



LOWER NORTH THOMPSON COMMUNITY FOREST SOCIETY

SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Spring 2012 newsletter. It's been a busy fall/winter and I'm happy to report that things are going well for the LNTCFS. We have now appointed Brian Bondar as the twelfth director for our organization as per our newly amended bylaws.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman – Harley Wright (Barriere)
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(Barriere)
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Director – Duncan McGrath (Little Fort)
Director – Wayne Van Sickle (Louis Creek)

GRANTS UPDATE

The LNTCFS received a total of six applications for grants from local non-profit organizations. Based on review and discussion of applications received, the Board of Directors made the decision to increase the total grant to **\$5,750** and provided funding to all six applicants as follows:

- North Thompson Volunteer and Info Center \$1,000 for storage cupboards
- North Thompson Fall Fair and Rodeo Association \$1,000 for Agriplex
- Barriere Curling Club \$1,000 for rink/building maintenance
- Little Fort Recreation Society \$1,000 for various community events
- North Thompson Communities Foundation \$750 for proposal writing workshop
- Barriere Lions Club \$1,000 for shelter in Fadear Park

LICENSE UPDATES:

NON-REPLACEABLE FOREST LICENSE (NRFL) A73247

- This license has now expired with 100% of the available volume being harvested.
- A small volume remains to be hauled on Cutting Permit 997 Block 1 (Cedar Creek) by Rilcoe Contracting. This volume will be hauled after breakup when conditions allow.

- Tree Planting on Cutting Permits 7 (Moose Meadows) and 10 (Fadear Creek) as well as several fill planting areas are scheduled for planting in the spring of 2012 (58,000 seedlings). Allstars Silviculture will be completing the 2012 plant, with Stillwater Forestry Consulting assisting with supervision and survey work.

COMMUNITY FOREST LICENSE K1Z

- A new 5 year Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) has been prepared and submitted. This FSP will provide the results and strategies that govern our future harvest and road building activities within the community forest.
- A Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (TEM) project has been initiated to provide improved inventory data on the community forest landbase. This information will be valuable for future timber supply projections and management of other values, such as wildlife and non-timber forest products. Ecora Resource Group has been contracted to complete this work.
- Cutting Permit (CP) 5 Block 5 (Upper John), CP 6 Block 3 (Blomley Mountain), CP 6 Blocks 4 to 6 (Dixon Lakes), and CP 7 Blocks 1 to 5 (Wikkiup) have been harvested over the fall/winter. These blocks targeted pine salvage and current Douglas-fir bark beetle areas of attack, totalled ~640 loads, and were harvested by LeBeau Forestry, DRB Contracting, and Stamer Logging.
- A Douglas-fir bark beetle trap tree program is being implemented this spring in the Wikkiup, Blomley, and Dixon Lake areas of the community forest. Trap trees are now felled and will be removed later in the year once fully attacked.
- Tree Planting on Cutting Permits 2 (blocks 1-2), 3 (blocks 1-4), and 4 (blocks 3-6) will be completed this spring (230,000 seedlings).
- 2012 Land Based Investment Program (LBIP) funding proposals have been submitted for surveys and brushing treatments on older plantations within community forest. Total funding this year is estimated to be \$20,000 and we are awaiting final decision-making on these allocations.
- We have submitted a Letter of Intent for a 2012 Job Creation Partnership (JCP) through Ministry of Social Development to provide training and work experience for EI funded participants. If approved, this will be the third consecutive year the LNTCFS has sponsored a JCP.

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,



Mike Francis, RPF