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**Forestry Task Force members announced**

Campbell River City Council has appointed members to its new Forestry Task Force.

Shannon Baikie, Graham Hues, Jason Hutchinson, Steve Lackey, Bryan Mills, Chief Robert Pollard, Nigel Ross, William Wagner and Kathryn Willis will build on the work of the previous Future of Forestry Task Force. Councillor Charlie Cornfield will join the task force as a non-voting chairperson.

*“Council was extremely impressed with the calibre of volunteers who applied to offer their time to the Forestry Task Force,” says Mayor Andy Adams. “In cooperation with other existing governments and agencies, the task force will work to enhance and retain business, attract new forest investment capital, and enhance the sustainability of the forest sector to benefit the community and the City of Campbell River.”*

*“The knowledgeable members of the task force are eager to work together on this initiative, which has such potential to offer major benefits to the community,” adds Councillor Charlie Cornfield. “The task force will be providing advice and guidance to Council on relevant forest issues to make the most of upcoming opportunities.”*

The Forestry Task Force will work to secure a community forest license for Campbell River and will investigate and make recommendations on options to generate revenue, create employment, protect our watershed and wildlife habitat, enhance tourism and recreation, provide job training, research and education and promote non-timber forest resource business opportunities.

The maximum two-year term for these appointments will run from April 1, 2016 until March 31, 2018.

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