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Dear ABCFP Member:

**The Increment** e-newsletter is published up to twice a month for members of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It contains news about the association and the forestry profession. Back issues of this newsletter (and its predecessor *BC Forest Professional*) are available on the association's website.

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### 1. ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

#### **Membership Renewal Notice:**

After shutting down our online membership renewal for eight days to address various issues, the system was back up on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

At any time during the renewal period, members can logon to the website to see the status of their membership renewal and determine what, if anything, is outstanding.

#### **Membership Renewal:**

It's time to renew your membership. The deadline to renew is **December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Memberships must be renewed by January 31, 2009 or you will be subject to administrative fees. **For members applying for a change in membership status, we must receive the completed applications by January 31<sup>st</sup> or administrative fees will apply.**

#### **First Nations Members Have Opportunity to Self-Identify**

Because of the growing importance of First Nations issues in BC and due to the increase in the ABCFP's commitment to work closely with First Nations, we would like to discover how many of our members are of First Nations heritage. Members who are of First Nations heritage will have the opportunity to self-identify as such on this year's membership renewal form. The self-identification opportunity is entirely optional.

#### **How Do I Renew My Membership?**

**Active registered members (RPFs and RFTs), transferring professional foresters, special permit holders and limited licence holders** must complete three steps to renew their membership:

**Step 1:** Submit your 2008 Self-Assessment Declaration or a Declaration of Non-Practise.

**Step 2:** Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

**Step 3:** Pay your fees.

**Enrolled members (FITs and TFTs), forestry pupils, retired members and visiting professional foresters** only need to complete two steps to renew their memberships because they are not required to submit a Self-Assessment Declaration.

**Step 1:** Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

**Step 2:** Pay your fees.

All steps to renew your membership must be completed by **January 31, 2009** or you will be subject to administrative fees. If you haven't completed these steps by **March 31, 2009**, you will be removed from membership and not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

Visit the Steps to Renew page of the website for more information on renewing your membership

[Steps to Renew](#)

**Download and Print Your Receipt and Membership Card**

You will soon be able to download and print your own receipt and membership card. Because many members require the receipt so they can be reimbursed by their employers, we have made changes to our database to make it possible for you to get your receipt and membership card sooner by printing them directly instead of waiting for a receipt and membership card to come in the mail.

The system will not be available until mid-November. As soon as it is ready, we will e-mail all members with instructions on how to print your receipts and membership cards. Please note that the ABCFP has discontinued the use of the annual decals. If necessary, your membership card can be used to prove current membership in the ABCFP.

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## 2. THE ABCFP IS MOVING

The ABCFP is moving offices in mid-November.

Our new address will be:  
#330 - 321 Water Street  
Vancouver, BC, V6B 1B8

All email, fax and phone contact information will stay the same.

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## 3. EXAM RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The exam results will be available to exam candidates beginning in late November. Each exam candidate will receive an e-mail with a URL to the exam results. You need to click on the URL and login with your ABCFP logon name and password to see the webpage that contains only your mark. You will not have access to anyone else's results. Please visit the Getting Your Exam Results page of our website for details and keep reading the **Increment** for updates.

[Getting Your Exam Results](#)

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## 4. DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

The College of Applied Biology and the ABCFP have drafted a first guidance document for members in both professions. **Developing Professional Advice** is intended to be helpful to members when they exercise discretion in developing professional advice and when adhering to their own area of expertise.

The Joint ABCFP/CAB Committee began November 2007 and continues to work on issues of relevance to both professions.

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## 5. PROFESSIONAL QUALITY FIELD WORK

The guidance document **Professional Quality Field Work** has been completed by the PPC and improved based on the comments from members. Look for the document soon on the ABCFP web site.

“Why field work?” you might ask. In most cases, fieldwork is the starting point for the quality and reliability of the professional work that will follow. It can be difficult, costly or

even impossible to collect the primary field data on multiple occasions and that primary data may be required many years later. Successful implementation of forest management relies on the most fundamental of resource based information and therefore on the forest professionals gathering the information to a professional standard.

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## **6. APPRAISAL ISSUE #5**

Appraisal Issue #5 has recently been posted on the ABCFP web site and reflects on the tension that might occur between the economic matters in appraisals relative to social and environmental concerns that also exists for forest professionals and for employers.

The Professional Practice in Appraisals and Cruising Task Force has identified issues of concern in the practice area of appraisals and cruising. Providing commentary and recommendations on the website is one way the ABCFP can provide advice on topics of common concern for members.

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## **7. PORT MCNEILL WINS BATTLE OF THE NETWORK OF FOREST PROFESSIONALS**

During National Forest Week, the following forestry educational activities were undertaken on the North Island:

- Local forest professionals presented grade 10 students from the two local high schools with an overview of different career options within forestry.
- Local forest professionals presented Grade 8, 9 and 10 students from one of the local high schools with information relating to the Mountain Pine Beetle.
- Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 students from 12 local elementary schools participated in an interactive forest tours, which included stops at an active harvest site, a tree planting site, and a forest trail site and lasted approximately 5 hours. The forest tours included a traditional First Nation salmon BBQ for all participants and volunteers. About 800 seedlings were planted during the event tours to help make the total event carbon neutral.
- Local forest professionals presented kindergarten, grade one, two, and three students from 13 local elementary schools (26 classes) with tree identification information. The presentations were interactive, and a copy of the "Tree Book" was given out to each class.

Committee members from Central Coast Forest District, BC Timber Sales, Western Forest Products Inc., Mill and Timber Forest Products Ltd., Strategic Forest Management Inc., and Access Forest Management met regularly for five months preceding National Forest Week to develop all these activities.

Look for more information about these great events in the Jan/Feb issue of **BC Forest Professional**.

**Honourable Mention:** Jill Werk (NFP chair) and the Campbell River Network of Forest Professionals for their work with elementary school students. NFP members visited local elementary schools with Smokey the Bear. They read *The Special Gift* story and handed out fir cones and cedar seedlings. They also demonstrated how to use all the

instruments in their cruise vests; they showed how to use the diameter tape by doing a DBH around Smokey's waist!

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## **8. NATIONAL FOREST WEEK ART CONTEST WINNERS**

Zachary Noel, aged 5, of Port Hardy, won the National Forest Week Art Contest hosted by the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP), Truck Loggers Association (TLA) and the BC Forest Safety Council in the 4-5 age category. Arista Floritto, aged 8, and Taylor Charles, aged 9, both from Surrey, won in the 6-8 and 9-12 age categories.

Kids were invited to draw a picture of what the forests in their communities mean to them and there were over 200 entries from every corner of the province. Runners up include: Alyssa Bollefer, Chantal Cavers, Ranjoat Kaur Chana, Alexis Conroy and Elysa DeLuca.

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## **9. CALL FOR COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

The association is now accepting council nominations from the membership at large. Elections will occur during December 2008 and January 2009. The 62<sup>nd</sup> council will take office in February 2009 at ExpoFor in Prince George.

There are three RPF positions and one vice-president position open for election. The following members have been nominated to run for council.

- Valerie LeMay, RPF – UBC Forestry
- Steve Lorimer, RPF – Timber West
- Andrea Lyall, RPF – Squamish Forest Service
- Kerry Rouck, RPF – Gorman Brothers
- Matt Wealick, RPF – Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Forestry Limited Partnership

Rick Brouwer, RPF, from Northwest Timberlands has agreed to stand for vice-president.

The nomination form is available on the Council Election page of the website and nominations are due at **4:30 pm on November 14, 2008**.

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## **10. UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IN ABCFP'S DATABASE**

Take a moment to logon to your account on our website and make sure we have your current contact details. This way we can keep you up-to-date on the work ABCFP is doing throughout the province and let you know how we can serve you.

[Logon to ABCFP's Database](#)

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## **11. REGISTER NOW FOR FINAL FALL WORKSHOPS**

This workshop explores the broad definition of professional reliance, how it compares to professional deference and how it is related to professional accountability. Participants will have a chance to discuss local professional reliance issues and engage in dialogue about how professional reliance should work so the public and peers have confidence in the judgment and advice of resource professionals.

The Fall Professional Development Workshop will be held in the following communities:

- November 4 - Powell River
- November 4 – Chilliwack
- November 13 – Burnaby
- November 14 - Squamish

For more information and to register by mail, fax or online, visit the Workshops page of the website.

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## 12. FOREST TECHNOLOGIST TRANSITIONAL POLICY

The deadline for submitting a membership application under the Forest Technologist Transitional Policy is **November 30, 2008**. It is important to note that applications received by our office by November 30<sup>th</sup> that are considered incomplete will not be accepted under the terms of this policy.

If you, or someone you know, is a forest technician with no diploma or a technologist with an unrecognized diploma and at least five (5) years of work experience in forest technology, this is the **final** chance to take advantage of the transitional provisions under this policy.

To determine if you are eligible to apply for membership as a conditional RFT under the revised *Forest Technologist Transitional Policy*, please visit the following links:

- **Forest Technologist Transitional Policy Document** To read the entire forest technologist transitional policy, please visit the Policies and Guidelines page of the website: [Policies and Guidelines](#)
- **RFT Transitional Policy FAQs** We have included frequently asked questions about the *Forest Technologist Transitional Policy*, as an easy reference guide to some common questions about the policy. To view the frequently asked questions document, visit the Policies and Guidelines page of the website: [Policies and Guidelines](#)
- **Do You Qualify?** If you are not clear whether your work experience qualifies you to apply under any category, please check the guidelines on scope of practice for Registered Forest Technologists. To view this document visit the Policies and Guidelines page of the website: [Policies and Guidelines](#)
- **RFT Membership Application** If after reviewing these documents you are still uncertain whether you qualify, please submit a complete application and the ABCFP will review your credentials. To submit an application for membership as a conditional RFT, please complete the form and submit it to us by **November 30, 2008**. The application is available on Application Forms page of the website: [Application Forms](#)
- **General Routes of Entry** Visit the Routes of Entry page of the website, to find out general information of becoming a Registered Forest Technologist. [Routes of Entry](#)

If you are a **Ministry of Forests and Range or BC Timber Sales** employee, you should contact:

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### **13. FOREST TECHNOLOGIST LIMITED LICENSE**

This temporary process is available to candidates who have a great deal of experience in a specific area of forest technology practice, but who don't meet the full scope of RFT practice requirements, to join the association while a permanent process is being developed. The Conditional Forest Technologist Limited Licence process sets out the guidelines that allow these technologists to join the ABCFP. The process is described on our website and we have posted a list of frequently asked questions to address the process:

[Conditional Forest Technologist Limited Licence: Frequently Asked Questions.](#) 

The deadline for submitting an application for Conditional Forest Technologist Limited License is **November 30, 2008**. It is important to note that applications received by our office by November 30<sup>th</sup> that are considered incomplete will not be accepted under the terms of this policy. The application is available on Application Forms page of the website: [Application Forms](#).

Visit the [Temporary Practice Permits](#) page (under the heading, Conditional Forest Technologist Limited License) for more information.

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### **14. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2009 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC**

Make 2009 the year to recognize forests in your town and nominate your community to be the 2009 Forest Capital of BC. This designation is an excellent way to get everyone involved in a year-long celebration of the important contributions forests make to your community. Every community in BC is eligible to be nominated. Visit the Forest Capital of BC page of the website for a nomination package and tips for making your bid a success.

**Nomination Deadline: November 14, 2008.** The winning community will be announced in December 2008 and carry the Forest Capital title from January 1 until December 31, 2009.

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### **15. HELP STEER BC FOREST PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINE**

The editorial board is looking for new members. If you would like to have the opportunity to provide advice and guidance on the content and production of **BC Forest Professional** magazine, please send a letter of interest to the editor.

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## 16. ABCFP AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year at ExpoFor, the ABCFP is pleased to present several awards to both members and non-members. You can nominate a worthy individual by visiting our website. **All nominations must be received by November 14, 2008.**

Members can be nominated for the following awards:

- Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year
- Distinguished Forest Professional
- Professional Forester of the Year and Forest Technologist of the Year.

Non-members can be nominated for the following awards:

- The ABCFP Honorary Membership
- The ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry.

The ABCFP is also pleased to present the following two awards jointly with fellow professional associations:

- The Bill Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Forest Management, sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Biologists of BC.
- The Forest Engineering Award of Excellence, sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.

For details on how to make a nomination, go to the Awards Nomination page of the website.

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## 17. SAVE WHEN YOU HIT THE SLOPES THIS SKI-SEASON!

The Forest Club brings you the following winter deal on skiing.

- **Whistler/Blackcomb** – Save up to 25%  
World class resort with over 8,000 acres of skiable terrain  
Save up to 40% on rentals!
- **Silver Star**, Vernon – Save up to 15%  
Okanagan's best place for powder one hour from Kelowna
- **Big White**, Kelowna – Save up to 15%  
Offers 118 runs and five powder bowls.
- **Sun Peaks**, Kamloops - Save 15%  
Nearly 4,000 skiable acres of terrain.

**You must order online between October 1 – November 21.**

You will receive your ski tickets in the mail the last week of November.

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## 18. ONLINE JOB BOARD – A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE

If your firm is looking for qualified and experienced professional foresters or forest technologists, be sure to post your position on the ABCFP Online Job Board or in **BC Forest Professional** magazine. Two-month online listings are only \$300 and are posted by the next business day. Visit the Post a Job Opportunity page on our website to post your listing online.

[Post a Job Opportunity](#)

There are currently 15 career listings on the Job Seekers page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

### [Job Seekers](#)

For more information, contact:

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## **19. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?**

If you have questions or comments about the items mentioned in this e-newsletter or other communications activities, please contact:

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