BC First Nations Forestry Caucus

2026

Agenda

November 18 & 19, 2026 | House of Ancestors (Uda Dune Baiyoh), Prince George

Opening Night Social

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Spruce Room | Courtyard by Marriott Prince George

Join us the evening before the Caucus for our Opening Social. Pick up your name badge and registration package early to skip the morning line, then reconnect with familiar faces and meet Nations from across BC.

DAY ONE | AM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 - 9:00 am — **Breakfast & Networking**

9:00 - 9:15 am

Welcome to Lheidli T'enneh Territory

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation opens the Caucus according to their cultural protocols, welcoming participants to their territory and setting the tone for our time together.

9:15 - 9:45 am

Why We're Gathering: Caucus Purpose and Goals

Lennard Joe

Lennard Joe, CEO of the Forestry Council, shares why we've come together, what the next two days look like, and how your input will shape the Council's policy priorities and recommendations to the Ministry of Forests.

9:45 - 10:00 am

Keynote Address: Mayor Garth Frizzell

Garth Frizzell

Mayor Garth Frizzell shares his priorities for Prince George and an overview of forestry in the city and surrounding region.

10:00 - 10:30 am

Task Force Recommendations: What Forest Sector Transformation Means for First Nations

Lennard Joe

Lennard Joe, a member of the Canadian Forest Sector Transformation Task Force, walks through the report's recommendations and what they could mean for First Nations leadership, priorities and economic participation in BC's forest sector.

10:30 - 10:45 am — **Break & Boarding Buses** | Attendees board the buses for the field tour

DAY ONE | PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | TOURS & NETWORKING

10:45 am - 2:00 pm



Field Tour

UNBC Enhanced Forestry Lab & Bioenergy Plant

Visit UNBC's Enhanced Forestry Lab and Bioenergy Plant to see forestry research and innovation up close. Lunch provided. Buses leave UNBC at 2:15 pm, one to the House of Ancestors and one to Lakeland Mills.

2:30 - 3:30 pm — **CHOOSE YOUR AFTERNOON**



OPTION 1

Lakeland Mills Tour

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

Sinclar Group

An optional tour of Sinclar Group's Lakeland Mills offers a look at a working sawmill in action. Limited to 45 participants. Buses return to the House of Ancestors by 4:15 pm. Sign-up required.

2:30 - 4:15 pm



OPTION 2

Networking Session

House of Ancestors

Connect with fellow attendees back at the House of Ancestors.

4:15 - 4:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Dan Macmaster

Dan Macmaster gives a brief recap of the day's discussions, followed by closing announcements and an overview of the next day's program.

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DAY TWO | AM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 - 9:00 am	**Breakfast & Networking**
8:45 - 9:00 am	**Breakfast Address: Regional Chief Terry Teegee** **Terry Teegee** Terry Teegee, Regional Chief of the BC Assembly of First Nations, addresses participants over breakfast.
9:00 - 9:15 am	**What We Heard and What's Ahead** **Lennard Joe** Lennard Joe reflects on the key themes from Day 1, why they matter, and what is planned for Day 2.
9:15 - 9:45 am	**Stronger Together: Introducing the First Nations Tenure Collective** **Dan Macmaster & Klay Tindall** Dan Macmaster and Klay Tindall introduce the proposed First Nations Tenure Collective, a way for Nations to share knowledge, tackle common barriers, strengthen pathways to tenure and speak with a stronger shared voice on the future of forest tenure in BC.
9:45 - 10:15 am	**The Kitsumkalum Story** **Troy Sam** Chief Councillor Troy Sam shares Kitsumkalum's forestry journey, from tenure history and the success of Kalum Ventures Ltd. to today's challenges with stumpage, cutting permits, fibre access and treaty settlement lands, and what it will take to bring back local sawmills and jobs.
10:15 - 10:30 am	**Break** | Refreshments available
10:30 - 11:00 am	**Forest Landscape Planning: A New Toolkit & Community of Practice** **Jeremy Boyd & Dennis MacDonald** Jeremy Boyd and Dennis MacDonald introduce the Forest Landscape Planning Toolkit, built by First Nations for First Nations, and the FLP Community of Practice, a space for all Nations involved in FLPs to connect, share experiences and identify common priorities and support needs.
11:00 - 11:30 am	**Three-Zone Forestry Model Table Talks: What It Could Mean for Your Territory** **Mike Goold & Frank Joe** The 3-zone forest model and similar models have been discussed since the 1990s. Recently, the provincial government has expressed renewed interest in pursuing the 3-zone model (Working Forest Landscape Model). Mike Goold and Frank Joe lead a discussion that builds on recent modernization initiatives in BC forestry that propose to organize public forest lands into three broad management zones: Working Forest, Multiple Use, and Conservation and Protection. Explore what this could mean for your lands and waters, how they are used, and how it fits with Forest Landscape Plans and your own Nation's planning and land use decisions.

DAY TWO | PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

11:30 am - 12:00 pm	**From Wildfire to Fuel: First Nations Opportunities in Bioenergy** **Percy Guichon & Daniel Persson** Percy Guichon and Daniel Persson of Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation share how a Tsilhqot'in-owned company is turning burnt forests into biomass and bioenergy, reducing wildfire risk while creating jobs and value, and what it takes to build viable biomass markets.
12:00 - 12:15 pm	**Break: Grab Lunch** | Return to your table for a lunch and learn
12:15 - 1:00 pm	**Developing First Nations Fire Crews and an Emergency Response Network** **Chad Thomas** Chad Thomas, Director of Aboriginal Land Protection Services, shares how First Nations-led wildfire crews in Tahltan and Kaska territories are protecting remote northern communities with local knowledge. Through two short videos and a presentation, explore his vision for a First Nations fire crew network and the policy reform needed to support it, then join an open discussion on building crews, securing funding and strengthening emergency response in your Nation.
1:00 - 1:45 pm	**Where to From Here: First Nations Ownership Models and Economic Development** **Lennard Joe** Lennard Joe looks at emerging opportunities for First Nations ownership models, investment and value-added forestry, including stranded assets, economic clusters, and what Nations need to turn opportunities into viable projects.
1:45 - 2:45 pm	**Wildfire Table Talks: Before, During and After the Fire** **Daniel Persson, Andrea Lyall & Klay Tindall** Share your experiences and priorities across three stages of wildfire. Daniel Persson of Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation opens with prevention and risk reduction, Andrea Lyall leads adapting after fire, and Klay Tindall covers emergency response and fire crew mobilization. Each short presentation leads into table discussions on projects, barriers, relationships with BC Wildfire Service and First Nations' Emergency Services, and the support your community needs.
2:45 - 3:00 pm	**Closing Reflections and Next Steps** **Lennard Joe** Lennard Joe reflects on what we heard over two days, the key themes and priorities raised, and next steps for working together, including a save-the-date for the next BC First Nations Forestry Conference.