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ABCFP Announces New Councillors

(Nanaimo, BC) The 68th council of the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) officially took office at **Today's Choices, Tomorrow's Forests** —the ABCFP's annual forestry conference and AGM in Nanaimo, BC. This year's president is Jonathan Lok, a Registered Forest Technologist (RFT), from Port McNeill, BC.

The 68th council includes forest professionals from around the province who have a variety of backgrounds that will enhance the work of the ABCFP. This year's council includes representatives from government, large forest companies and independent consultants.

The ABCFP council governs the affairs of the association and works to fulfill the ABCFP's mandate as defined in the *Foresters Act*. The ABCFP council is made up of 11 elected councillors and two lay councillors who are appointed by the provincial government.

President

Jonathan Lok, RFT

Jon is a managing partner of Strategic Natural Resource Consultants, one of the West Coast's most progressive natural resource consulting companies. Before co-founding Strategic over 10 years ago, Jon worked with Canfor, Canadian Air Crane, TimberWest and Weyerhaeuser in both logging and timber development capacities. These experiences helped to develop his skill sets in strategic planning, project management and business development. When not actively engaged as a principal of Strategic, Jon volunteers his time with the Association of BC Forest Professionals, Consulting Foresters of BC, and the Canadian Institute of Forestry. He also serves as a director on several boards, including the North Island Community Forest and the Port McNeill Marine Rescue Society. Born in Oakville, ON and growing up all over Canada as part of an RCMP family, Jon put down roots in Port McNeill while he studied at SFU and BCIT before returning with his wife, Jennifer, to his North Island home.

Newly Elected Members of Council Councillors at Large

Morgan Kennah, RPF

Morgan started down the forester path straight out of high school with the encouragement of her forester father. She graduated from the Resource Management Program at UBC with recognition of the Canadian Institute of Forestry's Gold Medal Award. She later pursued her MBA.

Her current role is Manager of Sustainable Timberlands and Community Affairs for Island Timberlands, the second largest private landowner in BC. Morgan's role is a dynamic mix of the social and environmental components of forestry as she oversees the forest certification program, leads the stakeholder interaction work ranging from government relations to residential neighbors, and fulfills the media relations role.

In addition, Morgan acts as Chair the Western Canadian SFI Implementation Committee and Secretary with the Canadian Association of Forest Owners. Morgan is based in Nanaimo.

Trevor Swan, RPF

Trevor has been a registered professional forester for more than 30 years. During that time, he has worked for industry, government, administrative tribunals and First Nations. He has worked in the field on the coast and Interior, and on Crown, federal, private and treaty settlement lands. He has been in the office and the boardroom, and has seen resource management through the lens of each of the forest and the oil and gas sectors.

Trevor earned his forestry degree from UBC in 1981 and became a Registered Professional Forester in 1983. He earned his LLB from the University of Alberta in 1986 and was called to the BC Bar in 1988. Trevor is currently the chief legal and regulatory officer for the BC Oil and Gas Commission.

Trevor is currently based in Victoria and enjoys golfing when he's not at work.

Lisa Perrault, RFT

Lisa has spent her career both in the Interior and on the coast of BC working for the government, industry and as an independent contractor.

She has enjoyed a wide spectrum of opportunities, including fire suppression, silviculture, cartography, environmental auditing, information management, communications, safety and, most recently, strategic projects. Lisa has worked with Western Forest Products Inc. in Campbell River since 1998, and is currently the coordinator, strategic projects, working on industry recruitment and training initiatives, communications, and the WFP Logging Fundamentals Training program.

Lisa is on the Boards of the Festival of Forestry and the Campbell River Forest Education Association.

Jill Affleck, RFT

Jill grew up in Vancouver so forestry wasn't an automatic career choice. She went tree planting at 18 and her eyes were opened to the possibility of getting paid to work in nature. She attended BCIT's Renewable Resources program and later became a Registered Forest Technologist.

She spent six years working for consulting firms that allowed her to explore every nook and cranny of the province. Currently she is based in Makenzie and works for the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations where she is proud to find savings and deliver good value for the tax payers by doing forest development work.

Jill is happiest when she has her dog, dirt, bears and trees to play with. She loves to be busy which is good because she and her partner are welcoming their first child later this year. Jill plans on introducing her child to the forest as soon as possible.

The ABCFP Council

President: **Jonathan Lok, RFT**
Resident of: Port McNeill
Employer: Strategic Natural Resource Consultants

Vice-President: **Christopher Stagg, RPF**
Resident of: Prince George
Employer: Canadian Forest Products

Jill Affleck, RFT*
Resident of: Mackenzie
Employer: Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Gail Brewer, RPF
Resident of: Victoria
Employer: Retired

Lisa Perrault, RFT*
Resident of: Campbell River
Employer: Western Forest Products

Past President: **Dan Graham, RPF, LLB**
Resident of: North Cowichan
Employer: Consultant

Morgan Kennah, RPF*
Resident of: Nanaimo
Employer: Island Timberlands

Trevor Swan, RPF*
Resident of: Victoria
Employer: BC Oil and Gas Commission

Mauro Calabrese, RPF, RPBio
Resident of: Williams Lake
Employer: West Fraser Timber

Tom Hoffman, RPF
Resident of: Williams Lake
Employer: Tolko

Robin Modesto, RPF, PEng
Resident of: Campbell River
Employer: Interfor Corporation

*Newly elected to the 68th council.

Lay Councillors

Rod Visser
Resident of: Campbell River
Employer: MiddlePoint Management

Tom Walker
Resident of: Duncan
Employer: Retired

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*The **Association of BC Forest Professionals'** forestry conference and AGM, is held in different locations around BC each year. Attending are Registered Professional Foresters and Registered Forest Technologists who come to learn from the best, share ideas and best practices, and network with colleagues.*

*The **Association of BC Forest Professionals** is responsible for registering and regulating British Columbia's professional foresters and forest technologists. Today, it is the largest professional forestry association in Canada and the first to include forest technologists. Here in BC, the practice of professional forestry has been regulated since 1947 when foresters first agreed to help protect the public's interest in the province's forests in return for the exclusive right to practise forestry.*

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