

Past President Report 2023

Forest Health:

From a forest health perspective, the lands that CNSC has tenure over are in better condition than past years when it comes to elevated levels of insect damage. The Spruce and Fir bark beetle populations in the region have been on a downward trend during the past two seasons. Bark beetles are continuing to damage and kill some trees in our area but not to the levels we have seen in past years. One could suggest that the current level of mortality provides healthy historical levels of stand replacing activity. These dead trees do provide some elevated risk of increased wildfire activity. As we have seen throughout BC and the world, summer temperatures and drying conditions are increasing year over year. Forest Health and Wildfire risks are increasing and as a result CNSC has undertaken wildfire risk reduction efforts directly around its structures. Whether to undertake and the type and level of wildfire risk reduction undertaken on CNSC tenures should be an ongoing consideration for CNSC.

Recreational Facility Grants

CNSC has been very successful obtaining grants for facility improvements. CNSC has successfully leveraged grants for all its major capital improvements in the past 10 years. Over \$1.0 million has been received from NDIIT alone in the past 10 years. Grant writing and grant reporting takes countless hours of effort and CNSC members have benefited from those volunteer efforts undertaken by a core group of members over the years.

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