



# Williams Lake Community Forest Newsletter April 2019

## Community Granting Program Decision

The very first Williams Lake Community Forest Granting Application process was very popular. 32 applications were submitted, with requests for grants exceeding \$141,000 for projects with a combined worth exceeding \$505,000.

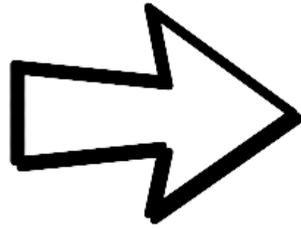
As the requests greatly exceeded the funds available, there was tight competition for grants, but the WLCF is pleased to announce that a total of \$23,500 has been awarded to the following organizations:

- Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society
- Invasive Species Council of BC
- 150 Mile Fire Department
- Scout Island Nature Centre
- Big Lake Community Association
- SD #27 Outdoor Fun Run
- 150 Mile Greenbelt, Trail & Heritage Society
- Horsefly & District Board of Trade
- Horsefly 4H

Seven funding contracts have been signed by the parties and the last 2 are in the works as well. We will be working with the 9 successful organizations to help them see their projects to completion by the end of 2019. Thank you to all who applied and we wish you success with your projects.

*The next WLCF Granting Opportunity is anticipated to open in mid-October 2019. Applications for that round will be due at the end of November, 2019, for projects to be completed between February 2020 and early-December 2020.*

## We have a new logo!



## Student Bursaries

\$500 Bursaries are being made available to some deserving 2019 graduating students from Williams Lake this year. The bursaries will be awarded at Graduation Ceremonies in June 2019... you'll have to wait until Grad to find out who receives them.

## Winter 2019 Operations Update

Douglas-fir bark beetle sanitation and salvage harvesting made up the majority of winter operations with over 250 truck loads of beetle infested timber being logged.

Over 40 loads of timber were sorted to supply log and timber frame builders, backyard sawmills, and other high value markets.



Forest Fuel Management work was completed on over 50 hectares. The majority of this work took place in the Flatrock Block, west of the Hydro Transmission line in the Bysack Road Area. This work is intended to protect the Esler and Westridge neighbourhoods from forest fires.

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