

2Billion Trees and seed centre

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To: Martin, Pat J FLNR:EX
Cc: Berg, Shane FLNR:EX, Sit, Vera FLNR:EX, Messenger, Meggin A FLNR:EX
Sent: December 3, 2020 10:12:14 AM PST

Pat,
Can you give some thought regarding what would be required if we are successful in the 2Billion tree federal initiative for the seed centre role.....I am thinking of the possible expansion of seed collection for a wide diverse range of species, germination testing, climate seed planning regs -processing of seed of new species, collection protocols, etc.....I am thinkg about what if we need to plant more maple, birch, alder, cottonwood, yew, -- all non commercial species but key to biodiversity and other values and with the 2Billion tree initiative having 4 key parts: crown lands, private lands, urban and indigenous involvement, we may be getting a surge of need for new types of things going forward....

Do we need a survey assessment? Or??

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FW: 2-Billion Trees -- high-level overview for Trish

From: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX
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To: Dohan, Trish CSNR:EX
Sent: December 8, 2020 1:57:50 PM PST
Attachments: Key Messages - 2 Billion Trees - 12 03 2020 Final.docx

Hi Trish,
See below,
I asked Vera to reach out and pull it together. We will work with your team on this as it unfolds.

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From: Sit, Vera FLNR:EX <Vera.Sit@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 8, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX <Diane.Nicholls@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Messenger, Meggin A FLNR:EX <Meggin.Messenger@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: 2-Billion Trees -- high-level overview for Trish

Diane,

Trish may find the high-level summary below useful. I am also attaching a Key-Messages document that Meggin's team has prepared if Trish would like more details.

2-Billion Trees Federal Program Overview:

- December 2019: The federal throne speech signalled the Government of Canada's intention to plant 2 billion trees to "clean the air and make our communities greener".
- September 23, 2020: Speech from the throne re-iterated this commitment.
- November 30, 2020: At the Federal Fiscal Update, Canada proposed to provide up to \$3.16 billion, over ten years, starting in 2021-22, to Natural Resources Canada to partner with provinces, territories, non-governmental organizations, Indigenous communities, municipalities, and others to plant 2 billion trees.
- Canada's objective is to increase the level of tree planting across Canada; therefore, program focus is expected to be on incremental planting above a baseline.
 - o Canada's intentions for the 2 billion tree program are understood to be broader than reforestation on provincial crown land, and to include private lands, urban areas and Indigenous communities.
 - o Tree planting funded through long-standing provincial programs may be eligible where it exceeds levels that would be expected in the absence of federal funding. These levels would be determined during program negotiations.
 - o Reforestation by industry following harvest, will not be eligible.
- This initiative aligns with BC Government's commitment to plant more trees and make significant investments in forest health, wildfire protection and silviculture.

- The Office of the Chief Forester is the lead for BC.

BC's Capacity to Support 2-Billion Trees Program:

- FLNR is working with key partners to scope out B.C.'s capacity to support this Federal program:
 - o With local governments, through the Union of BC Municipalities, to expand tree planting opportunities to urban forests.
 - o With Ministry of Agriculture, to identify tree planting opportunities on farmlands, to develop opportunities for other tree-based natural solutions in agriculture.
 - o With industry to ensure capacity in nurseries, seed supply, and planting contractors is available to meet the demands of any new program.
 - o With Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to ensure reforestation is recognized both a key climate change mitigation and adaptation tool in British Columbia.
- FLNR is also Considering how the province can support Indigenous engagement in this program, through reviewing our recent work with Indigenous nations.
- Through federal support from the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund (LCELF), the province has scaled up its Crown land reforestation programs.
- The expertise, capacity and partnerships that have been developed can bridge to the new federal commitment, ensuring that industry, communities, and other key partners are not impacted by a gap in planting demand while the 2-Billion Trees program get established.

Estimated Costs:

- The program will likely include a federal recovery component but recovery percentage to be confirmed (LCELF is at 50% recovery).
- B.C. is planting trees on crown lands at a cost of \$1.20 per tree (excluding program overhead and based on current market conditions).

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- If a higher planting level would be needed, the annual planting cost would increase proportionally and additional costs for infrastructure improvements to tree seedling nurseries and tree seed orchards would be required to meet the increased demand.

Re: OCF Bullets on FRPA and 2 billion tree for - Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

From: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX <Diane.Nicholls@gov.bc.ca>
To: Begon, Stacey FLNR:EX
Sent: December 21, 2020 8:59:35 AM PST
Attachments: image001.png

Looks good
I will keep monitoring

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 21, 2020, at 8:43 AM, Begon, Stacey FLNR:EX <Stacey.Begon@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Diane

ROTE (Lori Henderson A/ED Rural Policy and Programs Branch) will be leading the development of the stakeholder info note for the meeting with UBCM.

We have provided bullets on FRPA and 2 Billion Trees for incorporating into the note. The meeting is on January 6 so I am hoping we will see the note from ROTE this week but in the meantime I am including the bullets we provided for your info below. The format of the Stakeholder info note is a little different which is why the bullets prepared by Vera and Norah/Julie are provided in the format they are (to fit with the headings of the stakeholder info note template).

We have provided these to ROTE and they will provide a copy of the final note for our review but we may not have much time to turn it around.

Thanks
Stacey

From: White, Norah FLNR:EX <Norah.White@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 18, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Begon, Stacey FLNR:EX <Stacey.Begon@gov.bc.ca>; MacDougall, Julie FLNR:EX <Julie.MacDougall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

Hi Stacey,
How does the following look? Please let me know if you need any more. Both Julie and I will be monitoring emails from you!
Norah

Topic: FRPA

- UBCM's Economic Development Committee was represented by Brian Frenkel on the minister's-appointed Forest and Range Practices Advisory Council (PAC).
- The Minister's PAC last met in July 2020. The Minister's PAC typically meets quarterly to discuss and provide input on forest and range practices strategic policy development.
- UBCM representative Brian Frenkel has also been a key collaborator on the ministry's initiatives to improve transparency in forestry planning.

Key Messages:

- Local government continues to be interested in the development of policy for forest and range practices which supports the Minister's mandate letter to modernize forestry legislation and forest stewardship.
- UBCM's involvement had added an important perspective in the development of the major amendments to the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) developed over the past 2 years.

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Sent: December 17, 2020 3:08 PM

To: Begon, Stacey FLNR:EX <Stacey.Begon@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: MacDougall, Julie FLNR:EX <Julie.MacDougall@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

Hi Stacey,

Regarding 2-Billion Trees:

- Planting trees in urban areas is one aspect of meeting the 2-billion trees commitment by the federal government. FLNR has organized a cross-agencies call, including UBCM, to have a preliminary discussion on how B.C. could support this federal initiative.
- UBCM is interested in better understanding the details of a potential federal investment and exploring opportunities to develop existing and new supportive programming.

Key message:

- Local governments have demonstrated continued climate leadership in both reducing GHGs and in developing adaptation and resilience projects.
- Urban tree planting aligns with the federal initiative. The Province will continue to work with UBCM on this file.

Vera Sit, Executive Director

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From: Begon, Stacey FLNR:EX <Stacey.Begon@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: FW: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

Importance: High

Diane has been asked to participate on an introductory meeting with MKC and UBCM. As this meeting is scheduled for Jan 6 I will need to have it to the DMO by Tuesday or so next week.

The template for these stakeholder or introductory meetings is a little different.

Diane would like a few bullets from each of you on:

- 2 billion trees – VERA
- FRPA – JULIE

I will work with ROTE to merge the information into one note so I don't need you to write the full note just provide bullets based on the categories in the note – ie what engagement we have had with them on issues of late

Sorry for the rush

Stacey

From: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX <Diane.Nicholls@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 17, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Begon, Stacey FLNR:EX <Stacey.Begon@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

FRPA, 2Billion Trees, not sure if anything else so Julie and Vera for notes

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From: Begon, Stacey FLNR:EX <Stacey.Begon@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 17, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX <Diane.Nicholls@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

We have been asked to participate in a briefing re: UBCM.

Is there a particular areas we should be covering? And who should I send this to for notes?

Is it 2 Billion Trees? Bioeconomy? Something else?

Thanks
Stacey

From: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 17, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX <Diane.Nicholls@gov.bc.ca>; Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX <Sarah.Fraser@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

Hello Diane and Sarah

MKC is meeting with UBCM Jan 6 and John has asked that you attend. I will send an invite shortly.

Materials will also be required, Stacey and Sarah B. please work together to confirm who will lead and coordinate a note.

Thanks everyone.

From: Allan, John FLNR:EX <John.Allan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 17, 2020 10:56 AM

To: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

Diane and sarah

John Allan
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From: "Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX" <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

Hi John

MKC is meeting with UBCM Jan 6th, can you advise who should attend and prepare materials?

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Sent: December 17, 2020 8:45 AM
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Subject: Introductory Meeting with MKC and UBCM Jan 6th

Hello,
Please request staff and materials for the following:

January 6th
10:45am-11am Pre Brief

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Participant ID:s.15

11am-11:30am Meeting UBCM

UBCM:
Brian Frenkel-President
Gary MacIsaac
Marie Crawford
Laurey Ann Roodenburg, -chair of our Community Economic Development committee and our 1st Vice president -

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Thank you,

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Lisa Silverio

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FW: Update: Minister O'Regan's Announcement on 2 Billion Trees / Mise à jour: L'annonce du Ministre O'Regan sur les 2 milliards d'arbres

From: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX
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To: Sit, Vera FLNR:EX
Sent: January 4, 2021 3:15:33 PM PST

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From: 2BTrees / 2GArbres (NRCAN/RNCAN) <nrcan.2btrees-2garbres.rncan@canada.ca>
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Subject: Update: Minister O'Regan's Announcement on 2 Billion Trees / Mise à jour: L'annonce du Ministre O'Regan sur les 2 milliards d'arbres

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RE: Available Seedlings for Purchase and/or projects

From: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX
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To: Waring, Jeff (NRCAN/RNCAN)
Sent: February 5, 2021 10:00:18 AM PST

Hi Jeff,
Apologies for taking a bit more time than I thought.

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Happy to chat about this more if you want.

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From: Waring, Jeff (NRCAN/RNCAN) <jeff.waring@canada.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX <Diane.Nicholls@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Available Seedlings for Purchase and/or projects

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My apologies, it's been one of those days.

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Cheers,

Jeff

From: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX <Diane.Nicholls@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2021 12:59
To: Waring, Jeff (NRCAN/RNCAN) <jeff.waring@canada.ca>
Subject: FW: Available Seedlings for Purchase and/or projects

No draft attachment? Only got the one attachment?

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From: Waring, Jeff (NRCAN/RNCAN) <jeff.waring@canada.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2021 6:57 AM
To: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX <Diane.Nicholls@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Available Seedlings for Purchase and/or projects

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Hi Diane,

I wanted to share information the attached we received from a company in BC that has a substantial number of seedlings available but no buyer. They are keen to find a partner to put these trees in the ground this year as it isn't economically feasible for them to keep them in storage for another year. Hopefully this is of use to you or your colleagues.

I also wanted to follow-up on our discussion last week. s.16
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JEff

From: Aiden Wiechula <awiechula@pacificbioenergy.ca>
Sent: February 1, 2021 16:07
To: Waring, Jeff (NRCAN/RNCAN) <jeff.waring@canada.ca>
Subject: Available Seedlings for Purchase and/or projects

Good Afternoon Jeff,

Thank you once again for your time this past Friday; it was very interesting to learn more about the 2 billion tree program.

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These trees are currently for sale and we are accepting all reasonable offers. However, we would interested in any partnership opportunities available to get these trees into the ground and out of the landfill.

We would be grateful if you are able to share this list with the Province of BC and National Defense when the opportunity arises.

We will keep close attention to website for RFPs that may be issued shortly to get incremental 2021 spring trees into the ground.

Warmly,

Aiden Wiechula RPF

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Sent: February 18, 2021 2:56:14 PM PST
Attachments: GCF Fact Sheet - Feb 2021.pptx

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Government of Canada's 2 Billion Tree initiatives launched

From: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX
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To: Hewitt, Jeremy ENV:EX, Standen, Jim ENV:EX, Faganello, Tara MAH:EX, McGuire, Jennifer AGRI:EX
Cc: FLNR Executive, Sit, Vera FLNR:EX
Sent: February 19, 2021 3:18:39 PM PST

Afternoon,

Today, on February 19, the Government of Canada announced the next steps to the Growing Canada's Forests (GCF) program to support Provinces, Territories, third party organizations (for and not-for profit), communities and municipalities, and Indigenous organizations and communities in meeting the Government of Canada's commitment to plant two billion trees by 2030 to clean the air and make communities greener.

The Program has issued two calls:

1. Early Start Expression of Interest to identify potential tree planting projects that can be completed within the coming fiscal year (i.e. April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022). Submission deadline is March 25, 2021.
2. Future Participants Request for Information to hear from organizations about their vision and capacity to implement or contribute to large-scale, single or multi-year tree planting projects across Canada. Submission deadline is May 27, 2021.

Information about these two processes and how to apply can be found on the GCF website

<<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/science-and-data/funding-partnerships/funding-opportunities/forest-sector-funding-programs/growing-canadas-forests-program/23308>> .

Over the next weeks, I will set up a cross-ministries call for us to explore how we can work together to take advantage of this initiative. My team is working with NRCAN 2Billion Tree team to enable a productive multi year agreement between us.

Hope you will join the cross ministry calls so that we can design an efficient and effective agreement and implementation.

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FW: Revised DRAFT note to INDUSTRY -- Government of Canada's 2 Billion Tree initiatives launched

From: Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX
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To: Pike, Shannon FLNR:EX, Sit, Vera FLNR:EX
Sent: February 23, 2021 4:07:26 PM PST

Please send out the message below to those on the list Vera included....

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CC: Shane Berg; Vera Sit; Pat Martin

Following our call this afternoon, I wanted to send you this email with the pertinent information from the Federal Government.

On February 19, the Government of Canada formerly announced the Growing Canada's Forests (GCF) program to support Provinces, Territories, third party organizations (for and not-for profit), communities and municipalities, and Indigenous organizations and communities. The Federal government is now communicating the steps required for this initiative and its commitment to plant two billion trees by 2030 to clean the air and make communities greener.

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The Office of the Chief Forester will coordinate the "2-Billion tree activities" on the Crown land. Looking forward to working with you on this important program.