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Dear ABCFP Member:

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1. RECRUITMENT REPORT RELEASED

The provincial recruitment steering committee is made up of representatives from industry, consultants, government, educational institutions and the ABCFP, and has been meeting regularly to tackle the problem of recruitment into the forest sector. A task force was put together to consolidate all the information the committee collected. The result is a strategy and business plan designed to tackle the recruitment crisis. Both the strategy and business plan are now available to members on the website. These documents are discussion papers and are subject to change. Your comments would be welcome. Send them to Brian Robinson, acting director of professional practice and forest stewardship at: brobinson@abcfp.ca.

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2. PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE GUIDANCE COMING SOON

Professional reliance principles will be finalized by late September. Input from both the professional reliance working group and steering committee (which met in July and August) will be used to finalize the principles. Representatives from the ABCFP, industry and government have contributed to the principles. The principles will be used in

communication to members about professional reliance through revised guidance papers and the fall workshops. The revised papers will be available on the website later this year.

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3. CONTRACT AWARDED FOR PLANNING UTOPIA

The ABCFP's stewardship advisory committee had noticed a reoccurring theme in its deliberations – forest planning was either the cause of problems or issues were impacted by forest planning. In July, the ABCFP issued a request for proposal to find a contractor to produce a report on a) the existing forest planning processes in BC; b) a desired 'planning utopia' process; and, c) the present barriers to achieving this planning utopia.

The contract has now been awarded to Forsite Consultants Ltd. Forsite will be consulting with a wide range of stakeholders and producing a report for the ABCFP. The report will be in the form of a discussion paper highlighting the issues discovered and the various options and recommendations to address the issues. We will share this report with all members early next year.

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4. OIL AND GAS RECOMMENDATIONS RELEASED

A task force was formed from the stewardship advisory committee to look at the impact the oil and gas industry is having on forestry in BC. In turn, the task force commissioned a report on the state of affairs. Recently council was presented with a response and recommendations to the report. These recommendations have been posted on the website for all members to read.

Several of the recommendations are closely linked with the need for a more comprehensive forest inventory while others urge the provincial government to encourage more cooperation between natural resource sectors.

[Read the full report here.](#)

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5. WORK IN PROGRESS

The ABCFP is also working on the issue of stumpage appraisals. A task force, coordinated by Debbie Zandbelt, RPF, and Brian Robinson, RPF, has just been formed to look at all professional practice related issues around appraisals. The task force will meet for the first time in late September and will report back to members in an upcoming issue of the **Advocacy Increment**.

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6. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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