



Community Forest News

Summer 2022

The Community Forest is comprised of two organizations, the Harrop Procter Community Co-operative, which manages the forest tenure and mill, and the Harrop Procter Watershed Protection Society, a stewardship body that undertakes monitoring of HPCC plans and activities, water monitoring, education and outreach.

Twenty + Two Community Celebration!

Although the pandemic delayed things, it is time to celebrate our community forest!!

Plan to attend the festivities this Saturday between 2:00 and 5:00 pm at the Procter Schoolhouse grounds/HPCC office upstairs.

A complimentary BBQ, cake, music, tours of the office, talks by HPCC forester Erik Leslie along with the chance to mingle and share with board members, volunteers and supporters old and new. What better way to spend an August Saturday afternoon??

There will also be the opportunity to join/sign up to get involved in the day-to-day business of the cooperative. It is a mainstay of our community: providing free firewood, lumber, monetary donations and instilling pride - as one of the very first and most successful community forests - and deserves to be celebrated as we move forward.

The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers hope everyone will come by Saturday afternoon to enjoy celebrating the success we have created - and intend to maintain.

See you there!

Request for Proposal

The Harrop Procter Community Cooperative (HPCC) is seeking expressions of interest from experienced consultants for an operational review of the Harrop Procter Forest Products (HPFP) sawmill.

The sawmill processes timber from HPCC community forest operations, and other forestry operations in the region. It has been in operation for more than a decade. As a key part of HPCC's Strategic Plan implementation, an operational review will help to inform priority setting, consideration of operational efficiencies and new planning to respond to opportunities and risks in the future.

This phase of operational review is anticipated to include:

- Identification of opportunities for efficiencies from workflow redesign, including management and staff duties;

- Options for consideration, such as:
- Equipment scenarios to meet the needs of the mill over the coming period, including identification of replacement priorities and suggested timing;
- Operational scenarios to respond to softening of the market;
- Physical layout of buildings and property;
- Wood waste management issues and opportunities;
- A recommended action plan.

A more detailed project outline is available for interested individuals by contacting HPCC Office Administrator Carly Dow at 250-229-2271 or emailing her at coordinator@hpcommunityforest.org

Deadline to submit a proposal is August 31.

Harrop Procter Community Cooperative (HPCC)

Carly Dow is the new HPCC office coordinator, taking over from Michele Dupas who stepped away to focus on her gallery and artistic pursuits.



Carly Dow

Carly's background is in Environmental Sciences, with a focus on conservation, biology, stewardship and public outreach. She has over a decade of experience working with numerous environmental organizations in a variety of roles: from field work and reporting, eco-education and communications to graphic design and administration. Her cumulative skills will assist in moving HPCC forward.

A professional musician and published poet, she spends her free time hiking and paddling while enjoying life in Procter.

Welcome to HPCC Carly!

Michael Martin has taken on the bookkeeping responsibilities for the cooperative and the society, starting in late May.

Michael grew up in Kimberley, working at the now-closed Sullivan mine during high school. After graduating he moved to the coast, working as a bus driver for both BC Transit and Greyhound while attending the University of British Columbia.

He graduated with a BSc. in bio-chemistry, eventually taking up accounting studies at the same institute and was a business owner in Vancouver for a number of years.



Michael Martin

Gravitating towards his Kootenay roots, he moved to Harrop in 2007, purchasing the bakery business and home of previous owner Susan Foot.

Father/grandpa to an awesome brood of three children and seven grandkids, Michael and partner Bev are integral parts of the community.

Correction

In the last issue Ivan Hale - pictured here working on the moulder - was mistakenly confused with, and identified as, his brother Oliver Hale. Apologies to both of them for the error! Ivan has been working Wednesdays and Saturdays since March and is a valued member of the HPFP crew.



In the Community

Procter Hall Deck replacement

Over the course of a July weekend, dedicated volunteers from the Procter Community Society and community rebuilt the deck at the Procter Hall. This included feeding and keeping hydrated all the workers swinging hammers.



under construction...

Led by Dana Rothkop and Terry Huva - who did the technical drawings - a half day of planning and two days construction resulted in the lovely new deck on the south side of the building.

The construction crew included Garry Bell, Ralph Beaumont, Morgan Davies, Charlie, Catherine and Liam Donnelly, Gary Eichenauer, Michael Martin and Grant Palfenier. Working in the kitchen were Bev Clement, Dorothea Hauser, Karen Kane and Kim Palfenier. Lumber was donated by the Harrop Procter Community Cooperative; pressure-treated lumber and various hardware items were donated by Home Hardware Building Centre on McDonald Drive in Nelson.

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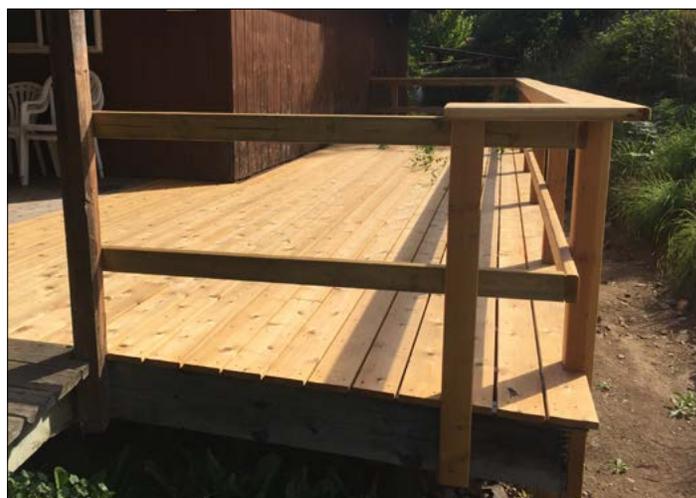
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Project manager Rothkop was very appreciative of the generosity of both organizations. "The mill donated over \$5000 dollars worth of wood, incredible. Home Building Centre - they were great. Anything we needed, nuts, bolts, deck screws, supports, lumber, they provided it. Their donation was about \$1200 dollars worth of materials, so a huge thank you to both organizations for providing what was needed.

"And of course, thanks to all who helped out with the project. That's what community is all about, pitching in to make improvements. A nice job all around by everyone involved."

The new deck, with stairs and flashing to be installed in September, is another part of the revitalization of Procter Hall. HPCC has supported both societies over the years as they improve the existing halls serving the communities.



the finished effort!

HPCC members get a 10% discount, so send us your email address if you would like to be informed of upcoming specials!



To request a donation, not-for-profit groups simply need to provide details of the project and community benefits on their letterhead and submit to: office@hpcommunityforest.org