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**ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH?** It has been brought to our attention that a number of SAFE Certified Companies did not get their COR rebates this year because they are in the wrong Classification Unit with either WorkSafe or the BC Forest Safety Council. If you're in the wrong CU with WorkSafe, you could be paying too much in assessments. If you're in the wrong CU with SAFE Co's, your SAFE Co's status may not have been recognized for the rebate. Either way it's costing you money. The best thing to do is check your WCB assessment against your SAFE Co's registration. Don't let a clerical error take money from your pocket!

On the same track, CILA Board member Al Delwo tells us that many companies don't have the correct insurance coverage. They are often either paying for coverages they don't need, or don't have the coverage they should have. Summit Insurance has a Risk Management Assessment that they will do with you for free, either in person or by phone, to help you determine if your liability and indemnity coverage are what you need at the best price. If you just keep renewing the same package you've had for years, or have had changes in your business operations, we suggest giving Summit a call and getting the Risk Management Assessment. You don't want to find out after something happens that you weren't adequately covered. And paying too much is something none of us can afford!

**UBCM NEXT WEEK** The CILA will be part of a "forestry island" at next week's UBCM. The forestry island is a cluster of forest industry booths, many with interactive displays, put together with the goal of reminding government and community leaders that forestry is still a critical and significant industry in this province, and will continue to be in the future. Oil & gas and mining have their place, but they come and go. Forests are a renewable resource, sustainable and long-term. The forest industry is the backbone of 300 communities in this province, and will be for decades to come – especially as we find ways for better utilization and the bio-mass industries continue to develop and grow.



### **FREE TRAINING FOR ELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS**

Funded by the Province of B.C., with money from the Government of Canada, the Forestry Labour Force Development Program will provide training to self-employed forest workers who are not eligible for Employment Insurance-funded projects. The goal of the program is to provide support to unemployed forestry workers and assist them to develop and enhance their skills in harvesting, human resource and business practices and business innovation developments to aid in their return to the future forest industry.

### **Who is eligible for training?**

Eligible participants *must*:

- Have previously worked in the forest industry
- Be self-employed or, unemployed and not eligible for Employment Insurance
- Reside in one of the pilot program Development Regions:
  - Vancouver Island
  - Cariboo
  - Nechako
  - Northeast or
  - North Coast
- Not be receiving support for the same training through another source

For further information, call Mary Anne (250) 562-3368

### **GOVERNMENT TABLES WOOD FIRST ACT**

Forest Minister Pat Bell introduced the "Wood First" Act this week in the legislature, requiring wood to be used in all new public buildings.

"Wood is durable, cost-effective and climate-friendly," said Bell. "We need to promote a culture that sees wood as the preferred choice for all construction, interior design and daily living. By using more wood, we can strengthen our forest dependent communities and help fight climate change."

The province currently spends roughly \$3billion per year on capital projects, and wood only represents 19% of non-residential buildings. Lots of room to grow



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### **FORESTRY WEEK**

This week is National Forestry Week, a time to reflect on the important role that forests play in our daily lives and to celebrate our communities' connection to the forest. The theme of this year's celebrations — Canada's Forests: Strong Roots, Green Shoots — focuses on the importance of sharing the knowledge gained through innovative research.

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### **PINE BEETLE EPIDEMIC OVER?**

Pat Bell says the mountain pine beetle has killed approximately 24% of BC's current timber harvest, and that 8 to 12 mills could close permanently if other sources of timber are not found. As the fall-down becomes reality, we're going to hear calls to log protected areas, organization of "commercial forests" and other ways to increase the timber supply. But Bell says the beetle epidemic is essentially over. The beetles have run out of trees to eat in BC.

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