

Timing of forestry strategy dependent somewhat on MLA Committee on Bioeconomy report

## **FLNRO Update Dec 2:**

Target: S12  
Internal preliminary first draft mid-late December.

### Progress to Date:

- Table of Contents Developed.
- Subject matter content development underway.
- JTI staff engaged for some content development.
- Prelim Stakeholder engagement planned.

## **FLNRO update August 17, 2012**

BC's Forest Sector Strategy was released April 12, 2012

Accomplishments to date on themes:

- A commitment to using wood first

Forestry Innovation Investment (FII) has been busy promoting the benefits of building with BC Wood through initiatives like the rethink Wood Initiative, the provision of courses on the benefits of building with wood for architects and design professionals, and the release of the report "The Case for Tall Wood Buildings" that proposes wood based structural design solutions for building up to 30 storeys.

- Growing trees, sequestering carbon, and ensuring that land is available from which to derive a range of forest products

The Legislative Committee on the Mid-Term Timber Supply, appointed in May 2012, to investigate and make recommendations to address the loss of mid-term timber supply in the central interior due to the mountain pine beetle epidemic has now completed public consultation. The final report was released in August.

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- Embracing innovation and diversification

Work is underway to develop a bio-economy strategy for BC. FII is actively pursuing new markets in China and India as well as strengthening markets in Japan and Korea. Negotiations work on trade agreements is ongoing.

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- Supporting prosperous rural forest economies

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- First Nations

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Regional workshops with the forest industry to explore new concepts for consultation processes in the forest sector are now complete.

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