

# BC Timber Sales Review: Delivering Public Values

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## BCTS Review

British Columbia's forest sector is changing due to wildfire, climate impacts, and fibre shortages

Communities, First Nations, and industry told us the current system needed to be more flexible and locally responsive

A one-size-fits-all approach no longer works across diverse regions

**The review and its implementation are about ensuring public forests continue to support:**

- Healthy forests
- Safe communities
- Good jobs and local economies





## What We Heard

### There was strong support for:

- Earlier and more meaningful First Nations and community involvement
- More locally informed forest management
- Stronger stewardship and wildfire risk reduction
- Better alignment between forests, communities, and the economy

### BC Timber Sales needs:

- More flexibility
- More modern tools
- A stronger stewardship and partnership role

**BCTS is evolving to better reflect public values while continuing its core role in timber pricing**

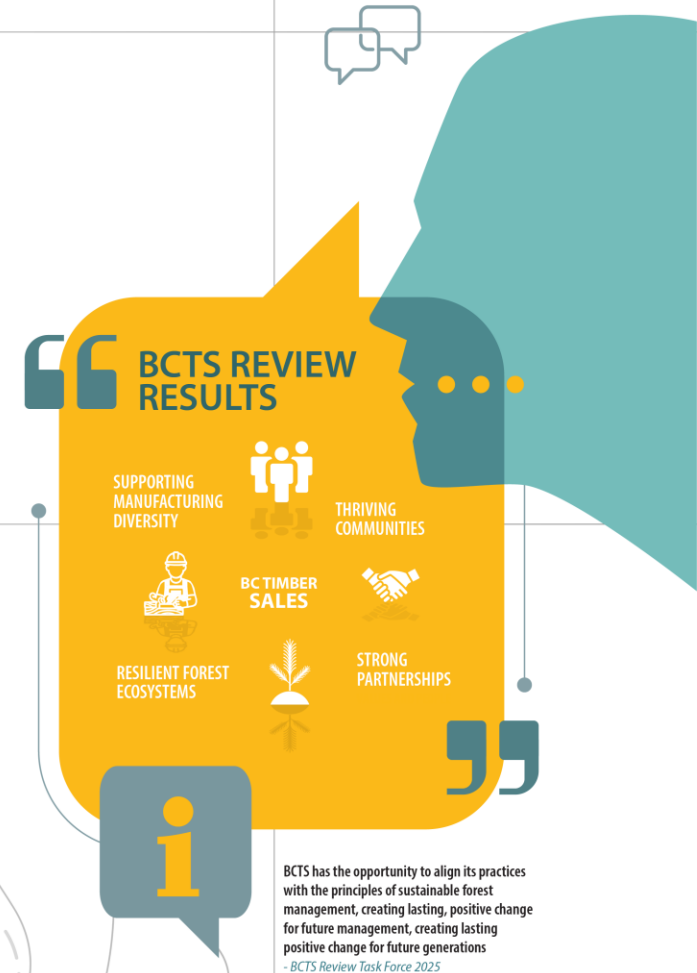


# Evolved BCTS Mandate

*“BC Timber Sales is a **trusted**, transparent organization that stewards British Columbia’s forests for the long-term benefit of all people.*

*Grounded in **public trust and social license**, BCTS’s operations reflect the **diverse values** of the people in British Columbia, uphold First Nations rights and title, and support **resilient communities** through equitable access to forest resources.*

*By enabling predictable access to **diverse types of fibre**, and fostering **innovation**, BCTS will create the hosting conditions for a competitive, high valued sector that drives **local sustainable economic development**.”*



# Progress To Date



Doubled fibre supply for VA manufacturers

Wildfire risk reduction, range improvements

Improving BCTS's Consultation & engagement

Purchasing developed blocks

Exploring advanced A.I.

Improving the utilization of residual post-harvest fibre

Partnering with First Nations

Commercial Thinning

BCTS Technology & Data Hub

Small companies bid jointly on auctions

Auctioning commercial thins

Increasing role of fire in site prep

Streamlined contract executive & administration

Implementation of MPS70

Planting climate adapted/native tree species



# BILL 14 – PASSED 3RD READING APRIL 22

## THIS NEW LEGISLATION WILL ALLOW BCTS TO:

- Strengthen partnership outcomes
- Improve confidence and public trust
- Provide leadership in forest management
- Provide new fibre opportunities
- Be flexible and innovative

Resulting in:

- Stabilized fibre delivery, right log to right mill
- Values based forest management
- Investment in future forests
- Fair market value and revenue generation

Better Tools

Better Practices

More Trust

More Partnership

More Fibre

More Revenue



## What This Means for British Columbians



- These changes help ensure that public forests:
- Are managed responsibly and sustainably
  - Support safer communities and healthier ecosystems
  - Create stable jobs and stronger local economies
  - Reflect community priorities and public values
  - Strengthen trust in how public resources are managed

# What's next



Bill 14 anticipated to receive Royal Assent in the coming weeks



Implementation will continue in a phased, thoughtful way



BCTS will keep working with First Nations, communities, and stakeholders as we operationalize the recommendations from the BCTS Review



The focus remains on stewardship, predictability, and public trust

THANK YOU.  
**Questions?**

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