

Clinton Community Forest

As we begin a new year and finish what has been a year to remember I would like to start out 2018 on a positive note. There were numerous commitments made both in the application for the Community Forest and the Management Plan. Many of these commitments have a direct impact on the social and economic well being of the community of Clinton and the surrounding areas. The operation of a Community Forest is not just about harvesting but providing long-term benefits to the community. The following list details some of the operational, social and financial accomplishments made since the awarding of the Community Forest in 2014. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish the Community a happy and prosperous New Year.

Clinton Community Forest Accomplishments

- \$8500.00 given out in Donations
- \$4000.00 awarded in Bursaries
- Successfully completed a Full Financial Audit
- Paid off \$65,000.00 of debt incurred for start-up costs
- Debt free with over \$200,000.00 in CFA account
- Established a Community Forest Website on the Clinton Village website
- Donated 2 logging truck (73 pick-up) loads of firewood to the community
- Harvested 25,000m³ of timber in 2015/16
- Have 2 approved Cutting Permits and 25,000m³ ready to harvest
- Have 2 completed Cutting Permits at referral stage with approximately 100,000m³
- Completed and approved 5 Community Forest Policies which are posted on the website
- Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) completed and submitted for approval
- Purchased over \$5000.00 of fire equipment to be shared with Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Provided 10 loads of timber for a small local post and rail manufacturer
- Planted 7800 fir seedlings at CP 001, Kay Creek
- Promoted public awareness through annual meetings, website and articles in Lariat
- Established information sharing and employment with First Nations
- Salvaged the remaining economically viable Mountain Pine Beetle stands
- Continue to prioritize harvesting towards stands impacted by insects, disease and fire
- Carried out preventative road maintenance to minimize potential erosion from recent wildfire
- Provided local employment and established a local Contractor Registry
- Full compliance with government acts and regulations
- Developed Safety Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for logging operation