

MEETING BULLETS

DATE: September 22nd, 2022
PREPARED FOR: Deputy Minister Rick Manwaring, Ministry of Forests
REGARDING: Intentions Paper Update for Joint Core Working Group

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATION AND KEY MESSAGES:

- A significant amount of progress has been made to date specifically on policy and legislation that enhanced legal mechanisms to redistribute tenure, provided clarity on compensation, protected jobs, as well as made improvements to the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) that also provided improvements to forest management and greater roles in decision making and stewardship for Indigenous Nations.
- While much work on the Intentions Paper (IP) continues through established processes on updating guidance and policy direction, a number of IP items require further engagement with Nations, as well as support for legislative and regulatory development.

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- Priority regulation development continues on FRPA Amendments (IP#8), and Bill 28 regulation changes (IP# 1, 2 and 3)
- I know good work is taking place between the technical FNLC staff and members of the OCF to collaborate on the regulations.
- A variety of actions are well positioned for success and are being managed within core business deliverables:
 - #4 - Revising tenure disposition considerations: (Bill 22 -2019).

- #7 – We are finalizing deferrals associated with Recommendations #6 of the old growth Strategic Review (OGSR) and beginning to initiate the process to complete the remaining recommendations of the old growth Strategic Review.
- #10 – Advancing Apportionment. Apportionment is how the Minister decides to divide up the annual allowable cut into various licenses in an area. We want to ensure decisions are made in a timely way while considering harvest sustainability, as well as the interests of local First Nations and other stakeholders.
- #14 – This intention will support new guidelines and mapping to ensure silviculture investments (e.g., fertilizing, pruning, and brushing) have been optimized before being harvested.
- #16b – Reducing Slash Pile burning. A variety of policies to minimize slash pile burning and encourage fiber utilization are included in the recent CleanBC Roadmap to 2030. Staff continue to explore policy levers, including those that improve operational efficiency. This policy work is also critical to the Ministry's goal to see increased utilization of fibre to ensure smaller producers and the pulp sector have access to timber.
- BCTS has received approval to proceed on enhancing their program to support value-added domestic manufacturers. (IP #16a and c)
- Multiple priority Intentions are being worked on simultaneously (regulation and legislation changes and program policy work)

BACKGROUND:

In June 2021, the Province released the Intentions Paper and made a commitment to modernize and diversify the forest sector. In addition we have started the work to enhance sustainability and stewardship of our forests and increase public license for forestry across BC. Twenty priority actions have been outlined in the Intentions Paper to create the path to our new vision and we are making progress. The province is committed to working in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous Nations on this work, aligned with obligations in the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Declaration Act).

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Intentions Paper Actions by Number

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	Initials	Date
DM	RM	July 19, 2022 and Sept 21, 2022
Associate DM	EO	July 20, 2022
ADM	MS	July 19, 2022 and Sept 14, 2022
Program Dir/Mgr.	CL	July 18, 2022

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR DECISION

DATE: July 8, 2022
PREPARED FOR: Manwaring, Richard, Deputy Ministry, Minister of Forests
ISSUE: Forestry Suite of Applications Modernization Program Resourcing Request

RECOMMENDED OPTION:

Proceed with securing 3 permanent FTE's to support the long-term vision for FSA.

BACKGROUND:

- In 2019, the OCIO Digital Investment Office (DIO), required MoF to carry out a long-term plan and vision for the Forestry Suite of Applications (FSA), prior to any of the FS Applications receiving future capital IM/IT funding.
- August 2020-February 2021, an architectural review was completed to look at the most efficient path forward to modernize and transform the highly integrated and complex suite of over 60 Forestry applications.
- The results from the architectural review were presented to and endorsed by both the IM/IT Executive ADM Steering Committee (ESC) meeting in February 2021 as well as by the OCIO DIO on March 18, 2021.
- A follow-up memo was sent to the Deputy Minister of MoF on March 25, 2021, that the architecture review satisfied the DIO's previous condition to have a plan and road map put in place for the modernization of the legacy forestry systems prior to accessing any future capital funding.
- In June 2021, MoF submitted a capital business case to modernize and transform the FSA. DIO endorsed the business case and formal approval was provided on August 8, 2021, for a five-year capital program totalling ^{s.17}
- On July 28, 2021, IM/IT ESC meeting approved the resourcing request to proceed with filling the three net new MoF positions required to support FSA.

DISCUSSION:

The FSA modernization and transformation program is a multi-year journey that must have dedicated business led positions. Current business resources, within the FSA portfolio, do not have capacity to take on new work, as most of the business areas are either under resourced or fully subscribed. Therefore, three net new dedicated FTEs will be required to ensure adequate resources are available to support the large scale, highly complex program.

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s.17 These new positions will be integral to the overall success of the FSA Modernization Program and the long-term vision and strategy of building sustainable and modern digital services that supports the BC Government in forest-based initiatives, and to transform the FSA into digital products and services that will better serve and align with the strategic mandates of the Ministry.

Product Director – 1 FTE Band 4 Position

The Product Director will lead the Forestry Suite of Applications Modernization portfolio and will be responsible for determining the direction of service delivery, aligning with the strategic mandates and



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priorities set out by the Ministry. The Product Director will provide strategic advice and leadership for the centralized modernization of the FSA portfolio while transforming the FSA digital services that will enable revisions of legislation, regulations, policies and issues management responses. The Product Director acts with considerable autonomy, provides independent judgement, and makes decisions that will have considerable long-term impacts on the service delivery of the forestry program.

Product Owner – 2 FTE Band 3 Positions

Each Product Owner will lead one multi disciplinary agile team to deliver new products and/or iterations to existing products to meet user needs and experience expectations. Working in collaboration with business subject matter experts in the complex multi-party program and service design, development and operations for an enterprise program that involves policy, procurement, human resources, customer development, service design, public engagement and service improvement projects across government.

OPTIONS:

OPTION 1: Proceed with securing 3 permanent FTE's to support the long-term vision for FSA.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- Proceed with Option 1.

Approved / Not Approved

Signature

Richard Manwaring, Deputy Ministry,
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July 28, 2022

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Attachments/Appendices:

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