Forest Enhancement Society grant will help cut greenhouse gas emissions for Terrace Community Forests

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TERRACE–A $443,400 grant from the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. to the Terrace Community

Forest (TCF) is helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and use wood fibre that would otherwise be burned. The project will support an estimated four jobs–the equivalent of four full-time jobs–through the grinding and trucking of waste wood to Skeena Bioenergy's new pellet plant in Terrace where it will be used to manufacture wood pellets. *"This project is a great example of how waste wood fibre can be redirected to support the production of high-quality wood pellets."–Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development*

The TCF has been thinning second-growth tree stands over the past few years within its area, with white wood waste being brought to a processing area to be delimbed and cut to log length. Nearly 15,000 cubic metres of hemlock and balsam were piled up to allow the wood to dry for two years. The drying period allows for moisture to leave the wood, decreasing its weight, meaning more can be transported per truckload while lowering drying costs at the pellet plant. "Without this funding, we would be burning this fibre since it is otherwise uneconomical to transport it," said Kim Haworth, general manager, TCF. *"Now we can grind and store the white wood on site and supply the fibre to the pellet plant on an as-needed basis. We would rather see the fibre used, generate some revenue and provide economic, social and environmental benefits to our community."– Kim Haworth, general manager, TCF* TCF's primary mandate is to create employment opportunities in the Terrace area, while financially supporting recreation and community groups that provide recreational activities within the Terrace Community Forest and the community.

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