session shifts the focus from timber targets to informed decision-making that reflects the full range of values managed within community forests. As fibre becomes more constrained, AAC is increasingly understood as an outcome of good data, shared understanding, and integrated planning—not a target.</p> <p>Hear how community forests are reassessing timber availability, balancing long-term values like water, access, fuels management, and resilience, and adapting to real-world constraints.</p> <p>Participants will explore implications for budgets and local economies, and gain practical insights from managers using both Western science and First Nations knowledge systems.</p> <p>Moderator – Casey Macaulay Panel - TBA</p>
<p>12:00 pm - 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Session 3 Community Forest Showcase: Defining and Delivering Benefits</p> <p>The goal of this session is to examine how community forests define, deliver, and demonstrate the full range of benefits they provide, and how these benefits are shaped by policy and community priorities.</p> <p>Community forests create value in many ways, from local employment and economic activity to stewardship, recreation, and community well-being. This session highlights how community forests are defining and delivering these benefits in practice and within the policy context that shapes them.</p> <p>Through case examples, presenters will share approaches, innovations, and lessons learned. The session will explore how benefits are measured, communicated, delivered, and adapted over time, offering practical insights and ideas for strengthening impact.</p> <p>Moderator – Dan Macmaster Panel - TBA</p>
<p>2:00 pm - 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>

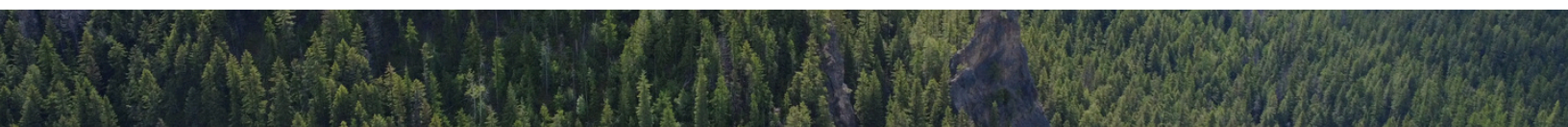


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2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>Session 4 Keynote - Strengthening Public Understanding of Forestry</p> <p>Helene Marcoux, Director, Malcolm Knapp Research Forest</p> <p>This session shares key insights to support new approaches to community engagement and to help reshape how forestry is understood by the public.</p>
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>Session 5 Wildfire Planning and Regional Network Development</p> <p>Wildfire risk reduction effort needs to be strategically designed and located, and planning is required to guide and prioritize fuel treatments. Plans also need to be appropriate to scale and useful for community forests.</p> <p>This session will explore wildfire-related planning work currently being done in BC, and how community forests can develop practical plans that direct WRR treatments.</p> <p>A series of short panel presentations will be followed by regional breakouts led by BCCFA's regional wildfire liaisons Gord Pratt (South), Sam Coggins (North), and Simon Craig (Coast). This is an opportunity for community forests to further develop regional networks that support wildfire planning and treatment work.</p> <p>Moderator - Erik Leslie Panel - TBA</p>
5:30 pm - 10:00 pm	<p>Annual Banquet and Silent Auction 5:30 – Cash Bar and Silent Auction</p> <p>Presentation of the Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry</p>

DAY 3 - FRIDAY, JUNE 5

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am - 9:30 am	BCCFA AGM - members only



FRIDAY, JUNE 5

9:30 am - 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Session 6 Innovations in Silviculture TBA
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Session 7 The Big Ideas Panel The Big Ideas Panel brings together innovative and forward-looking leaders who are challenging conventional approaches and offering bold ideas for the future of forestry. The goal of this session is to support forward-looking thinking on potential directions for forestry by bringing together leaders who are challenging conventional approaches and exploring new ideas. The session will encourage participants to consider emerging opportunities, question assumptions, and engage with bold perspectives that can help shape the direction of community forestry and the broader forest sector. Moderator - Jason Fisher Panel - TBA
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Conference Wrap Up

The event app with more information will be available soon. Stay tuned!

