

MCLEOD LAKE MACKENZIE COMMUNITY FOREST



Date: June 1, 2023

Attn: District of Mackenzie (Mayor & Council and Staff)

Sent by email to: info@district.mackenzie.bc.ca

Announcing: The MLMCF is Hosting the BC Community Forest Association Conference and AGM in June, 2024

Dear District of Mackenzie Staff, Mayor Atkinson and Councillors Hipkiss, Barnes, Brumovsky, Tapper, Wright and McMeekan

The McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest is excited to announce that we will be hosting the BC Community Forest Association's Conference and AGM in June of 2024. This 3 day event will draw ~ 250 to 300 participants to field trips on Wednesday, the Conference on Thursday and an AGM Friday morning - exact dates to be finalized soon.

Our Board of Directors and staff are proud to showcase our accomplishments and our partnering communities; the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the District of Mackenzie. The event will be attended by delegates from BC's 60 Community Forests held by 100 rural and indigenous communities with populations averaging 4,000 people – akin to Mackenzie. There will also be significant numbers of government representatives, researchers and providers attending. Our intention is for the participants to leave with an impression of Mackenzie and area as a great place to live and work or visit.

Clearly, this is a big event and in the coming months we will be soliciting sponsorship support from companies and organizations within our communities and beyond. Financial and in-kind support will help make the event a success.

We have formed a BC CFA Host Planning Committee led and chaired by our Administrator Cherri Carlson (admin@mlmcf.ca):

- Financial / Sponsorship – Jim Atkinson
- Guest Services Accommodation / Registration – Amber Hipkiss
- Catering / Silent Auction – Tania Solonas
- Field Trips / Recreation – Dan Boulianne

Once specific needs are determined we may contact your organization for some relevant support or feel free to contact one of the Committee members if you have an idea to make this event a success.

It is our sincere hope that we can count on our communities to help make this a memorable and impactful event.

Sincerely,

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