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Aboriginal Forest Industries Council An Ally in the Business of Forestry

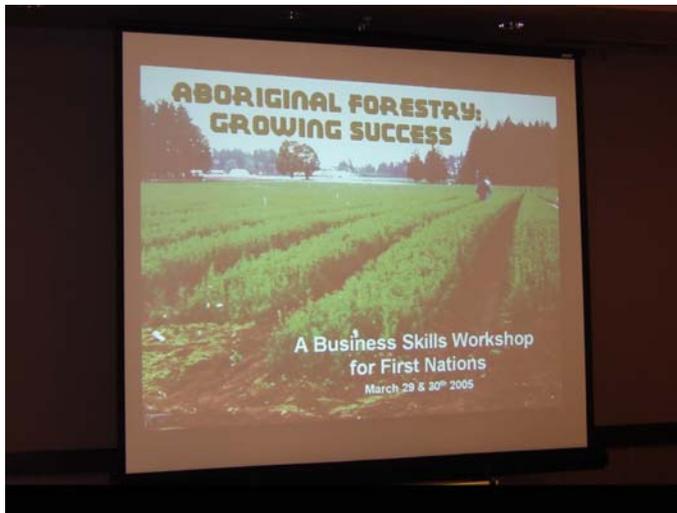
In the province of British Columbia the Aboriginal Forest Industries Council has become a valuable ally in First Nations communities and businesses within the forestry sector. On March 29th and 30th AFIC held a two-day workshop in Richmond called "Aboriginal Forestry: Growing Success," providing useful information on building

successful businesses and presenting opportunities in forming new relationships among First Nations businesses.

The event brought 80 delegates together from all over BC, forming a valuable network within the First Nations forestry community. Among the

delegates was Ron Bartlett, Kalum Ventures' CEO. The new network presented delegates with a chance to seek advice from one another. During this session Ron .B. received many inquiries as to how KVL went about obtaining forest licensing, acquiring permits, and seeking out funding. Also during this time Ron .B. was able to seek advice on forming policy agreements from another company who was successful
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Rock Quarry Updates

“We at Kalum Ventures appreciated the time and effort that Jeff Mohr and Bret Ballingal of CNR took to come to Kitsumkalum to explore the mutual opportunities in the Kitsumkalum Quarry.” Ron Bartlett

Geotechnical studies and an environmental review on the quarry were produced by Trow and McElhaney.



Kalum Quarry

From left to right: Mark Ignas, Ignas Contracting; Richard Inkster, Kalum Quarry; Bret Ballingal, CNR; Jeff Mohr, CNR; Joe Bevan, Kalum Quarry (KVL); Ron Bartlett, Kalum Quarry (KVL)

Richard Inkster and Grant Pauls are currently in the process of completing a non-metallic minerals permit application with INAC. This is expected to take 5-6 months to receive.

A feasibility study of the quarry is currently being conducted by Zeno Kreic.

A B.C.R was signed to move forward with the surveying of the land located behind Tempo (re-load). Kitsumkalum wishes to develop this land for light industrial use, commercial use, and high-end destination tourism opportunities. ♦

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in doing so.

One of the major issues that was brought up at the workshop was the difficulties everyone seemed to face in accessing grants and funding from INAC and government organizations. Out of 80 delegates, not one had received funding from INAC. With the expansion of First Nations' forestry activities AFIC has taken on a greater role in the industry. They have become a lobby group, with the intent of 'going to bat' for forestry businesses when dealing with funding issues

from the provincial government and INAC. KVL looks forward to utilizing AFIC as a valuable resource.

With KVL's success in the forestry sector it is evident that it is recognized as the foremost First Nations company in the province. To date, they have obtained their 1st and 2nd cutting permits, succeeded in license negotiations, formed worthwhile joint venture agreements with both Main Logging and Cypress Forest Management, and have created a new sub-company Traditional Forest Management. ♦



Logging at South Douglas

April 1st, 2005



above: Lyle Bolton, Trevor Jobb



Logging Operations Update

Logging in South Douglas is currently in the preliminary stages, with road construction and falling well underway.

A road ban is currently in place, preventing the operation of heavy equipment. Therefore, the major work will begin in approximately one month.

We appreciate Kitsumkalum's patience in this matter. ♦

Employment Opportunities



Office Assistant

Kalum Ventures Ltd. is looking for an office assistant for the months of June, July, and August (tentative).

Successful applicant must be a returning post-secondary student in a business program, and be 32 years of age or younger.

The deciding rate-of-pay will be based on experience.

Interested band members please apply to:

Joe Bevan, Kalum Ventures Ltd.
RR #3 S-19 C52
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Helicopter Tour Kitsumkalum Territory

Ron Bartlett went on a 3 hour helicopter tour of the Kitsumkalum territory. The tour began at the north end of Terrace and went through the Cedar River area, above valleys, rivers, and creeks.

The tour proved to be a worthwhile experience, giving Kalum Ventures a chance to plan for future harvesting opportunities. ♦



A stop on the tour:
Cedar trees = future harvesting opportunities

Cottonwood Harvesting Winter '04-'05 Update

Last winter KVL hired a biologist to conduct environmental studies in the Hell's Gate area. The biologists' findings identified various wildlife issues on one island that prevented KVL from going forward with the cottonwood harvesting. This island would have brought in \$120,000 out of 5000 m3 of wood. However, KVL did not want to compromise a prominent responsibility to the community over profit.

Currently, KVL is seeking to expand opportunities on other islands near New Remo where no habitat liabilities exist. More studies will be conducted through the summer and fall months of this year, and cottonwood harvesting on these islands will begin in the winter of 2006. ♦



From left to right:
Lars, pilot; Ron Bartlett, KVL; Greg Main, Main Logging;
Trevor Jobb, Forest Tech Northwest Timberlands; John Perez, MOF

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WEBSITES

°Kitsumkalum Band Council
<http://www.kitsumkalum.bc.ca/>

°Skeena Native Development Society
<http://www.snds.bc.ca>

°Job Bank
<http://www.jobbank.ca>

°BC Forestry
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca>

°Tricorp
<http://www.tricorp.ca/>

°BC First Nations
<http://www.bcfn.org/>

°Indian Act
<http://www.bloorstreet.com/200block/sindact.htm>

°Village of First Nations
<http://www.firstnations.com/>

°BC Treaty Commission
<http://www.bctreaty.net/>

°Assembly of First Nations
<http://www.afn.ca/>

Attention Kitsumkalum Band Members : Kalum Ventures Ltd. is looking for office space on-reserve

Kalum Ventures will be moving out of their main office as of August 2005, and will be seeking a spacious house to rent on-reserve.

To inquire please call Joe Bevan or Ron Bartlett @ 635-8060