



**Interior Lumber
Manufacturers'
Association**

“Right Log to the Right Mill” Strength in Local Business & Communities

Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board Meeting

May 18, 2017

Revelstoke BC





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“CSRD June 16, 2016 Board Meeting”

- Who ILMA are & what we contribute to our communities
- Fiber access concerns; falling supply; forest policy resulting in consolidation of industry where 4-5 majors have monopoly & control forest resource
- Shrinking access to fiber has put our members into survival mode
- Our solution do more with less “Right Log to the Right Mill”
- We asked for support & received it unanimously across all 5 regional district areas (KBRD; CKRD; EKRD; CSRD; TNRD)
- Your support is instrumental in making government listen





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“Resolution You Endorsed”

At the July 21, 2016 regular meeting of the CSRD Board, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS High Value Forest Product producers represent a crucial component of the local economy in the Columbia Shuswap Regional District & associated Southern Interior Regions & Who's future are seriously at risk because of unintended consequences associated with historical forest policy decisions combined with environmental outcomes resulting in dramatic reductions in provincial Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) from the Mountain Pine Beetle or other environmental constraints.

BE IT RESOLVED the Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board fully supports the request for the provincial government to take immediate action to encourage and incent the distribution of existing provincial timber supply to optimize the "Right Log To The Right Mill" ensuring maximum opportunity for economic growth & the creation of jobs.





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“Update Since Then”

- ILMA pursues survival strategy; local govt. support pursued; 75+ Associate members signed up; actions being determined
- CANFOR closes Canal Flats mill; Tolko closes Merritt mill 100's local jobs lost (400+ direct & many indirect)
- Wynndel Box now CANFOR
- Chief Forester making AAC determinations (AAC will decline)
- ILMA document “Making British Columbia’s Forest Economic Engine Great”
- Meetings; RD Chairs/Minister Thomsen @ UBCM; ILMA met Premiere, Ministers, Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, NDP Caucus & many action groups
- Soft Wood Lumber Agreement shadow over all





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“Update Since Then”

- Ministry/ILMA Committees work: BCTS pilot project; changes to export policies; incentives for majors to trade more high quality logs; specialty manufacture champion in government
- Wood Secretariat created from Provincial Value Added Action Plan:
 1. Promote the Value Added & Specialty Wood Manufacturing sector's competitiveness & growth
 2. Support the implementation of the Competitiveness Agenda Value Added Action Plan
 3. Engage in high level strategic discussions & provide recommendations to government on emerging Value Added & Specialty Wood Manufacturing sectors & initiatives.
 4. Coordinate & provide recommendations to resolve operational & competitiveness issues that are provincial in scope.
 5. Provide & initiate input on proposed policy & legislative changes





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“We Need Your Ongoing Support”

- Despite all this work, no tangible has been delivered with respect to increased fiber with exception of increased priority inside government
- Your ongoing support requested, insist government place highest priority on increasing “High Value” product production and Independent manufacturing provincially “Right Log to the Right Mill”
- Request Premiere put specific objective in Ministers Mandate letter when elected
- We need specialty manufacturing & independent companies in our forest industry to grow jobs & prosperity in our communities to replace those lost in the primary lumber sector





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Questions?

