



SUNSHINE COAST  
COMMUNITY  
FOREST

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Under new board leadership and new management in 2021, The Sunshine Coast Community Forest embarked on a paradigm shift from a primarily industrial model of maximizing timber extraction and profits to that of understanding our ecosystems, its living things, including humans, and their interactions within that environment which we call Ecosystem Based Management.

This is a voluntary, proactive process to better manage our local forests. This is not a finite plan but a process of engagement to incorporate community knowledge, citizen scientists, and indigenous knowledge into the planning process - a "made on the Sunshine Coast" forest management model to incorporate the best science with community and indigenous values. Ecosystem Based Management methodology aims to sustain healthy ecosystems, maintain and support biodiversity, to provide economic opportunity and to retain future options both ecological and economic; to be sustainable, to respect and reflect knowledge and understanding, and to be adaptive to changing conditions.

As a community stewarding our forests we have a responsibility to ensure that our ecosystems, our forests, and our community's needs and aspirations are resilient to climate change.

This has taken a great deal of work, and a great deal more work is yet required. One thing that I know, is that we have a knowledgeable, capable, and interested community and we can do more if we work together. We are a community-run organization, with a local Board of Directors and staff who value old growth, conservation, and biodiversity, and who recreate in the forests just like you. I would encourage anyone interested in building community and wishing to be environmentally engaged to consider attending our upcoming Annual General Meeting on April 25th, to learn about what we are working on and opportunities to work together as a community to define the future forest we want to see.



**Chair** | Kathleen Suddes

## MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

This was my first year in the role of Operations Manager of the Community Forest. I started with a sincere effort to engage the community into the planning process by sharing our Operating Plan to the shíshálh Nation, local governments, community associations, recreation and environmental groups, and the community at large. This plan importantly introduced Ecosystem Based Management as a holistic, sustainable forestry model to build long-term ecosystem and community resilience.

For the first time in the Community Forest's history, I focused on ecosystem inventories and I engaged renowned habitat ecologist Laurie Kremsater and her team to conduct a qualitative assessment of species at risk, endangered plant communities, and Old Growth Recruitment potential. The report serves as a foundation document for Ecosystem Based Management. You can find the report on our website, as well as details for our Annual General Meeting where Laurie Kremsater will be presenting some of her findings.

Recreation in the forest was an area we received a lot of feedback about in early 2021. Recreation is also a personal interest of mine and the feedback from the community acknowledged the importance of forest recreation on the Sunshine Coast. I heard that people want good access and amenities to hike, camp, mountain bike, and disc golf. This year the Community Forest funded over \$50,000 in community access and recreation, including Phare Lake access and campsite improvements, access to Carlson Point, and \$10,000 for the Tetrahedron Outdoor Club's road maintenance and snow plowing.

I am grateful to all the hard working and dedicated volunteers. Without you, our community wouldn't have the world class trails and recreational opportunities in the forest that we all enjoy and love.

These endeavors would not be possible without the income generated from harvesting. This year saw record log pricing and the 18,500 cubic meters of logs sold generated \$2.9 million for the benefit of our community. Our log marketing focuses on supplying local mills first, and this year we were able to sell 25% of our logs right on the Sunshine Coast, and 75% to value-added manufacturers on the Fraser River.

Thank you to the local contractors and local businesses whose professional service has been instrumental in our success this year.



**Operations Manager** | Warren Hansen



# THANK YOU TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

## \$1.3 Million in Local Spending

## 2021 LEGACY FUND GRANTS

Each year, surplus funds from the Community Forest are paid into the Legacy Fund. A portion of that is available for grants for your community projects, and a portion remains in this segregated fund held by the District of Sechelt. Over \$3 million has been contributed to the Legacy Fund since it was created in 2014.

### ONE STRAW SOCIETY TINY BARN

One Straw Society has built a Tiny Barn to store tools, seeds and supplies in the heart of Roberts Creek in your community garden space.

**\$20,000**

### HALFMOON BAY MARINE SEARCH & RESCUE NAVIGATION SYSTEM

Vessel upgrades increase rescuers capacity to respond to distress calls in your community.

**\$18,500**

### CHAPMAN CREEK HATCHERY WATER SYSTEM

A new well reduces the draw on Chapman Creek and helps keep water temperatures low during the summer months.

**\$30,000**

### SUNSHINE COAST SOLAR PANEL ASSOCIATION SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEM

This project reduces the carbon footprint and operating costs of the Sechelt SPCA.

**\$19,500**

### TETRAHEDRON OUTDOOR CLUB STEELE CREEK BRIDGE

A new bridge crossing over Steele Creek will make the trail safer and more accessible.

**\$12,000**

## COMMUNITY FIREWOOD PROJECT

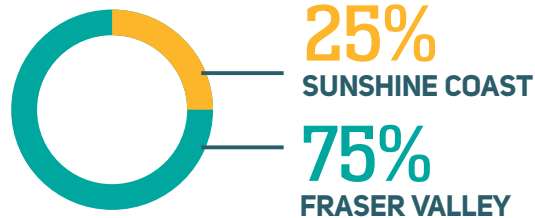
In early 2021, we heard from a local community supporter worker that she had vulnerable clients with disabilities who had gone without heat all winter because they could not afford firewood. Even for those with funds to buy firewood, she was not able to find any for them, and fell subject to scams. None of the firewood providers we knew of were taking new customers, and at the same time we were getting calls regularly reporting firewood poaching in the Community Forest.

### Our pilot firewood project started serving the community in the fall of 2021:

- Providing an affordable source of firewood
- Offering firewood for free to those experiencing financial hardship
- Engaging vulnerable community members with employment above a living wage
- Reducing poaching for firewood in our forests
- Making use of logging waste and reducing slash burning

In the short time we operated during 2021, we served 45 households, with 28% of the firewood provided to people without means to pay for it.

### LOCAL SALES DATA



### SUPPORTING LOCAL VOLUNTEER GROUPS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- Tetrahedron Outdoor Club
- Sunshine Coast Trails Society
- Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project
- Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild
- Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue
- Rotary Club of Sechelt
- Sunshine Coast United Mountain Bikers
- Coast Mountain Bike Trail Association
- Sunshine Coast Dirtbike Association

## SUNSHINE COAST BUSINESSES HELPED KEEP \$1.3 MILLION IN OPERATIONAL SPENDING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

RJM Contracting | RAM Enterprises | Chartwell Resources Group | Sechelt Creek Contracting  
H&H Developments | Western Rainforest Contracting | Peek-a-Boo Services | Bill Wells Backhoe Services  
Lehigh Materials | Hatfull & Associates | James Killackey Silviculture | KMT Contracting



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### PROFIT & LOSS

	2021	2020
Revenues	2,875,500	504,500
Cost of Sales	1,607,700	212,800
Expenses	369,200	302,000
Net Income (Loss)	898,600	(10,300)

### CASH FLOWS

	2021	2020
Opening Balance	905,600	1,650,700
Operations	1,162,500	(739,200)
Dividends Paid	(225,900)	(25,900)
Interest	21,300	20,000

Net Increase in Cash 957,900 (745,100)

**CLOSING BALANCE** 1,863,500 905,600

### CHANGES IN EQUITY

Opening	1,258,700	1,274,900
Net Income	920,000	9,700
Dividends	(225,900)	(25,900)
Closing	1,952,800	1,258,700

### BALANCE SHEET

	2021	2020
Cash	1,863,500	905,600
Other assets	711,500	1,068,600
Property & Equip.	7,200	2,000
	2,582,200	1,976,200

### ASSETS

### LIABILITIES

Current	197,000	237,900
Long Term	210,000	257,100

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### SHAREHOLDER EQUITY

2,175,200 1,481,200

As always, our full audited financial statements are available on our website



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