

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

Welcome to the Fall issue of *Truck LoggerBC* magazine. In the wake of another devastating and record-breaking wildfire season, you'll find two relevant articles in this issue—the safety report on page 20 provides insight to potential risks for workers, and a feature article on page 51 highlights the need for action for fireproofing our communities.

Earlier this summer, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development announced a new Coast Revitalization Initiative; on page 28 we provide a perspective of what it is all about, and on page 30, is an article about the unintended consequences should this initiative result in policy changes.

With the recent controversial media coverage suggesting that BC's old growth forests need to be protected further and that old growth logging be banned completely, this issue includes an article that sets the record straight about how much of BC's old growth is already protected, and the potential impact on the forest industry if it was no longer logged.

For contractors and/or business owners, if you have not already considered having a crisis communications plan on hand in the event an issue arises on your worksite, you'll find the article on page 36 about the importance of following a plan helpful with understanding why you should have one.

This issue also includes an article on page 54 about Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest, a well-managed community forest model between three partners, Yale First Nation, Fraser Valley Regional District and District of Hope.

Information about the 2019 76th Convention & Trade Show from January 16-18 can be found on page 40 & 41, including the "All-Inclusive" registration package and single or 3-day passes, as well as this year's highlights, including favourite annual events and sessions covering the industry's hot topics.

I hope you find this issue insightful and informative. If you have any feedback or comments, please contact Jennifer Kramer, director of communications at 604-684-4291 ext. 2 or Jennifer@tla.ca



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