

## Hope Dallas

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Dear Hope Dallas:

My name is Enrique Sanchez, I am forest development planner working for BC Timber Sales (BCTS) in Chilliwack. BCTS has parcels of forest land on Bowen Island. I would like to engage the Bowen Island Municipality to provide information and some opportunities to develop these areas for timber harvesting purposes, working collaboratively with the community. At this point I am finalizing details to advertise a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) and would like to inform Mayor and Council of this plan. The plan will be advertised by the end of June up to early September, 2017. An open house on Bowen Island is planned for mid-July or August.

I would like to meet with Mayor and Council, or their delegates, for an under two (2) hours conversation. From experience I know that regular council meetings have busy agendas and is difficult to present the idea in a 10 minutes delegation presentation. Therefore, I am seeking your advice in how to proceed in a manner that is beneficial to the residents of Bowen Island and the rest of British Columbians.

**The following is a summary/background for the Forest Development Process:**

The first step is to prepare a the Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP). Once prepared it needs to be advertised. The objective of the advertisement is to provide the opportunity to First Nations and Stakeholders to provide comments on the proposed rules to follow should development actually happens. These rules are in regard to eleven (11) objectives set by government and identified in section 149 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. (FRPA). See the following clips.

**Objectives set by government**

149. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing objectives in relation to one or more of the following subjects:
- (a) soils;

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- (b) visual quality;
  - (c) timber;
  - (d) forage and associated plant communities;
  - (e) water;
  - (f) fish;
  - (g) wildlife;
  - (h) biodiversity;
  - (i) recreation resources;
  - (j) resource features;
  - (k) cultural heritage resources.
- (2) In case of an inconsistency between
- (a) an objective set by government prescribed under this section, and
  - (b) an objective referred to in paragraph (b) or (c) of the definition of "objectives set by government" in section 1 (1),
- the objective referred to in paragraph (b) or (c) of that definition prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

2003-55-54; 2010-17-19 (B.C. Reg. 47/2011).

For your information, I have had the opportunity to talk to councillor Sue Ellen Fast and Parks Manager Bonny Brokenshire in this regards. I am grateful for their time since I know how busy they are these days. I mentioned that an FSP is similar to an OCP because both documents provide guidance, then at the permitting phase, the details come and discussions are taken place for the benefit of all involved.

The second step is the actual development of a detail plan that would be guided by the FSP. I have suggested a few options that could be considered to manage these BCTS areas:

1. With community involvement, develop a 20 years plan that would be able to manage for all resources that the community consider of value. This plan development, due to its complexity could take a couple of years to complete. Then, a year to put it into practice. This approach provides a sense of ownership in how resources are managed on our backyard.
2. The community of Bowen Island to apply for a community forest licence within BCTS areas. Once obtained, it could develop its own FSP before any forest development to occur or request BCTS to join BCTS' FSP that would eliminate the FSP preparation cost and time. In addition, could start its forest development as soon the province approves the new tenure added to BCTS FSP.
3. The community of Bowen Island to apply for a Woodlot licence within BCTS areas. Once obtained, a Woodlot Licence plan must be prepared before any forest development to occur. It would take preparation cost and time.

The areas mentioned above are shown in the map below. The last time BCTS harvested in this area was in 1991, with a series of small blocks totaling nine (9) hectares approximately.

From Fraser Timber Supply review (TSR -4) the following are the statistics regarding BCTS areas on Bowen Island:

**Total Area:** 4,994 ha

**Total THLB:** 1,414 ha (Timber Harvesting Land Base)

**Annual Timber Yield:** 8,288 m<sup>3</sup>



Looking forward to your response.

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