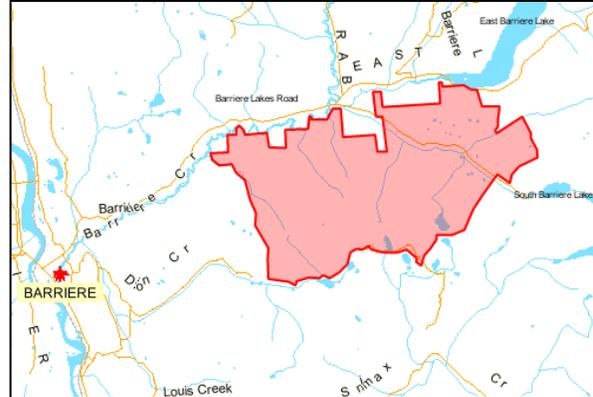




LOWER NORTH THOMPSON COMMUNITY FOREST SOCIETY



FALL/WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Fall/Winter 2011 newsletter. The Annual General Meeting was held on November 2, 2011. We had nine directors attend along with our Administrative Assistant, Accountant and two members of the community.

Two significant changes took place at the AGM. The first was a motion carried to rescind the Executive Director position. The second was a special resolution to add one director to the board of directors bringing the total to twelve. An amendment to our bylaws is now in progress, and a twelfth director to be appointed once completed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman – Harley Wright (Barriere)
Secretary/Treasurer – Martin Matthews
(Barriere)
Director – Ron Hindson (Barriere)
Director – Ted Brown (Little Fort)
Director – Hugh Fraser (Louis Creek)

Vice-Chairman – Duane Eustache (Chu Chua)
Director – Bert Rilcoe (Barriere)
Director – Greg Fennell (Barriere)
Director – Gailen Conan (Barriere)
Director – Duncan McGrath (Little Fort)
Director – Wayne Van Sickle (Louis Creek)

IN THE NEWS

The LNTCFS is pleased to have recently announced our decision to donate a total of five \$ 1,000 bursaries to the local high school as well as an additional \$5,000 to be distributed through our grants program to local non-profit organizations. Application forms and guidelines are available at our office, located at 4648 Barriere Town Road. All applications received by December 31, 2011 will be reviewed by the LNTCFS board members who will award the money to successful applicants.

In addition to the above announcement, we also chose to publish our financial statement as a means of providing information and transparency to the public on the activities of our society and the financial and social impacts beyond the donation process.

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the Lower North Thompson Valley*

LICENSE UPDATES:

NON-REPLACEABLE FOREST LICENSE A73247

- Due to wet weather this spring, we have extended the license to the end of the year (December 31, 2011) to facilitate harvest of the remaining volume.
- A total of approximately 6,300 logging trucks loads have been hauled to date.
- A stumpage value of \$ 2,859,655 has been paid to date.
- Simpcw has harvested ~360 loads under this license in the Tahweel area (Chinook Cove Contracting) under Cutting Permit 998 and is now completed their harvesting under this license.
- LNTCFS has harvested ~180 loads in Dixon Lake area and has another ~100 loads remaining under Cutting Permit 997 in the Dixon Lake and Cedar Creek areas. Logging contractors for these projects are Stamer Logging and Rilcoe Contracting.
- Tree Planting on Cutting Permit 9 (North Barriere Lake) was completed in the spring of 2011 (125,000 seedlings). CP 7 and 10 are scheduled for planting in the spring of 2012 (36,000 seedlings). Allstars Silviculture completed the work.
- Completed manual brushing on 46 hectares in Montigney and Cicero Creek areas. Nordelie Contracting completed the work.

COMMUNITY FOREST LICENSE K1Z

- A total volume of approximately 2,500 logging truck loads have been hauled to date.
- A stumpage value of \$ 209,533 has been paid to date.
- Cutting Permit (CP) 2 Blocks 1 to 2, CP 3 Blocks 2 to 4, and CP 4 Blocks 3 to 6 have been harvested over the past year. These blocks targeted pine salvage, totalled ~880 loads, and were harvested by DRB Contracting as a subcontractor under Simpcw Resources Ltd, and Dora Creek Contracting.
- 2011 Fall/Winter harvest areas include Cutting Permit (CP) 5 Block 5 (Upper John), CP 7 Blocks 1 to 5 (Wikkiup), and CP 6 Blocks 3 to 6 (Blomley Mountain/Dixon Lake). These blocks target pine salvage and current Douglas-fir bark beetle areas of attack. The contractors selected include DRB Contracting as a subcontractor under Simpcw Resources Ltd, and Le Beau Forestry both alone and as a subcontractor under Dora Creek Contracting. 2011 will be the last year of pine salvage logging in the community forest.
- Tree Planting on Cutting Permits 1, 4, and 5 was completed in the spring of 2011 (91,000 seedlings). CP 2, 3, and 4 are scheduled for planting in the spring of 2012 (205,000 seedlings).
- 2011 Land Based Investment Program (LBIP) funding has been utilized for surveys and brushing treatments on older plantations within community forest. Total funding this year is \$30,700.

- Acquired safety certification under the BC Forest Safety Councils SAFE certification under the new ISEBASE category.
- Sponsored Job Creation Partnership program through Ministry of Social Development to provide training and work experience for EI funded participants. Susan Bondar was hired as a supervisor for this project, which ran from June to November. In addition to sponsorship, LNTCFS employee time spent on administering and bookkeeping for this project was donated.

Thanks again for your continued support. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (250) 672-1941.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Mike Francis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Francis, RPF