

Forest Investment Council Recommendations

March 14, 2003 Meeting

- Don Wright opened the meeting by explaining that the purpose was to elicit a consensus of members so that he could advise the Minister of Forests accordingly.
- Program representatives discussed the implications of reductions beyond the previously anticipated 7.5%.
- It was suggested that there are three ways to approach program allocations for next year:
 - Simple proportionate reductions to all programs;
 - Actively avoid having to dismantle any ongoing projects so that reductions are visited more on programs where the number of projects is flexible; or
 - Reduce funding to Ministries more than funding to other programs on a premise that they should have already crafted standards needed for the LBIP.
- Council agreed that Mr. Wright and the Secretary would produce a briefing note to the Minister outlining the Council's views.
- The next regular quarterly meeting, initially scheduled for April 24, 2003, has been postponed until June, 2003.