

Awards Criteria



Forest Capital of British Columbia

Overview & Criteria

The Forest Capital of British Columbia program is a unique BC tradition that showcases our forests. It recognizes and celebrates the valuable role forests play in the economic and environmental health of our province and our communities.

British Columbia's forests are important to the people, economy, culture and environment of every community in this province. It's a heritage we should take pride in and celebrate. The BC Forest Capital distinction allows the winning community to demonstrate the economic, cultural and historic contributions to its way of life.

The award is given to the community whose written bid proposal best exemplifies the following:

- The community/forest relationship
- Proposed Forest Capital program
- Communications plan
- Leadership and organizational capacity
- Broad support (including letters of support)
- Special features
- Presentation

Winners are announced in December and hold the designation from January 1 through December 31.

The BC Forestry Association first established the award in the 1980s. Since 2003, the Association of BC Forest Professionals has the privilege of selecting the winning community.

Eligibility

All communities located in British Columbia are eligible for this award.

For the purpose of this award, "community" is loosely defined and consists of incorporated communities, unincorporated communities, First Nation communities, etc. One community may submit an application on its own. Alternatively, two or more communities located in a geographic area may work together to submit a joint application.

Nominations

Communities will be invited to apply beginning during National Forest Week in early May. A combination of direct mail, Forum advertising, the association's web site, a news release and advertising in UBCM News will be used to publicize the call for nominations and the exact deadline.

Each nomination must be submitted to the association by the stated deadline. Late nominations will not be considered. Nominations are normally accepted up to mid-November of each year.

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The nomination package must reflect the high calibre of the award and the community being nominated. The package should be submitted in its entirety and include the application form. It will be evaluated on the criteria spelled out in the overview and criteria section above.

Selection Process

1. Recipients are selected by council based on recommendation of a subcommittee
2. Selection will occur in late November and be announced in early December to enable the winning community to plan a full year of events beginning on January 1.

Presentation

The winning community will be notified of the award immediately following council's decision. Other applicants will also be notified of the decision.