

# President's Report by Carrie Saxifrage

**CCFC's activities organized by its organizational mission statement:** 1) To work in partnership with the Klahoose First Nation; 2) To conserve forest habitat for other species and preserve options for future generations; 3) To generate sustainable economic opportunities for our community.

## 1. Mission: To work in partnership with the Klahoose First Nation.

- Acknowledge that the Klahoose First Nation generously chose to share the community forest tenure on equal terms with the non-native community.
- To understand that we are a logging enterprise and we need to be a financially viable and successful enterprise
- To be proud of our accomplishments together
- CCFC reps to Partnership board: Bruce Ellingsen, Aaron Ellingsen, Carrie Saxifrage

## 2. Mission: To conserve forest habitat for other species and preserve options for future generations.

- Ground-truthing: Our best source of data (wood volume, growing conditions, etc.) is the provincial government. How accurate is the provincial data?
  - Completion of multiyear project in 12/20.
  - Volunteer gathered field data is based on very small samples, so it gives a rough idea of the accuracy of the VRI.
  - For practical purposes, the timber supply analysis is within ballpark, +/- 10%.
  - Andrea Lang has entered provincial data into Windows for Woodlots – modeling and analysis to follow in 2022
  - Impacts of climate change of rate of forest growth not included in provincial data or forecasts
    - Adaptive Management
      - Use new information as it is made available
      - Request for Cortes to be used for carbon modeling data
      - Fire mitigation strategies – Mark Lombard
    - Doing our best within the current system:
      - Establish permanent sample plots to determine Cortes Mean Annual Increment
      - Review forest modeling with the CFGP Board
      - Present forest modeling at the 2022 AGM

3. Mission: To generate sustainable economic opportunities for our community.

- No one wants to see raw logs go off island and Cortes residents needs ways to make good livings
- Opportunity:
  - Wood workers can choose their wood and avoid the cost of bringing raw material onto the island
  - High quality 2<sup>nd</sup> growth Doug-fir and hemlock
  - Posts, beams
  - Great backstory for marketing
- Challenges:
  - Building value-added industries using community forest wood is up to individuals - the entrepreneurs and investors who will benefit
- How CCFC can help:
  - By providing business education opportunities
    - Making It On Cortes 2.0 (zoom) March 6. 2021 30 participants
    - Organizer: ☼ Manda Aufochs Gillespie ☼
    - Co-sponsors: Folk U and Cortes Community Economic Development Association ☼
    - Keynote Speaker: ☼ Chief Kevin Peacey ☼
    - Skill education offered:
      - How to use social media to build your business
      - Book-keeping for small businesses
      - How to identify goals, establish objectives, create indicators of success
      - A business plan template and how to use it
  - By providing branding and marketing support:
  - New CFGP Logo:



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ISLAND  
COMMUNITY  
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RECONCILE • SUSTAIN • GROW

- Wood products tag:



In Sum:

The community forest is reconciliation in action, responsible for sustainable management of about one third of the island. Great opportunities exist for entrepreneurs to create value added products. This would help fulfill the island's long held aspirations. It is a complex, multigenerational endeavor with many challenges ahead. It's success will determine the island's ecological health and economic opportunities for generations.