



## LICENCES & PERMITS

# FORESTRY ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY POLICY

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### **Purpose**

The purpose is to detail environmental and safety policies related to Mission Tree Farm Licence 26 (also known as Mission Municipal Forest), which is managed by Mission's Forestry Department.

### **Forestry Environmental and Safety Policy**

The District of Mission is committed to responsible stewardship of the environment and safety in our forestry operations on TFL 26.

We will:

- Meet or exceed all applicable laws governing environmental performance.
- Plan for, set and review forest environmental objectives and targets as well as seek continual improvement in our environmental performance.
- Use current scientific knowledge to understand ecological responses to natural and human-caused disturbances and then incorporate this knowledge into higher level and operational plans by applying ecosystem management principles to achieve desired future forest conditions.
- Obtain advice from resource professionals, where required, for issues in resource fields including forest management, fisheries and wildlife biology, archaeology, terrain stability and arboriculture.
- Practice forest management that incorporates ecological processes and diversity as well as support sustainable, integrated use of the forest.

- Include old-growth attributes as part of our management strategies as well as increase the volume and distribution of forests with old-growth attributes over time in TFL 26.
- Direct employees and contractors to immediately cease and report on forest operations, which are resulting in unacceptable environmental impacts and subsequently to undertake appropriate mitigative action.
- Commit to the prevention of pollution.
- Promote environmental awareness through the Forestry Department including employee/contractor training and/or communications to further the objectives of this policy.
- Provide safeguards to the health and safety of our employees, contractors and the public through responsible management of our forestry operations.
- Encourage interested groups and individuals to have input to our forest planning activities.
- Provide available environmental performance information to the public upon request.