

REASONS TO JOIN THE HPWPS & HPCC

The Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society (HPWPS) was formed in 1996. Years of effort - research, planning, and bureaucratic interaction - resulted in the Society compiling a detailed 300 page application for a community forest license in early 1999.

The application included the incorporation of a community cooperative to manage and operate the community forest. A cooperative offered meaningful public participation and accountability to the residents of Harrop, Sunshine Bay and Procter. Subsequently, Harrop-Procter Community Cooperative (HPCC) was formed in March, 1999. The structure of the Cooperative's Board of Directors stipulates that 50 per cent of the Directors also sit on the Society's Board of Directors.

In July 1999, it was announced that the community forest license application was successful and a Pilot Community Forest Agreement was initiated between HPWPS and the provincial government. HPCC then assumed management of the Harrop-Procter Community Forest on a five year trial basis. Now there is a 25 year agreement in place with the province that solidifies continuity. **Becoming a member of both organizations is important. Here's why:**

Watershed Protection – Community control of logging in the Harrop-Procter area means local people are working to protect the quality and quantity of area watersheds.

Have Your Say – The Harrop Procter Watershed Protection Society offers you a vote on issues affecting your forest and watershed. Results of water monitoring programs are available for members.

Make it Work – Many communities in BC, across Canada and in other countries are very interested in our approach to sustainable forestry and community economic development. This leadership role requires a broad base of support...we all benefit if we work together.

Support Community Control – Maximum membership and participation creates the leverage needed for continuing to be granted the community forest license, a strong base for funding requests and the kind of dynamic community spirit that makes Harrop-Procter a great place to live.

Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society (HPWPS)

*Dedicated to ecosystem research, public education and sustainable community forestry.
Harrop-Procter property owners and residents hold voting memberships.*

Harrop-Procter Community Cooperative (HPCC)

Responsible for forest operations and planning in the community forest as well as operation of the sawmill (Harrop-Procter Forest Products)

Available for Harrop-Procter property owners and residents. Cooperative members receive a discount of 10 per cent at HPFP.

Please fill out the form on the website and mail your payment (cash, cheque) to 202-286 3rd Avenue, Procter, BC, V0G 1V0.

If you have any questions or want to confirm membership or renew it for either organization, please call us at (250) 229-2271 or email: office@hpcommunityforest.org Thank you!