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# Community Forest News

Fall 2025

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.

## Harrop Procter Community Cooperative

### Community Support Fund

A reminder to community residents and small businesses that the deadline for applications to the inaugural funding is January 31st, 2026.

The Community Support Fund (CSF) is an initiative by the cooperative to support local residents and businesses with projects they need done. Initially funding is capped at \$15,000 this year. The intent is to assist local residents with home/property improvements/upgrades and support small business prosperity through specified measures - marketing, technical upgrades, infrastructure, etc. - that will help them be resilient and enable growth.

An application form can be obtained by calling the community forest office at 250-229-2271. You can also email to receive it: office@hpcommunityforest.org

Applications will be reviewed by HPCC's Community Engagement Committee in early February. The desire is to expand the annual funding amount in future years. In part, this will be determined by the number of applications received this year.

### Donations

Waldorf School program  
(lumber for Grade Eight student project)  
\$390.00

Community members  
(Firewood event: bucking, logs, hauling)  
\$7630.00

Total: \$8020.00  
Total Donations in 2025: \$19,606.00

### Audit Recommendations

Every year at the Annual General Meeting the cooperative presents a special resolution to waive the appointment of a professional auditor. Members are supportive of this action; the Chair then requests a member of the community in attendance to conduct a review of records and financial statements in autumn. This year two volunteers - Lynda Dosenberger and Terry Huva - spent a full day on October 10 with HPCC bookkeeper Michael Martin and administrator Erika Sullivan.

In general they were very pleased with record-keeping and procedures. As noted in their report, "you [HPCC] have a well established, systematic approach to tracking expenditures and revenues. You have a wage policy which you follow for consistent payroll practices."

Eleven minor recommendations were made. These included clarity on membership dues for both organizations, enhanced sign-off/authorization on all contracts, commonality in preparation of financial reports, an annual review of the wage status of all employees and monthly reviews by the Financial committee of all electronic financial transactions.

These minor adjustments will improve record-keeping, processes and verification practices prior to submitting annual financial records to our accounting firm. Many have already been implemented. The rest will be moving forward.

To view the full report, please call the office at 229-2271.

## In the Community

### Mulching Project

In an effort to reduce the amount of slash burning that occurs in the fall, the cooperative is exploring different technologies and means of dealing with understory growth in our forest and off-cuts/wood waste at the mill.

Former HPCC President and Director Joern Wingender has recently purchased a Pfanzelt Moritz forestry crawler for a new forestry division - Flow State Adaptations - within his company the Traditional Timber Framing Company. Remote-controlled small scale equipment is becoming more popular in numerous international forestry operations due to its smaller ecological footprint and ease of deployment.

A one acre trial plot to test mulching capability - in an understory fuel treatment area on the first kilometre of Narrows Road - was conducted in October. This area of very dense hemlock and cedar understory is assessed as a high fuel hazard. The objective was to test the effectiveness of the machine for wildfire risk reduction in removing small conifers (understory and ladder fuels) and mulching rather than burning them.

Cedar and hemlock trees smaller than 10 cm (4") were mulched while the remaining trees were pruned to eight feet. Based on the encouraging results, HPCC's Forestry division has applied for a grant of \$180,000 from the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT)'s Wildfire Resiliency Initiative to mulch a significantly larger understory area in West Procter next year.

If the application is successful, Flow State Adaptations will work collaboratively with both FP Innovations, a not-for-profit organization that conducts research and develops solutions for competitiveness in the Canadian forest industry nationally, and the cooperative.



Mulched area



(l to r) Steve Hvenegaard, FP Innovations, Joern Wingender, Flow State Adaptations, Erika Sullivan, HPCC administrator and partner Kyle Pittman with Pfanzelt Moritz mulcher

## Harrop Procter Forest Products

In early December, two plus years after the initial application, HPCC was granted the building permit to convert the lumber shed on the North side of the property into a structure that will house the new moulder.

The expansion and repurposing of the building will complete the mill revitalization project and enable a final report to be submitted to Manufacturing Jobs BC once the last funding parameter, installation of the new moulder, is met. They have recognized the adaptability necessary to meet municipal government requirements throughout the ongoing process in granting several extensions.

# Harrop Procter Forest Products (cont'd.)

A concrete floor has been poured and exterior modifications made to the building. An extension to accommodate the upgraded dust collection system required by the RDCK is ongoing.

Once the concrete has set completely - about a month, as per construction standard benchmarks - the new moulder will be installed.

The dust collection system is on back order; it is expected to arrive in the spring. The old moulder will be used until the complete changeover is finished sometime in 2026. It will be kept as a back up and for increased capacity for time-sensitive orders.

Milling will not happen over the holidays but there will be a staff presence after Boxing Day. A complete inventory count has been completed and needs to be entered electronically so there is the opportunity to obtain lumber if needed. Call 551-5452 if this is the case. Full mill operations will resume on Monday, January 5.



*Carpenters Jacques and Raphael working on the moulder building extension*



## HARROP - PROCTER FOREST PRODUCTS

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1x4, 1x6, 1x8, 2x4, 2x6, 2x8  
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Call 250-551-5452 for pricing and to place your order

# Harrop Procter Watershed Protection Society

## Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting for the Harrop Procter Watershed Protection Society (HPWPS) was held on Wednesday, November 26 at the office in the old Procter Schoolhouse.

Fifteen people were in attendance. The meeting was chaired by President Rich Newton, assisted by Secretary/Administrator Erika Sullivan. The agenda covered issues important to community members: the water monitoring program, - 2024 final report is now available to members at no cost - future fundraising initiatives, improved coordination with HPCC forestry planning and operations, a revised mandate and the intent to increase efforts at promoting education, outreach and water conservation, among others.

Following the President's overview of the past year and future plans, a report by Treasurer Diane Gamble was received and discussed. One of the intentions moving forward is to increase funding. This will include grant writing as well as fund raising events. An increased membership (new residents, members of water user groups) is also important in this regard. The water monitoring program will continue to be funded by the community cooperative as agreed to by both organizations.

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Election of board members was the final item of business. Bruce Lane and Gwen Davis are stepping down from the board. Rob Vuik and Britta Barteski were nominated, both accepted. They will join the other ten returning board members at the next HPWPS meeting on January 28, 2026.

Polls conducted by the cooperative over the years have indicated water (quality, availability) is always the number one issue in terms of importance to residents, yet membership has decreased dramatically over several decades. Contrary to what many might believe, the HPWPS and the HPCC are distinct organizations.

A lifetime membership in the HPWPS is only \$50.00, a three year membership is \$25.00. Contact Secretary/Administrator Erika Sullivan at 250-229-2271 or by email [contact@hpwps.org](mailto:contact@hpwps.org) to join, volunteer and become involved. With community concerns around climate stressors and ensuring water resources are always preserved, the renewed mandate and a focus on future activities means there will be lots of ways to be involved in the HPWPS. Join now!

Learn more: [www.hpwps.org](http://www.hpwps.org)

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 Harrop Procter Forest Products

Local residents get a 10% discount, 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: [coordinator@hpcommunityforest.org](mailto:coordinator@hpcommunityforest.org)

## Free Firewood Event

Over two logging truckloads of firewood were made available from the community forest for the annual event. Now in its fifth year, changes were made to the location, the time of year and the event itself.

It no longer requires recipients to cut the wood they take away. This eliminates liability issues, potential serious injuries and speeds the process of picking up the rounds - thanks to dedicated volunteers prior to and on the day of the event.

A number of community members sawed rounds over a ten-day period prior to Saturday, October 18th. For their efforts, they received lumber or firewood from HPCC in varying quantities depending on the hours they accrued.

On Saturday, volunteers from the community, the Board of Directors and the mill (Harrop Procter Forest Products) loaded vehicles from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Over the course of the day, 54 residents received wood. Given the amount of bucked wood still available, it was decided to offer loading the following Saturday, October 25 for those unable to sign up on the 18th. Another 32 households received firewood thanks to the same volunteers.

Everyone receiving wood was pleased with the new format. This was demonstrated through generous donations, including baking for the volunteers. Twelve hundred dollars went to the Harrop & District Community Centre Society (HDCC). Next year, another local organization will be the beneficiary.

Overall, it was a satisfying, successful event. There are too many volunteers to list here; they did an amazing job both Saturdays. The HPCC will again donate more logs for firewood next autumn, if available. If residents have a dire need for firewood over the winter, please contact the mill at 551-5452. Efforts to provide some will be made by Community Engagement Committee members and mill staff.



Some of the volunteers (l to r) **Top row:** Helen Price, Michael Martin, Britta Barteski, Oliver Houston, Nicklon Okros **Bottom row:** Mac McCuaig, Arnie Nesbitt, John Rilkoﬀ, Vic Corrie, Bill Macpherson, Marjorie Davidson, Diane Gamble, Erika Sullivan, Jordan Beaumont-Ferri, Kent Liu



*Arnie Nesbitt and John Rilkoﬀ at the end of cutting*



*Start of day October 18th*



*Volunteers loading*



*Waiting for trucks. (l to r) Ralph Beaumont, Michael Martin, Bill Macpherson, Vic Corrie*



*(l to r) John Rilkoﬀ, Oliver Houston, Erika Sullivan*



*End of first day*