



TERRACE COMMUNITY FOREST PRESENTS CITY OF TERRACE WITH \$750,000 IN REVENUE IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

On Thursday, September 19, 2019, Terrace Community Forest (TCF) presented the City of Terrace with a cheque for \$750,000, which represents the revenue generated by tree harvesting within the operating areas that TCF manages.

TCF is a private company owned by the City of Terrace and managed by an appointed Board of Directors, meaning the City is not involved in day-to-day operations. TCF generates revenue through a forest license to harvest trees within three operating areas: Shames/Amesbury including My Mountain Co-Op; Kitimat Valley and Nordic ski trails; and Deep/Spring Creek including the LaLa Valley and Steinhoe trail systems. TCF has an allowable annual cut of approximately 30,000 cubic metres, which equates to about 600 loaded logging trucks.

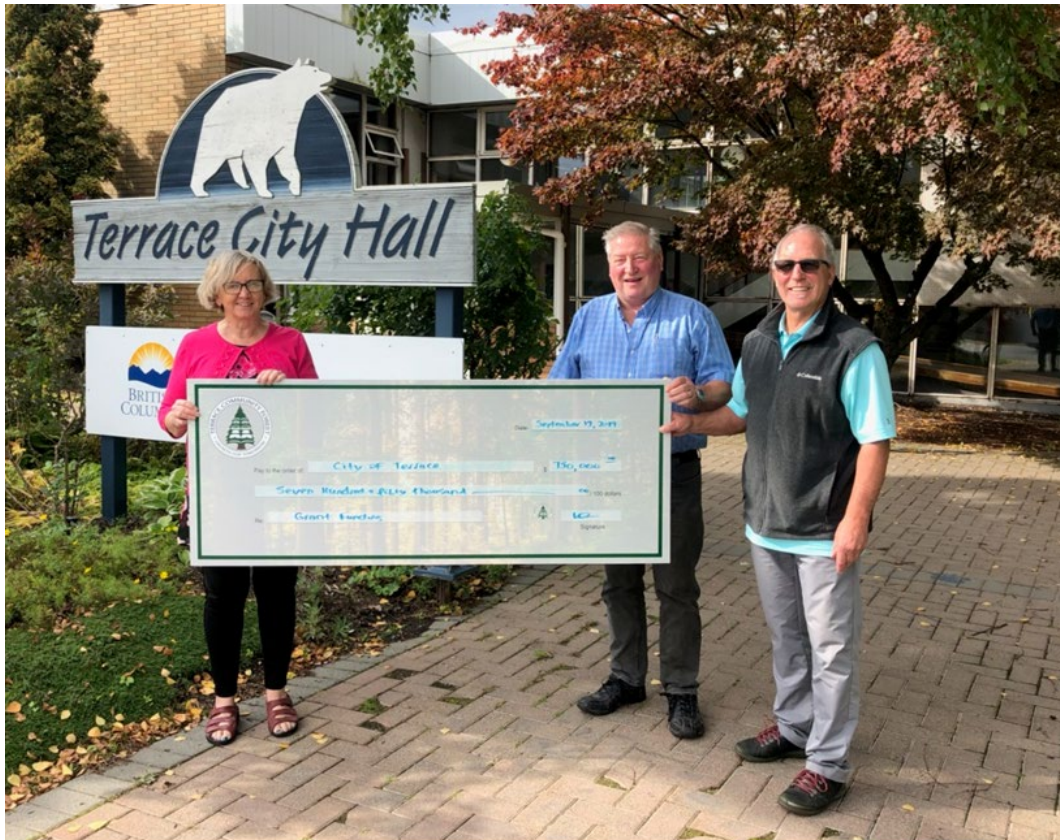
“This cheque is an accumulation of hard work and good market conditions over the last couple years,” said Kim Haworth, General Manager of TCF. “A lot of second-growth forests in our operating areas are too dense for the trees to grow properly. By thinning out these areas, we promote biodiversity while also creating a revenue stream for the City and grant opportunities for the community. You can see examples of this type of growth at Onion Lake and the cross-country ski trails.”

This revenue brings the total the City has received from TCF to \$1.2 million since it received forest tenure in 2007. While the TCF revenue is considered general revenue that is not allocated toward specific projects, projects attributed in part to this revenue stream include two in-progress projects at Kitsumgallum Cemetery Lookout and Howe Creek Trail, which will be officially recognized later this year.

TCF also provides grants. To date, TCF has granted out approximately \$450,000 to community groups that provide recreational opportunities in the community, including My Mountain Co-op, Skeena Valley Golf & Country Club, Terrace Off Road Cycling Association, Snow Valley Ski Club, Terrace Curling Association, Skeena Valley Snowmobile Association, Caledonia Secondary School Outdoors Club, Terrace Rod & Gun Club, and Terrace Search and Rescue. TCF has also invested \$30,000 in the Terrace Community Foundation.

“The City is grateful for the good work Terrace Community Forest does as stewards of some of our most treasured landscapes. We are also happy we could celebrate this transfer of funds just as National Forest Week kicks off,” said Mayor Carol Leclerc. National Forest Week, held September 22–28 this year, is an event promoted by the Canadian Institute of Forestry to raise awareness about Canada’s forest heritage and the value of this renewable resource.

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From left:

Carol Leclerc, Mayor, City of Terrace

John Nester, Chair, Terrace Community Forest

Kim Haworth, General Manager, Terrace Community Forest

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