

# **The Importance of First Nations Partnerships in BC's Forest Sector**

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# Where We Are

- A new government in Victoria with an ambitious platform.
- New expectations; and some uncertainty.
- But an opportunity to develop a renewed framework of how industry, First Nations and the Provincial government work together.

# Aligning Our Vision for a Strong Forest Economy

- First Nations are seeking human well-being and certainty for their communities through long-term tenure and fairer revenue sharing.
- The industry is seeking fibre certainty and opportunities for investment.
- The BC Government is seeking a strong, sustainable and innovative economy.

***Maintaining the status quo doesn't meet anyone's needs.***

# But There Are Challenges

- Shrinking AAC.
  - Beetle uplifts are gone.
  - Wildfires have impacted interior timber supply.
  - Land use planning has reduced the timber harvesting land base.

# Working Together for Success for Everyone

- Government support for First Nations and Industry collaboration: B2Bs, co-charting and joint planning.
- First Nations access to long-term volume opportunities to build economically viable forest businesses year over year.
- Greater revenue sharing for First Nations to invest in forestry, build capacity, and address human well-being needs.
- Government and industry forestry expertise to support First Nation decision making on stewardship, timber supply analysis, planning & operations, marketing, etc.

# What Success Looks Like

- A forest sector comprised of Industry, First Nations and Government that delivers:
  - A better way forward for ***First Nations***... path to reconciliation and partners in a successful forest sector.
  - The social foundation for ***government and communities***... employment, taxes and infrastructure.
  - Predictable access to fair-priced fibre for ***business***... to run and invest in profitable operations.