



LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEXT STEPS

In support of the New Forest Act initiative

The New Forest Act is a proposed framework for new provincial forestry legislation in British Columbia. Local governments do not control forestry legislation, but they do have an important role in communicating community priorities, watershed concerns, infrastructure risks, and economic interests to the Province.

The following are practical options available to councils and regional districts wishing to continue the conversation.

1. Request Additional Information or Briefing

Councils, boards, and staff may request a follow-up information session or technical briefing regarding:

- the New Forest Act framework
- watershed and infrastructure implications
- Protect–Restore–Harvest (P.R.H.) forest management
- governance and implementation concepts
- potential implications for local communities and economies

Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society (BFWSS) can provide virtual follow-up presentations or question-and-answer sessions. Email us here: boundaryforest@gmail.com

2. Request Provincial Review

Councils and regional districts may write to the Province requesting formal review and consideration of the New Forest Act framework as part of BC's forestry policy and legislative future.

Suggested recipients:

- Premier of British Columbia
- Minister of Forests
- Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
- local MLA(s)
- Opposition forestry critic

3. Consider a Council or Board Resolution

Councils and regional districts may choose to pass a resolution requesting provincial review of the New Forest Act framework.



Sample Resolution

THAT Council/Board request that the Province of British Columbia review the New Forest Act framework as a potential legislative model for addressing forest-sector instability, watershed protection, ecological limits, and long-term regional economic resilience;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Forests, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, local MLA(s), and relevant local government associations.

4. Advance the Discussion Through Local Government Associations

Local governments may choose to bring forestry and watershed concerns forward through:

- UBCM
- AVICC
- regional local government associations, such as AKBLG

This can help broaden provincial discussion regarding long-term forestry governance and community interests.

5. Continue the Conversation

The New Forest Act is intended to support serious discussion about the future of forestry legislation in British Columbia.

BFWSS is available to provide:

- virtual follow-up sessions
- additional information and materials
- sample resolution wording
- sample letters to provincial government representatives
- clarification regarding the framework and proposal documents

Download the NFA framework and Executive Summary here: <https://boundaryforest.org/the-new-forest-act-proposal/>

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