

Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Fast Facts

Popular Landmarks

Bulkley Valley Nordic Center
Northeast Slopes Trail Network
Aldrich (Loon) Lake
Dennis Lake
Glacier Gulch
Hudson Bay Mountain
Silvern Lakes

Board of Directors

Gary Hanson –representing the Town of Smithers
Colin Macleod – representing the Village of Telkwa
David de Wit – representing the Office of the Wet'suwet'en
Dave Jacobs – representing Northern Engineered Wood Products
Mark Steynen - representing the community-at-large
Allan Cormier- representing the community-at-large
Lorelei Smaha – representing the community-at-large

Commercial Tree Species found in the Community Forest

Lodgepole pine
Spruce
Sub-alpine fir
Western hemlock



Contribution to the Local Economy

- In 2015-16, over \$3,100,000 was spent by Wetzin'kwa in the local economy through contracts to local companies who provided forest management, road construction, logging, log hauling, seedling production, tree planting, and forest health services.
- In 2015-16, approximately \$98,500 in stumpage was paid to the provincial government.
- In 2014-2015, \$150,000 was distributed to local non profit groups through Wetzin'kwa's Community Grant and Enhanced Stewardship programs
- 100% of the logs and fibre harvested from the community forests were used by manufacturers from Smithers to Burns Lake including local log builders, as well

Background Information

- As early as 1993, local government officials were seeking options to create a community controlled forest management business.
- Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation (Wetzin'kwa) was granted a Community Forest Agreement (Licence # K2P) in 2007.
- "Wetzin'kwa refers to the Bulkley/Morice Rivers and "means "flowing blue green or clear waters" in the Wet'suwet'en people's language.
- Area of Community Forest Licence = 32,897 ha
- Every hectare of area Wetzin'kwa has logged has been planted or is scheduled for planting.

Timber and Fibre Harvest

- Since the community forest's inception in 2007, Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation harvested approximately 610,000 m³ of timber (consist of mainly Mountain Pine Beetle damaged and extreme risk stands)

