



RUMBLINGS

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FORESTRY TRUCKSAFE



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RESOURCE ROAD ACT DEFERRED

We got word yesterday that the Resource Road Act, introduced in the legislature a couple of weeks ago, has been deferred to a “subsequent” sitting of the legislature, due to the amount of legislation the government has on its plate this spring. What that means, and when or if we’ll see it on the table again in the foreseeable future is unknown. According to NDP Forestry critic Bob Simpson there has been a lot of push back from all sectors on the proposed legislative framework as it was presented in Bill 30.

FORESTRY TRUCKSAFE’S INTEGRATED LOGBOOK TEMPLATE APPROVED BY NSC

CVSE management, and BC’s National Safety Code Director Suzanne Watson, have given approval to Forestry TruckSafe’s Integrated Logbook Template, which includes the new WorkSafeBC requirements for log trucks. Perry Therrien from CVSE has sent a memo to all CVSE officers in the province to clarify that it is legal for the WorkSafe requirements to be on the same page as the CVSE requirements.

He also made it clear to the officers that under National Safety Code rules, truckers CANNOT RUN TWO LOG BOOKS IN THE CVSE FORMAT. And the CVSE /NSC general trucking log book does not meet WorkSafe BC requirements because the information they want is different. If you have any questions about this give us a call. The Integrated Logbook is available online, at www.bcforestsafe.org, by fax, or mail, or at print shops around the province. If your local printing shop doesn’t have it, give us a call at 1.877.324.1212, and we’ll forward it electronically to them so you can get books made up.

RITCHIE BROS SALE IN PRINCE GEORGE SET RECORDS

Vehicles were parked a mile in either direction along the highways and the parking lot, which holds thousands of vehicles, was full for the Ritchie Bros. sale in Prince George on Wednesday. On the block were hundreds of pieces of logging equipment and more than 50 logging trucks and trailers. Overall prices were fairly strong, and much of the equipment was bought locally, though lots went to Saskatchewan.



The sale featured complete dispersals for a couple of large contractors, and restructuring or downsizing for several others from the northern interior. The sale saw record attendance, but many of the guys who were there are off for breakup and came to socialize or see what was going on.

A big thanks to Ritchie Bros for allowing us to have a booth at the sale, where we get a chance to talk to loggers, truckers and their wives about concerns and issues. We have a long list to follow up on! Overall, though, the mood was still cautiously optimistic about the future of the industry and toughing it out through the downturn. The price of fuel, and production cuts were the two main topics.



STEELWORKERS HOLDING FORESTRY WORKER TRANSITION WORKSHOP

Over 16 programs and service providers throughout the north central interior region will be available to answer questions and hand out information regarding the wide range of services available to Forest workers who have been displaced or who believe their jobs are in jeopardy. The information event will start at 10am to 4pm this Saturday May 10 at the Civic Center in Prince George.

These are very difficult times, stresses Terry Tate, Forest Worker Coordinator, for the USW Local 1-424 The intention is to make sure people are aware of opportunities available that may assist them in finding a new path for themselves or improving their present skills. This is a joint project with Turner & Assoc area service providers, the College of New Caledonia and the Province of BC., the event is open to all those working within the forest sector.

It's a no cost event. Funding from the Province has allowed them to put this together. Offering a snack and one free steel lunch box to those attending is just a little incentive for people to attend. Equally important will be the information that's gathered about the areas of improvement in services people need. Helping people before they are laid-off work is also a major priority with everyone and organizers are hopeful funding in this area will soon become a reality. Further information; Terry Tate 563-7771 cell 617-3999

PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING RADIO FREQUENCY PILOTS

Industry Canada, the Ministry of Forests, BC Timber Sales, FERIC and Forestry TruckSafe are holding a series of meetings regarding the radio frequency pilot projects on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and in the Tumbler Ridge area. All road users, radio shop owners and recreationists are urged to attend the meetings in their area, to be updated on frequencies, channel assignments, protocols, calling procedures and signage for the pilots. The meetings are set for:

- **Duncan** - May 13th, Steelworkers Union Hall 7pm
- **Campbell River** – May 14th, Anchor Inn 9am and 6 pm
- **Nanaimo** - May 15th, Best Western Dorchester 9am and 6 pm
- **Port Alberni**- May 15th Best Western Barclay 1pm
- **Dawson Creek**- May 20 George Dawson Inn 9am and 6 pm
- **Chetwynd** – **May 21, Recreation Centre** 9am and 6 pm

For more information, call us 1.877.324.1212

CONGRATS! ILA CELEBRATES ITS 50th ANNIVERSARY AT KAMLOOPS CONVENTION

The Interior Logging Association was formed in 1958, and is celebrating its 50th anniversary during its Kamloops convention this weekend. The convention is being held for the first time at the Thomson Rivers University Campus. Events include the trade show, with hundreds of exhibits, social events, and a seminar entitled, "What happens when your licensee goes broke" – very relevant to many loggers in the wake of the Pope & Talbot situation. Congratulations to the ILA Board of Directors, past & present, and to Manager Wayne Lintott, Nancy and Leanne, for keeping the ILA vibrant for 50 years!

PRO-TRUCKER SHOW 'n SHINE AT FOREST AND RESOURCES EXPO

Pro-Trucker Magazine, based in Surrey, BC, is hosting the first ever Northern BC Big Rig Show 'n Shine during the Forest & Resources Expo event coming up June 5, 6 & 7. Pro-Trucker publisher and editor John White says he's been wanting to do a show in the north for several years. "Our Alberta and BC Big Rig Weekends are very popular and well attended, but we wanted to give northern truckers a chance to take part, so we're taking this opportunity to partner with Forest & Resources Expo".

Categories of truck being judged in the Show 'n Shine will include loggers, gravel trucks, specialty trucks (crane trucks, tow trucks, self-loaders), sleeper units, and tractor/trailer combinations. There will also be trophies for the Best in Show, and the People's Choice. As an added bonus, White says that the Best in Show truck from this show will be entered to win the Wildcard spot in the 2009 Wowtrucks® Calendar. (see www.wowtrucks.com)

Forest & Resources Expo Manager Trudy Swaan is delighted to see the Big Rig Show coming to town as a part of this year's Expo. "Having the trucks there, especially working trucks, just adds another dimension to our show. It makes the connection between exhibits and real people working on the ground".

John White is anticipating a good turn out of 50 trucks or more, from across the transportation and resource industries. There are already trucks from the oil patch and forestry committed to participating in the show. The Northern BC Big Rig Show 'n Shine will run June 6 and 7 at the Prince George Exhibition Grounds. For registration information, contact Pro-Trucker at 604-580-2092

SEMINAR LINEUP FINALIZED FOR FOREST & RESOURCES EXPO

The CILA, BC Forest Safety Council and Logging & Sawmilling Journal are very pleased to present the seminar lineup for Forest & Resources Expo. The seminars will be taking place June 5 and 6 at the Prince George Exhibition grounds, in the Kin Centre. Because Forest Expo has expanded to include mining, and oil & gas (hence the name change), the seminars have likewise expanded from a strictly forestry focus to addressing broader issues shared by all industries. We are all affected by global economies, we're all affected by the commodities markets, and when we get down to it, as business operations, we share the same issues and concerns about regulations, human resources, safety, technology, and our bottom lines.

Speakers for the seminars include representatives from all three resource extraction industries, and will each present their respective industry's perspectives on a variety of topics, including Resource Roads, Substance Use in the Workplace, Technology, Safety Associations and COR partnerships, the Workplace and Workforce of the Future, and Engaging First Nations in a meaningful way.

Attendees can take advantage of the opportunity to get to know the other industries better, and to see where there might be possibilities for diversification or expansion of their forestry operations to provide services for the other industries as well. The CILA has added a bonus session on Thursday afternoon with Garry Mancell, called "Contract Ins and Outs".

For more information, or to register, call the CILA office, at 250.562.3368 Cost for the seminars is \$200 + gst for non CILA members, or \$170 + GST for CILA members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8, 9, 10	Interior Logging Convention, Kamloops
May 10	Forest Workers Transition Information Day, Prince George Civic Centre
May 30- June 1	Community Forests Conference, Sechelt
June 3-5	International Bio Energy Conference, Prince George
June 5-7	Forest & Resources Expo, Prince George
June 6 & 7	Pro-Trucker Northern BC Big Rig Show n Shine, Prince George
July 5 & 6	Big Rig Weekend, Chilliwack
Aug 2 & 3	Vancouver Island Truck Show, Saanich

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