

Working Roundtable on Forestry November 24, 2008 Meeting Summary

The Working Roundtable approved the summary of its November 7th meeting.

The Working Roundtable on Forestry continued its discussion of the Working Roundtable's vision for the forest industry and supporting principles.

Particular areas of interest that the Working Roundtable had identified it wanted to revisit were discussed. In particular, issues related to silviculture: different ways to incent greater investment in the land base; opportunities for carbon sequestration through reforestation of Mountain Pine Beetle-devastated areas; and intensive forest management. The Working Roundtable also discussed issues around skills gaps, recruitment and retention issues, and training and education.

A discussion of the Roundtable's interest in proposing different forestry zones and their purpose also took place. This involved a discussion of how climate, forest species, socio-economic issues, forest health, local geographic issues, manufacturing capacity, products and markets vary across the Province. The Working Roundtable discussed the differences in what they heard from communities across the provinces, and how to better recognize these differences in the development and application of forest policy and operations.