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# Deep Roots. Strong Communities.

2019 Regional Supply Chain Study



## ABOUT THE STUDY

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The study was conducted by iTOTEM Technologies Ltd., an Indigenous-affiliated business based in Vancouver.







## Deeply Rooted in B.C.'s Communities

The forest industry has been a cornerstone of British Columbia's economy for over 100 years.

Thousands of British Columbians in communities across the province continue to rely on the forest industry for their livelihoods through employment at mills, wood products and pulp and paper manufacturing facilities, silviculture, logging operations and more.

The industry directly employs workers in a diverse range of occupations – from foresters, environmental scientists, engineers, administrators and software developers to maintenance supervisors, mechanics and trade specialists.

B.C.'s forest industry also supports indirect jobs, with thousands of small, medium and Indigenous-affiliated businesses and organizations providing goods and services to the industry. Together, B.C. forest industry activities are helping stimulate the economies of hundreds of urban and rural communities across the province and providing a better quality of life for workers and families.

## FOREST INDUSTRY SUPPORTS BRITISH COLUMBIANS



- **More than 100,000 direct and indirect jobs** throughout the province



- Represents **1 in 5 jobs** in B.C.'s northern interior
- **40%** of forestry jobs in B.C. are located in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland



- **Highest** Indigenous participation of any resource sector



- **\$4 billion** annually in funding for public services like healthcare and education through direct payments to governments



- Nearly **\$13 billion** contribution to provincial GDP

# Forestry's Economic Reach is Like No Other Industry in B.C.

## 2019 Regional Supply Chain Study – What We Found

The *2019 Regional Supply Chain Study* demonstrates that B.C.'s forest industry has an extensive supply chain and purchases goods and services from local suppliers in every corner of the province.

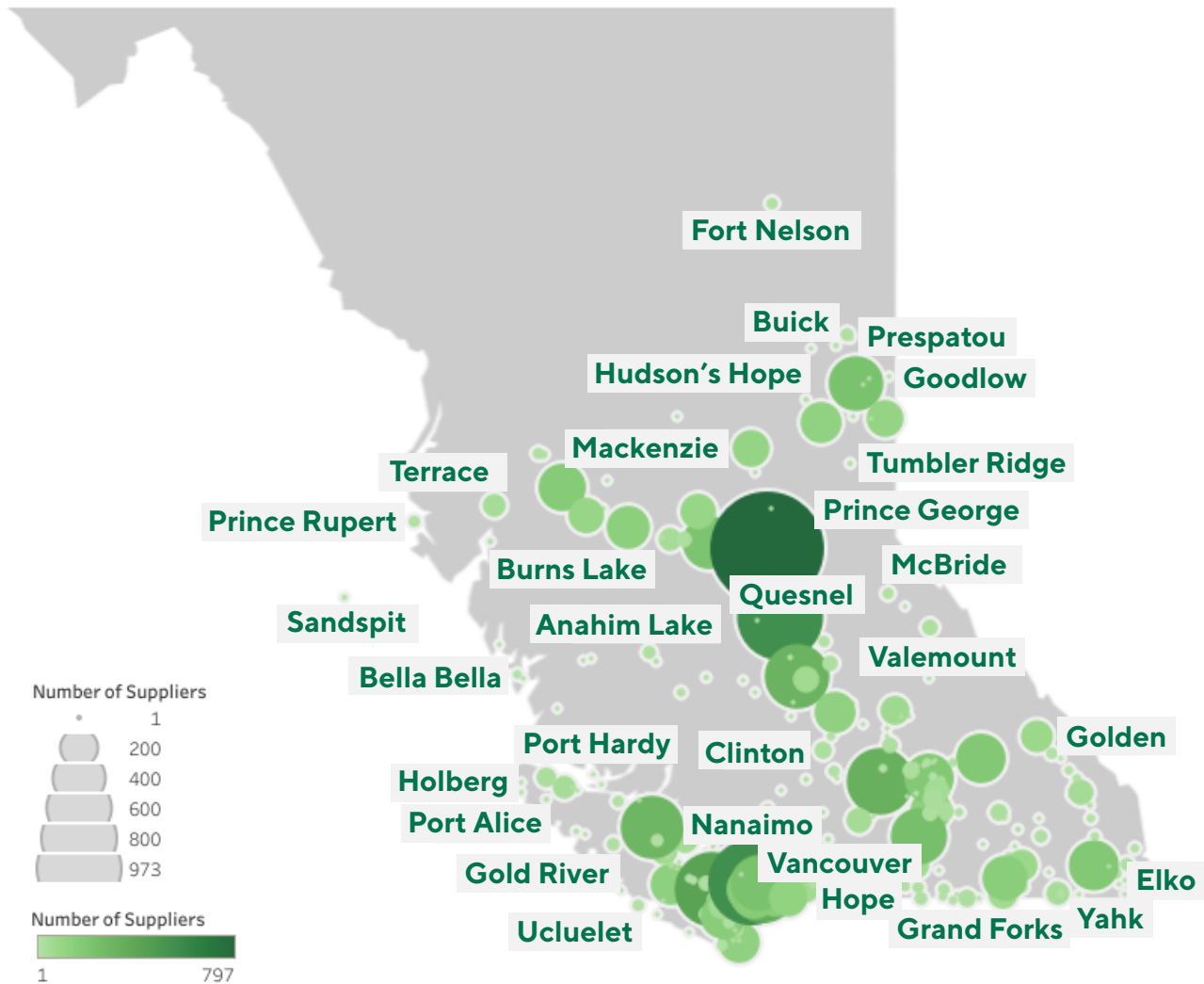
Suppliers serving the forest industry range from manufacturers designing, producing and servicing parts for the equipment used in mills and logging operations to urban-based tech companies developing cutting-edge digital solutions to improve harvesting and tree planting and regeneration processes. Companies offering services like administration, janitorial and catering services are also thriving in communities across the province because of B.C.'s forest industry.

It's clear that the economic reach and impact the industry has on communities is significant.

In 2019, nearly **9,900 suppliers** from more than **340 communities**, and **120 Indigenous Nations and organizations** provided **\$7 billion worth of goods and services** to B.C.'s forest industry.



# ACTIVE SUPPLIERS SERVING B.C. FOREST INDUSTRY BY REGION



Across the province, people in communities large and small, and urban and rural, benefited economically from forestry. Suppliers in **Vancouver** provided almost **\$1 billion worth of goods and services** from the industry, while suppliers in **Vanderhoof** delivered a staggering **\$185 million of goods and services** to the industry in 2019.

## HIGHEST INDUSTRY SPEND ON SUPPLIERS

### TOP 10 MUNICIPALITIES

MUNICIPALITY	SPEND
Vancouver	\$978 M
Prince George	\$718 M
Campbell River	\$253 M
Quesnel	\$227 M
Surrey	\$211 M
Duncan	\$191 M
Nanaimo	\$191 M
Vanderhoof	\$184 M
Kamloops	\$166 M
Richmond	\$152 M



## HIGHEST NUMBER OF SUPPLIERS

### TOP 10 MUNICIPALITIES

MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF SUPPLIERS
Prince George	970
Vancouver	560
Quesnel	560
Nanaimo	420
Surrey	360
Kamloops	340
Williams Lake	320
Campbell River	300
Kelowna	240
Fort St. John	230



↑ City of Prince George

## Driving the Economy of B.C.'s Urban Centres

The forest industry may traditionally be associated with rural areas, but the economies of urban centres like Nanaimo, Kamloops, Prince George and Metro Vancouver municipalities also depend on a strong and vibrant industry supply chain. Many of B.C.'s forestry supply companies are headquartered in the Lower Mainland.

Benefits generated by the industry in B.C.'s urban centres include:

- **\$2 billion** worth of goods and services procured from **2,100 businesses** located across **19 municipalities** in Metro Vancouver.
- **\$1.2 billion** worth of goods and services contracted from **1,600 suppliers** on **Vancouver Island** last year, with many supply businesses located in urban centres. **More than 420 local businesses in Nanaimo** provided goods and services to the industry, making it home to the most forestry suppliers on Vancouver Island.
- **Prince George** had the greatest number of forestry suppliers at **970**.
- **Over 550 businesses** from **Kelowna** and **Kamloops** supported the industry – equivalent to a combined **\$220 million** in forestry supply chain spend.

Metro Vancouver is a diverse collection of urban centres relying on the forest industry, providing jobs in a variety of areas, such as technology, communications, insurance, law, parts and equipment manufacturing, and distribution and transportation.



**People and businesses in Metro Vancouver  
depend on a strong and vibrant forest  
industry supply chain.**



## SPEND AND NUMBER OF SUPPLIERS IN METRO VANCOUVER

### BY MUNICIPALITIES

Municipality	Spend	Number of Industry Suppliers
Vancouver	\$978 M	560
Surrey	\$211 M	360
Richmond	\$152 M	160
Burnaby	\$142 M	230
Delta	\$103 M	170
Langley	\$80 M	150
North Vancouver	\$79 M	100
Abbotsford	\$68 M	110
New Westminster	\$54 M	40
Port Coquitlam	\$52 M	60
Port Moody	\$23 M	10
Coquitlam	\$16 M	90
Maple Ridge	\$13 M	70
Aldergrove	\$8 M	10
West Vancouver	\$6 M	20
Pitt Meadows	\$2 M	20
White Rock	\$100 K	5
Bowen Island	\$70 K	5
Annacis Island	\$20 K	5



## **B.C.'s Forest Industry – Anchoring Innovation and Technology Hubs**

British Columbia's urban centres are globally recognized as dynamic technology and innovation hubs, many of which provide forest industry companies with the tools and technology they need to do things better, safer and more sustainably.

Urban Centres & Technology:  
Supplier Spotlight

### **FYBR Solutions**



#### **Supplier Description**

FYBR, a Vancouver-based company, is pioneering the integration of drone aerial intelligence, digital software and big data analytics to produce on-demand assessments of B.C.'s wood fibre inventory and sustainable forest operations from standing tree through regeneration and at the mill.

#### **Innovation in B.C.'s Forest Sector Value Chain**

FYBR's technology is widely used across the province. Their success here at home has allowed them to scale up with their innovative solutions now being applied globally.

The platform creates a single integrated data set, giving communities, Indigenous communities, industry and other partners access to the same information, allowing for better dialogue and decision-making. The technology makes data collection and analysis more transparent, efficient and enhances accuracy – critical for tracking progress on projects like forest regeneration and post-wildfire efforts.

#### **Benefits to B.C. and the Local Economy**

FYBR is an example of the many Metro Vancouver technology companies supplying high tech and digital solutions to the forest industry. By supporting the forest industry's adoption of new digital technology, FYBR is also employing a dozen people in the Lower Mainland and B.C. Interior in software engineering, GIS, project management, robotics and as field technologists.





↑ Mike Wilcox and Patrick Crawford, founders of FYBR Solutions, with their Mavic 2 drone.



## Forestry is Incubating Innovation in B.C.'s Manufacturing Cluster

B.C.'s forest industry purchases products and services from numerous original equipment and after market manufacturers, many of which are located in communities throughout Metro Vancouver.

B.C. forest products manufacturers purchase a range of sub-assembly and component part manufactured goods from these specialized businesses. There is also an innovation cluster serving the forest industry in product research, development, and prototyping.

Examples of goods and services supplied by leading B.C. original equipment and after market manufacturers include:

- Fibre processing systems for recovering recycled fibres and processing virgin fibres
- Cleaning and filtration systems that clean fabrics and filter and recycle process water
- Fluid handling systems that transfer fluid, power, and data between fixed piping and rotating components
- Wood processing systems to debark and cut logs
- Bulk material handling equipment for conveying, feeding, screening, and elevating material
- Customized fabrication of pressure vessels, tanks, power piping and structural steel
- Specialty chemicals
- Packaging equipment and strapping
- Tailcutters, kite threading devices, dryer lint screens and vacuum wands and bags

## Parts, Equipment and Service Providers

Approximately **9,900 suppliers** across the province provide the forest industry with parts and equipment. Some examples of materials, goods and services include:

Abrasives	Automation and Process Instrumentation	Carbon Management	Catering	Chemicals and Fuels
Communications	Construction	Consulting	Cranes, Barges and Helicopters	Culture Management
Data Analysis	Drones	Earthworks	Education and Training Providers	Electrical Equipment Distributors and Utilities
Electrical Systems	Elevator Systems	Energy Management	Engineering	Environmental Consulting
Environmental Remediation	Equipment Rental	Fencing	Geotechnical	GPS
Grinding	Hospitality and Room Rentals	Hydrovac and Pumping	Laboratory Services	Landscaping and Irrigation
Laundry and Coveralls	Locksmith	Maintenance	Marketing	Materials and Fabrication
Media	Modelers/ Schedulers	Office Furniture	Optical Sensing Technology	Pest Control
Plumbing and Heating	Power Generation	Printing and Promotional Items	Professional Services	Restoration and Cleaning
Road Paving	Safety Equipment	Sandblasting, Painting, Coating, Spray Galvanizing	Scuba Diving for Marine Construction, Dock Repair, Inspections	Septic
Software Apps	Surveys and Inspections	Sustainable Forest Management	Technology Developers	Tires
Transportation	Waste and Recycling	Water Management	Wildfire Mitigation	Wire Rope and Rigging



## After Market Manufacturers: Supplier Spotlight

### **DAKEN ENTERPRISES**

#### **Supplier Description**

Daken Enterprises manufactures parts integral to the on-going maintenance and operation of pulp dryers used across Canada and globally. Located in Maple Ridge, B.C., the company employs five full-time workers, and specializes in dryer lint screens, threading and vacuum products for Flakt Airbourne Pulp Dryers.

#### **Every Part Counts**

Daken Enterprises was established in 1965 by Stanley Sather, an entrepreneur and innovator in the pulp drying field. In the '60s, Sather worked for Swedish company AB Svenska Falktfabriken designing parts for Flakt Airbourne Pulp machines, eventually leaving the company to start his own business designing and procuring parts for Flakt Pulp Dryers for mills across Canada.

Over the course of his career, Sather's designs led to 13 different Canadian and U.S. patents.

#### **Benefits to B.C. and the Local Economy**

The family-run business, under the leadership of Sather's daughter Laura Stadnik, continues to play a crucial role in maintaining Flakt Pulp Dryers, supplying tailholders, kite threading devices, dryer lint screens and vacuum wands and bags to mills throughout B.C. and around the world.

In keeping with tradition, a third generation of Sathers now works at Daken. Laura's son Benjamin is part of the Daken team, working to deliver excellence in this specialized service to the pulp and paper sector.





↑ Laura Stadnik, owner of Daken Enterprises



## Indigenous Communities Are Vital Industry Partners

Forestry is a primary industry in many Indigenous communities, and the largest Indigenous employer in the natural resource sector in B.C. The associated business agreements and stewardship partnerships between the forest industry and Indigenous Nations were equivalent to approximately **\$250 million** in economic benefits to Indigenous communities.

Indigenous Nations or affiliated businesses and organizations provide diverse services to the B.C. forest industry, including:

- Biomass energy
- Block design and layout
- Civil construction/earthworks, engineering and technical field services
- Community, cultural and environmental monitoring
- Land use, fisheries, and wildlife planning
- LiDAR data collection and analysis
- Lumber brokerage, sales and marketing
- Medics, firefighting, reclamation
- Silviculture, surveying, road construction, tree falling, harvesting, salvage, log hauling, air, marine and road transportation.

Close to **120 Indigenous Nations or affiliated businesses** were active participants in B.C.'s forest industry last year, with benefits flowing to Indigenous communities across the province.

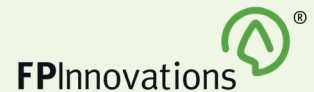


↑ Homalco First Nation and Interfor celebrate partnership

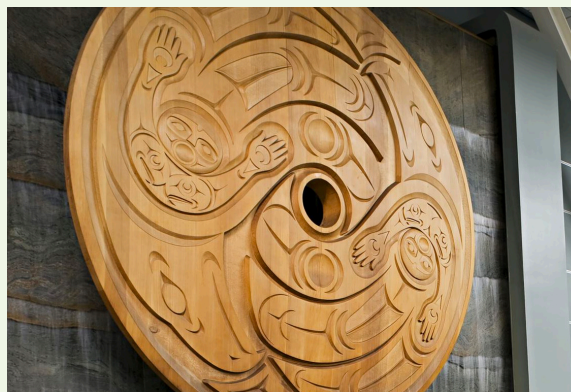
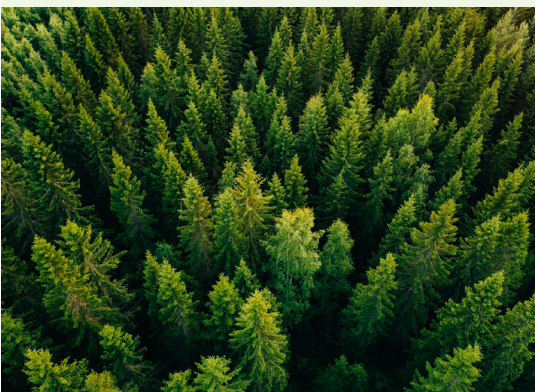
## Indigenous Partnerships Spotlight

### 2019 PARTNERSHIPS AND PROJECTS

**FPInnovations**, the world's leading not-for-profit forest industry research organization, works with Indigenous Nations, forest operators, government, and academia to increase Indigenous economic participation and employment opportunities in the forestry and wood products sectors.



Indigenous Nation	Forest Company Collaborator	Project Description	Forestry Innovation Outcome
Sts'ailes Nation	Teal-Jones	Evaluated the feasibility of a custom drying facility, providing custom drying services to Teal-Jones using a renewable source of heat for the proposed dry kilns	The business case completed in 2019 concluded that two hot water kilns with a nominal size of 100,000 fbm and a 1.25 MW biomass boiler would create a sustainable custom drying business for the community
Heiltsuk Nation	Interfor	Designed and fabricated small homes locally with local materials and labour	Built culturally appropriate small homes to help alleviate housing shortage
Lhoosk'uz Dené Nation	West Fraser	Developed process that combined heat and power, novel harvesting equipment, and log trading in a fire recovery zone	Advanced investment plan to develop integrated harvesting process to utilize fire-damaged fibre from the local forest and support local jobs and the economy



## The Future of Forestry: Technology Spotlight

# FOREST MACHINE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

### Project Description

The Forest Machine Connectivity project is a joint effort by Canfor, Mosaic Forest Management, Lim Geomatics, and UBC's Faculty of Forestry being undertaken as members of the B.C.-based Canada's Digital Technology Supercluster. The Forest Machine Connectivity project seeks ways to digitally transform and modernize the way timber is sustainably harvested and optimized using an Industrial Internet of Things platform and network of smart devices.

### Innovation in B.C.'s Forest Sector Value Chain

The project uses a network of smart devices to monitor, collect, exchange, analyze and deliver valuable insights on an Industrial Internet of Things platform.

Companies will be able to connect all their production and decision centres in real time, allowing an operator to react almost immediately to changing harvest, mill or market conditions. The machine connectivity will assist operators to match the forest value chain activities and production requirements with customer demand, while responding to the geographically dispersed nature of forest operations. The insights and data delivered by the platform allow contractors, machine operators and forest managers to identify bottlenecks and improve productivity in real-time, facilitating the development of improved best practices throughout the supply chain.

### Benefits to B.C. and the Local Economy

The Forest Machine Connectivity project is a \$7.8 million Canada's Digital Technology Supercluster project – pairing \$3.3 million in Supercluster funding with a \$4.5 million investment from industry to locally incubate new technologies aimed at improving efficiency in the timber harvesting supply chain and accelerating the digital transformation of Canada's forest industry.

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## Contributing to Community Growth Through Investment

### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT RECIPIENTS

The forest industry has generated **\$4 billion in direct payments to municipal, provincial and federal governments annually in recent years**, supporting public services like healthcare, education and public infrastructure.

The industry is also an essential contributor to communities through direct payments to local governments and community investment.

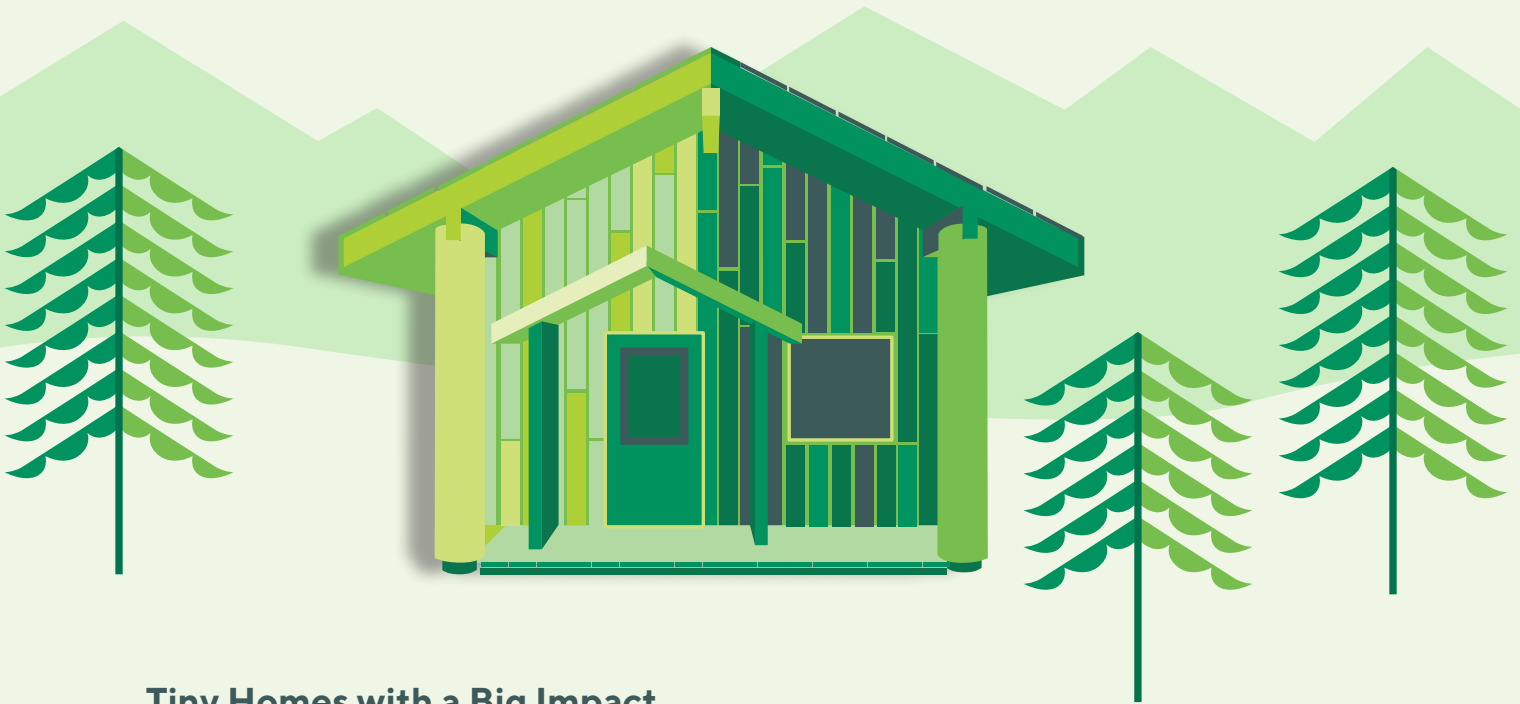
In 2019, COFI member companies supported more than **800 organizations in over 100 municipalities and Indigenous communities** through financial and in-kind donations.

Top Focus Areas for Community Investment	Number of Community Investment Partners	Number of Communities Benefitting
Business Improvement Associations	82	36
Community Athletics and Sports	171	35
Indigenous Community Investment	54	35
Health Infrastructure, Community Wellness and Youth/Child Support Services	84	33
First Responder Investment and Recreational Emergency Preparedness	21	18
Festivals and Fairs	19	15
Art, Music and Theatre	26	14
Elders and Senior Support Services	11	9

## Community Investment Spotlight

### HEILTSUK TINY HOMES PROJECT

Bella Bella, B.C., is a vital cultural and community hub for the Heiltsuk Nation; however there is a lack of available housing in the area. Heiltsuk Homes is a tiny home building project in Bella Bella designed to respond to both the cultural and growth needs of the region's Indigenous population using forest products as the primary building material.



#### **Tiny Homes with a Big Impact**

In order to meet the area's housing demand over the next 10 years, 100 new homes, 120 new lots and 160 home renovations are needed. Consultation with the community led to a 'tiny' wood home design of approximately 35.7 square metres that would provide independent living options for Elders, couples, individuals and young families. Collaboration and consultation on design and construction have ensured that the design addresses the local environment and the economic benefit stays within the community. Sustainable forest products are at the core of the Heiltsuk Homes project, making essential community infrastructure possible in Bella Bella.

The project is a collaboration between the Heiltsuk Nation, FPIInnovations, Interfor, Builders without Borders, Mitacs, the UBC Faculty of Forestry and the UBC School of Architecture and Landscape.

## Deep Roots to Support Our Future

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The forest industry has been a cornerstone of B.C.'s economy for more than a century now, and our deep roots will continue to be the foundation for strong communities, sustainable growth and shared prosperity for the province long into the future.





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## REGIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN STUDY PARTICIPANTS

The study analyzed the 2019 supply chain spend and reach of 19 COFI member companies, which represent 76% of lumber, 49% of panel, and 93% of pulp and paper manufacturing capacity in B.C. All expenditures on goods and services procured from BC-based companies were included.

The data set covers 2019 cumulative procurement spend as self-reported by 19 forest companies in the COFI membership:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. A & A Trading Ltd.         | 8. Gorman Bros. Lumber Ltd.        | 15. Sinclair Group Forest Products Ltd. |
| 2. Brink Forest Products Ltd. | 9. Hampton Lumber                  | 16. Teal-Jones Group                    |
| 3. Canfor Corporation         | 10. Interfor Corporation           | 17. West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.         |
| 4. Canfor Pulp Products Inc.  | 11. Louisiana-Pacific Corporation  | 18. Western Forest Products Inc.        |
| 5. Conifex Timber Inc.        | 12. Mercer International Inc.      | 19. Weyerhaeuser Company                |
| 6. Domtar Corporation         | 13. Mosaic Forest Management Corp. |   |
| 7. Dunkley Lumber Ltd.        | 14. Paper Excellence Group         |   |



## INDIGENOUS NATIONS ACTIVE IN INDUSTRY

?Aq'am	Ka'yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es7et'h'	Nlaka'pamux Nation	Tla'amin Nation
?Esdilagh First Nation	First Nations	Tribal Council	Tl'azt'en Nation
Adams Lake Indian Band	Kitasoo	Nooaitch Indian Band	Tlowitsis Nation
Akisq'nuk First Nation	Klahoose First Nation	Nuchatlaht	Toosey
Beecher Bay	K'ómoks First Nation	Nuxalk Nation	Tsay Keh Dene
Binche Whut'en First Nation	Ktunaxa Nation	Okanagan Indian Band	Tse'Khene Nation
Blueberry River First Nations	Kwadacha	Osoyoos Indian Band	Tseshah
Bonaparte Indian Band	Kwakiutl	Pacheedaht First Nation	Tsideldel First Nation
Boston Bar First Nation	Kwiahah	Penelakut Tribe	Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation
Cape Mudge	Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis	Penticton Indian Band	(Burns Lake)
Chawathil First Nation	Lake Babine Nation	Quatsino	Tsilhqot'in
Cheslatta Carrier Nation	Lax Kw'alaams	Saik'uz First Nation	Tsimshian First Nations
Coldwater	Leq'a:mel First Nation	Saulteau First Nations	Treaty Society
Cook's Ferry Indian Band	Lheidli T'enneh	Sechelt First Nation	T'Sou-ke First Nation
Cowichan Tribes	Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation	Shackan Indian Band	Tsq'esc'en First Nation
Ditidaht	Lhtako Dene Nation	Shishálh Nation	Uchucklesaht
Doig River First Nation	Lil'wat Nation	Shuswap	Ucluelet First Nation
Ehattesaht	Little Shuswap Lake	Simpchw First Nation	Ulkatcho First Nation
Esk'etemo First Nation	Lower Nicola Indian Band	Siska	Upper Nicola Band
Gitwangak	Lower Similkameen	Skeetchestn Indian Band	Upper Similkameen
Gitxsan	Lyackson	Skidegate	Wei Wai Kum First Nation
Glen Vowell	Malahat First Nation	Snuneymuxw First Nation	West Moberly First Nations
Gwa'sala-Nakwaxda'xw	Mcleod Lake	Splatsin First Nation	Westbank First Nation
Gwawaenuk Tribe	Métis Nation British Columbia	Stellat'en First Nation	Wet'suwet'en First Nation
Halalt	Metlakatla First Nation	Sts'ailes	Whispering Pines/Clinton
Halfway River First Nation	Mowachaht/Muchalaht	Stswecem'c Xgat'tem	Wuikinuxv Nation
Heiltsuk	Nak'azdli Whut'en	First Nation	Xat'sull First Nation
High Bar First Nation	Namgis First Nation	Stz'uminus First Nation	Yunesit'in Government
Homalco	Nanwakolas Council	Takla Lake First Nation	
Hupacasath First Nation	Nazko First Nation	T'exelc Nation	
Huu-ay-aht First Nations	Neskonlith	Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc	

## COMMUNITIES WITH FORESTRY SUPPLIERS

100 Mile House	Beaverdell	Canyon	Crofton
108 Mile Ranch	Bella Bella	Cassidy	Cultus Lake
150 Mile House	Bella Coola	Castlegar	Cumberland
70 Mile House	Big Lake	Cawston	D'Arcy
Abbotsford	Birch Island	Cecil Lake	Darfield
Agassiz	Black Creek	Cedar	Dawson Creek
Aldergrove	Blind Bay	Celista	Delta
Alert Bay	Blind Channel	Chase	Denman Island
Alexis Creek	Blue River	Chemainus	Denny Island
Alkali Lake	Bonnington Falls	Cherryville	Deroche
Altona	Boston Bar	Chetwynd	Dewdney
Anahim Lake	Bowen Island	Chilanko Forks	Dog Creek
Anglemont	Bowser	Chilliwack	Duncan
Argenta	Brentwood Bay	Christina Lake	Dunster
Armstrong	Bridge Lake	Clearwater	Eagle Bay
Arras	Brisco	Clinton	Edgewater
Arrow Creek	Buffalo Creek	Cobble Hill	Edgewood
Ashcroft	Buick	Coldstream	Egmont
Baker Creek	Bull River	Comox	Elkford
Baldonnel	Burnaby	Coombs	Elko
Bamfield	Burns Lake	Coquitlam	Endako
Barkerville	Cache Creek	Courtenay	Enderby
Barriere	Campbell River	Cowichan Bay	Erickson
Baynes Lake	Canal Flats	Cranbrook	Errington
Bear Lake	Canim Lake	Crescent Valley	Fairmont Hot Springs
Beaver Cove	Canoe	Creston	Falkland



Fanny Bay  
Fauquier  
Fernie  
Flathead  
Forest Grove  
Fort Fraser  
Fort Nelson  
Fort St. James  
Fort St. John  
Fort Steele  
Francois Lake  
Fraser Lake  
Fruitvale  
Gabriola  
Galiano Island  
Galloway  
Garibaldi Estates  
Genelle  
Germansen Landing  
Gibsons  
Gold River  
Golden  
Goodlow  
Grand Forks  
Granisle  
Grasmere  
Greenwood  
Grindrod  
Groundbirch  
Hagensborg  
Halfmoon Bay  
Hanceville  
Harrison Mills  
Harrogate  
Hatzic  
Hazelton  
Hedley  
Heffley Creek  
Heriot Bay  
Hixon  
Holberg  
Honeymoon Bay  
Hope  
Hornby Island  
Horsefly  
Houston  
Hudson's Hope  
Invermere  
Jaffray  
Jordan River  
Kaleden  
Kamloops  
Kaslo  
Kelowna  
Keremeos  
Kersley  
Kildonan  
Kimberley  
Kitimat  
Klemtu  
Knutsford  
Krestova  
Kyuquot

Lac La Hache  
Lac Le Jeune  
Ladysmith  
Lake Country  
Lake Cowichan  
Langford  
Langley  
Lantzville  
Lavington  
Lee Creek  
Likely  
Lillooet  
Little Fort  
Logan Lake  
Lone Butte  
Louis Creek  
Lumby  
Lund  
Lytton  
Mackenzie  
Madeira Park  
Magna Bay  
Malahat  
Malakwa  
Maple Ridge  
Mara  
Marysville  
Mayne Island  
Mcbride  
Mcleese Lake  
McLeod Lake  
Mclure  
Merritt  
Merville  
Mesachie Lake  
Midway  
Mill Bay  
Minstrel Island  
Mission  
Moberly Lake  
Montney  
Montrose  
Mount Currie  
Nakusp  
Nanaimo  
Nanoose  
Nanoose Bay  
Nelson  
New Denver  
New Hazelton  
New Westminster  
Nimpo Lake  
Nootka Island  
North Bend  
North Saanich  
North Vancouver  
Okanagan Falls  
Oliver  
Osoyoos  
Oyama  
Panorama  
Parksville  
Parson

Peachland  
Pemberton  
Penticton  
Pinantan Lake  
Pitt Meadows  
Port Alberni  
Port Alice  
Port Coquitlam  
Port Hardy  
Port McNeill  
Port Moody  
Port Renfrew  
Pouce Coupe  
Powell River  
Prespatou  
Prince George  
Prince Rupert  
Princeton  
Procter  
Qualicum Beach  
Quathiaski Cove  
Quesnel  
Quilchena  
Radium Hot Springs  
Revelstoke  
Richmond  
Rivervale  
Roberts Creek  
Robson  
Rock Creek  
Rosedale  
Rossland  
Saanich  
Saanichton  
Salmo  
Salmon Arm  
Salt Spring Island  
Sanca  
Sandspit  
Saturna  
Savona  
Sayward  
Scotch Creek  
Sechelt  
Seymour Arm  
Shawnigan Lake  
Sicamous  
Sidney  
Sirdar  
Skookumchuck  
Slocan  
Smithers  
Sointula  
Sonora Island  
Sooke  
Sorrento  
South Slocan  
Southbank  
Sparwood  
Spence's Bridge  
Squamish  
Squirrel Cove  
Stuart Island

Summerland  
Summit Lake  
Sun Peaks  
Surge Narrows  
Surrey  
Tahsis  
Tappen  
Tatla Lake  
Taylor  
Telkwa  
Terrace  
Thornhill  
Thrms  
Tofino  
Tomslake  
Topley  
Trail  
Tsawwassen  
Tulameen  
Tumbler Ridge  
Ucluelet  
Valemount  
Vancouver  
Vanderhoof  
Vavenby  
Vernon  
Victoria  
Village of Queen Charlotte  
Wardner  
Wasa  
Wells  
West Kelowna  
West Vancouver  
Westbank  
Westbridge  
Westholme  
Westwold  
Whistler  
White Rock  
Whonnock  
Williams Lake  
Willow River  
Windermere  
Winfield  
Winlaw  
Winter Harbour  
Wonowon  
Woss  
Wynndel  
Yahk  
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# Deep Roots. Strong Communities.

2019 Regional Supply Chain Study

SPEND

# \$7 billion

in goods & services  
purchased by B.C.'s  
forest industry\*

\*2019 Data from COFI member companies

REACH

# 9,900

B.C.-based suppliers

# 340

communities

# 120

Indigenous Nations and  
affiliated organizations

KEY FACTS

## Top 5 Communities (\$ spend)



1. Vancouver
2. Prince George
3. Campbell River
4. Quesnel
5. Surrey



**\$2 billion** purchased from  
Metro Vancouver suppliers



**\$250 million** in indirect  
economic benefits to  
Indigenous communities



**800 organizations** reached  
by community investments

## About the Study

The **BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI)** represents the majority of lumber, pulp and paper, and manufactured wood producers from across the province.

Commissioned by COFI in early 2020, the *2019 Regional Supply Chain Study* assesses the overarching economic and social benefits flowing from the B.C. forest industry supply chain to communities throughout the province. The study analyzed the 2019 supply chain spend and reach of 19 COFI member companies.

The study was conducted by iTOTEM Technologies Ltd., an Indigenous-affiliated business based in Vancouver.



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# COMMUNITIES WITH HIGHEST INDUSTRY SPEND ON SUPPLIERS

Community	Spend	Number of Suppliers
Vancouver	\$978 M	560
Prince George	\$718 M	970
Campbell River	\$253 M	300
Quesnel	\$227 M	560
Surrey	\$211 M	360
Nanaimo	\$191 M	420
Duncan	\$191 M	150
Vanderhoof	\$184 M	210
Kamloops	\$166 M	340
Richmond	\$152 M	160
Burnaby	\$142 M	230
Mackenzie	\$131 M	110
Burns Lake	\$129 M	140
Williams Lake	\$117 M	320
Chemainus	\$114 M	50
Delta	\$103 M	170
Houston	\$96 M	90
Vernon	\$84 M	130
Langley	\$80 M	150
Fort St. James	\$79 M	100
North Vancouver	\$79 M	100
Chetwynd	\$71 M	120
Smithers	\$68 M	170

Community	Spend	Number of Suppliers
Abbotsford	\$68 M	110
Port Alberni	\$57 M	130
Victoria	\$55 M	130
Courtenay	\$55 M	60
New Westminster	\$54 M	40
Kelowna	\$53 M	240
Port Coquitlam	\$52 M	60
Cranbrook	\$51 M	190
Fort St. John	\$50 M	230
Salmon Arm	\$50 M	190
Skookumchuck	\$48 M	10
Gibsons	\$46 M	30
McLeod Lake	\$44 M	5
Revelstoke	\$43 M	190
Princeton	\$43 M	50
Dawson Creek	\$41 M	100
Chase	\$41 M	20
Port McNeill	\$39 M	40
Armstrong	\$34 M	30
North Saanich	\$34 M	10
Telkwa	\$32 M	30
100 Mile House	\$31 M	130
Powell River	\$31 M	50