

REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

Name of Person or Organization:	GORDON BERGSTROM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOUTHERN INTERIOR BEETLE ACTION COALITION
Topic of Discussion:	UPDATE ON SIBAC'S ACTIVITIES
Purpose of Presentation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting Support <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide details) <u>Note:</u> A letter outlining the Request or the Information must accompany the Delegation Request form.
Contact Information:	Address: PO Box 3006 KAMLOUS, BC V2C 6B7 Phone Number: 250-371-1106 Email Address: GORDON@bc.ruralcentre.org
Meeting Date Requested:	APRIL 20 TH

Presentation Materials- Delegation Request forms and Supporting documentation **are due** to Corporate Administration Services for the agenda package **by 9am on the Tuesday one full week before the meeting**. If you wish to include a PowerPoint presentation within the Board Agenda package, in order to provide an opportunity for the Board members to review the information prior to the Board meeting date, please submit it by 9am Tuesday, prior to the meeting. Alternately, a PowerPoint presentation may be made at the Board meeting, provided you have supplied it to the CSRD offices at least three days prior to the actual meeting (the Monday prior to the meeting).

Send your completed **Request to Appear as a Delegation Form** to:

Columbia Shuswap Regional District
 Attention: Deputy Manager of Corporate Administration
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 or to: PO Box 978, Salmon Arm BC V1E 4P1
 or via Fax: 250-832-3375

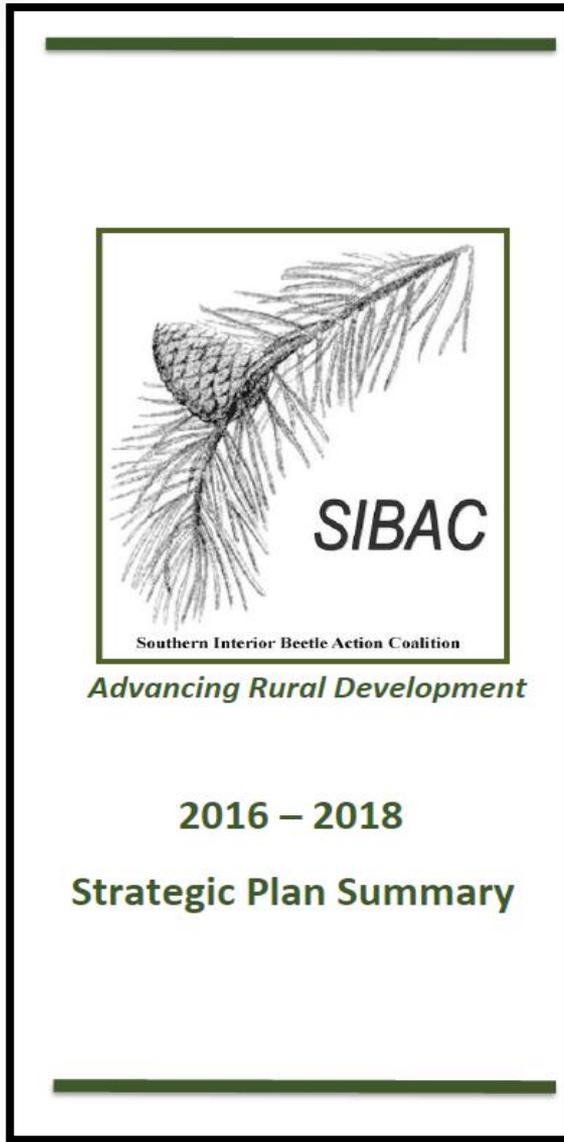


Advancing Rural Development

Strategic Plan 2016 - 2018

Progress Update to Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board

April 20, 2017



3 Key Roles:

1.) *Serve as an effective voice on rural issues.*

SIBAC will continue to encourage and facilitate rural dialogue and promote the development of policies and programs that support rural communities.

2.) *Connect rural communities to resources.*

SIBAC will help rural communities, leaders and organizations identify successful rural development tools and initiatives and facilitate information sharing between rural and First Nations communities.

3.) *Act as an effective catalyst and intermediary organization to advance rural development in BC.*

SIBAC will develop, support and lead key strategic projects and initiatives that create new tools that will assist a large number of rural communities and regions.

Key Projects & Initiatives for 2016 to 2018

- **Continue to research and promote new rural initiatives and policies**
- **Host workshops/webinars on rural topics**
- **Complete research on Community Land Trusts & Rural Housing**
- **Facilitate development of local rural investment funds**
- **Lead the development of a Rural Intern project**
- **Organize and host Keeping it Rural 2017**

Key Achievements – 2016

- **Presentations on new SIBAC Strategic Plan to SIBAC Member organizations and others.**
- **Advertising and Hiring for two SIBAC staff positions**
- **Community Land Trusts & Housing Reports**
- **Helping establish a community controlled investment cooperative in Creston**
- **Planning for our Keeping it Rural 2017 Conference**
- **Developing structure and materials for a new communications platform – BC Rural Centre**



Inspire → Share Tools → Cultivate Capacity → Facilitate Action

- **Highly interactive communications platform to stimulate discussion and share useful information on rural issues.**
- **Intent is to create and distribute valuable information, resources and tools that will help rural leaders and residents address some of their rural development challenges.**
- **Will make extensive use of videos, podcasts, internet resources, and written reports to highlight and document rural success stories from across North America.**



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Okanagan-Similkameen region



Welcome to the BC Rural Centre

These are daunting — and exciting — times to live and work in rural BC. We know it's hard to stay in touch across our province's vast distances. And how difficult it is to remain connected. Because of this, it's easy to assume we're on our own.

We want to help change that. We're dedicated to helping rural communities and First Nations find practical, innovative solutions to their challenges, and identify opportunities for sustainable, responsible rural growth. We're committed to keeping you informed. And to provide you with support and inspiration.

You'll find a great deal of timely, useful, constantly changing rural-centric information & inspiration here, ranging from engaging videos & podcasts, to thoughtful case studies and policy papers. We'll be bringing you outstanding rural thought & action leaders through webinars and conferences. And signing up for our regular rural newsletter is easy.

We're proud to be rural British Columbians — and we want to help you and your community succeed. Thanks for visiting — and we'd love to hear from you!

Rural News



Should Rural British Columbians Accept Sub-Par Emergency Services?

In this CBC News report (including the full podcast interview), BC's February 4, 2017 Forest Safety Ombudsman Roger Harris says "many in charge think people in rural areas 'made a choice' to get worse

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Some Canadian Towns Give Away Land to Attract New Residents

Large parts of Canada were settled thanks to government policies February 4, 2017 of giving out free land to anyone willing to show up and farm it. And although the federal government largely

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Rural Success Stories



Harrop-Procter Community Forest shines February 3, 2017 - This article by Virginia Rasch excerpted from Kootenay Business highlights the Harrop-Procter Community Forest, one of the most innovative community forestry initiatives in the country. From conflict comes success. That's the

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Featured Video



Seabird Island First Nation showcases its capacity for partnerships January 30, 2017 - The Seabird Island community is well positioned within British Columbia with natural beauty, abundant natural

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Mobilizing Local Capital

There is a need to increase the rates of business creation and expansion in many rural regions of the province. Lack of access to capital is often cited as a major barrier to rural business development. However, experience in other jurisdictions has clearly shown that when given an opportunity, rural residents want to invest in their communities.

Recognizing this need, SIBAC is undertaking two major initiatives. First, SIBAC is continuing to encourage the BC provincial government to create a BC equivalent of the extremely successful Nova Scotia CEDIF program. Second, SIBAC has committed resources to help create at least three rural investment cooperatives in the Southern Interior by the end of 2018.

If you are interested in establishing a rural investment cooperative in your community please contact Gordon@bcrruralcentre.org



Success Stories

What Is It About Sangudo? This rural town is getting a new lease on life. Can yours, too? (PDF)

Presentations

- Paul Cabaj, of the Alberta Community & Co-Operative Association on "Unleashing Local Capital" (video)
- Paul Cabaj, of the Alberta Community & Co-Operative Association on "Unleashing Local Capital" (PPT)
- Chris Payne, of Nova Scotia's Community Economic Development Investment Funds (video)
- Chris Payne, of Nova Scotia's Community Economic Development Investment Funds (PPT)

Documents

- Mobilizing Rural Investment Capital* (SIBAC — PDF)
- Enabling Community Investment policy brief* (Vancouver Island Community Investment Fund — PDF)
- Enabling Local Investing in Alberta: The Role of Community Economic Development Investment Funds, or CEDIFs* (PDF)

Key Links

- Christina Lake Community Venture Capital Corporation (BC)
- Creston & District Community Investment Co-Op (BC)
- Knives and Forks Community Investment Co-Op (BC)
- Unleashing Local Capital: Alberta Community and Co-Operative Association (Alberta)
- FarmWorks Investment Cooperative (Nova Scotia)
- New Dawn Investment Local (Nova Scotia)



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Forestry

While forestry remains an important industry in British Columbia, its evolution, driven by a number of factors including technological change and industry consolidation has led to an overall drop in sector employment, and economic hardship in many rural BC communities traditionally highly dependent on forestry operations for tax revenues and employment. While there are no easy fixes, the emergence of **Community Forests** — locally owned and controlled forest tenures — may prove at least a partial solution for communities looking to stimulate economic activity and exert more control over their immediate environments.



Success Stories

Valemount Community Forest to spur economic opportunity in the Robson Valley

Have sawmill, will travel — Lower North Thompson Community Forest (PDF)

Presentations

Harrop-Procter Community Forest (podcast)

An interview with "Community Forestry in Canada" editor, Prof. Sara Teitelbaum (podcast)

Documents

Growing the BC Interior — Value-Added Wood Sector (a SIBAC report) (PDF)

Valemount Community Forest case study (PDF)

Likely-Xatsull Community Forest case study (PDF)

Harrop-Procter Community Forest case study

SIBAC Area Based Tenure Consultation Submission (PDF)

Key Links

BC Community Forest Association

Lower North Thompson Community Forest

Harrop-Procter Community Forest

Westbank Community Forest

Thank You

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Keeping it Rural

2017 Conference

SOUTHERN INTERIOR BEETLE ACTION COALITION

CONFERENCE NOTICE

Please join us June 20th & June 21st 2017 in Kelowna for two days of amazing presentations and workshops on rural community development.

*The Conference will run from **8:30 AM** Tues June 20th to **4:30 PM** Weds June 21st*

Keynote Speakers include:

- ❖ **Peter Kenyon** (Australia) Peter is an internationally recognized expert in small town renewal, youth empowerment and Asset Based Community development. Over the past four decades, Peter has worked with over 2000 communities across the world. In 1991, Peter created the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. to share successful community development stories and tools. www.bankofideas.com.au
- ❖ **Maggie Donin** (Vermont) Maggie is the Beginning Farmer Specialist with the Intervale Center. Created in 1988, the Intervale Center is now a globally recognized leader in agriculture sector and local food development. Maggie will be speaking on Intervale's amazing accomplishments in preserving farms - and developing a new generation of farmers – in Vermont. www.intervale.org
- ❖ **John Davis** (Minnesota) John is the Executive Director of Lanesboro Arts. Come learn how Lanesboro (pop. 754) economically revitalized itself into a thriving destination arts community – reversing population decline and creating local jobs www.lanesboroarts.org/about/lanesboro
- ❖ **Nils Christofferson** (Oregon) Nils is the Executive Director of Wallowa Resources. Nils will present on how Wallowa Resources is working to enhance stewardship and create greater economic development opportunities from the natural resources in Wallowa County. www.wallowaresources.org

Please register for the conference on-line at www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2017/SIBAC

The Conference will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Kelowna Airport Hotel.
A limited number of rooms are available for a conference rate of \$159/night plus taxes.
For reservations, please call 1-855-900-5505 and request the “SIBAC” group block rate.

Please check the SIBAC BC Rural Centre website for updates about the conference
www.bcruralcentre.org/current-projects/keeping-rural-conference/2017-conference.