

## A Perfectly Good Storm Is Brewing

Congratulations members, council and staff. We are growing and maturing as an organization. It looks like one of the early stages of this growth is going to be a 'stormy' stage. Hey, no problem. That's what it often takes for growth to occur.

I read the July/August 2011 edition of **BC Forest Professional**. All of the letters, our President's Report and the CEO's Report are worthwhile reads. The people who wrote these articles all took the 'high road' of professionalism. They presented facts in support of their opinion. They presented passion in what they believe is important. Where they disagreed with others, they kept the disagreement professional, not personal.

One last comment. In regards to the Alternate Complaint Resolution Settlement summary presented on page 29, I would like to see future presentations include a very brief 'Facts Summary.' Things like the length of road at issue, the size of the area harvested, the duration of the physical site events, etc. are relevant facts that provide important scope and context. Yes, I can go to the website to find this information. I may or may not spend the extra time it takes to do this. Perhaps future complaint resolution summaries will provide an up-front, transparent presentation of this information instead.

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# Important:

## Deadlines for Renewing Your ABCFP Membership Have Changed

The *Membership Renewal Policy* sets out how and when members must renew their memberships each year. In 2010, council amended the policy because the existing one spanned a six-month period and consumed vast amounts of administrative resources.

Before making any changes, council reviewed ten other professions and found that the ABCFP's renewal process was much longer than most. The average length was less than three months. The ABCFP's new membership renewal process spans four months.

The new policy is now posted on the ABCFP's website and can be found from the Policies page, under Regulating the Profession, and from the Steps to Renew page, under Members' Area. Links to the new policy will also be contained in the membership renewal notices that will be sent to all members in early October.

Here are the new deadlines for the membership renewal process:

Membership Renewal Process	Old Deadlines	NEW DEADLINES
A membership renewal notice is sent to each member.	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup></b>
<b>Annual fees are due AND, where applicable, self-assessment declarations or declarations of non-practise are also due.</b>	January 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup></b>
Administrative fee of \$50 plus HST is added to the fees of members who have not paid their annual fee AND/OR, where applicable, have not submitted their self-assessment declarations or declarations of non-practise. Notices will be sent to those members affected.	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup></b>
<b>Final deadline for membership renewal.</b>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup></b>
Any members who have not renewed will be struck from the register and notified accordingly soon thereafter.	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup></b>

If you have any questions regarding the new membership renewal process, please contact Lance Nose, director of finance and administration at [lnose@abcfp.ca](mailto:lnose@abcfp.ca).

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