

## JIM CARR HONOURED AS COMMUNITY CHAMPION BY CANADA'S FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR

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**Vancouver, BC** – Earlier today, Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) hosted its annual *Awards of Excellence* luncheon in Vancouver where Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of International Trade Diversification was recognized as a 2019 *Forest Community Champion*.



FPAC hosts this annual event to recognize excellence in the sector and to honour the achievements of our workers and community partners. The *Forest Community Champion* award is presented to a leader who demonstrates support for the forestry sector and its contributions to Canada's environmental and economic priorities. "Minister Carr has been a dedicated business and community leader in

Canada for more than thirty years," noted FPAC President and CEO, Derek Nighbor. "As Minister and over two portfolios - his leadership and support for accelerating forestry innovation and expanding trade opportunities is deeply appreciated within our sector and by our workers," added Nighbor.

Carr entered public life in 1988 and went on to become the founding CEO of the Business Council of Manitoba. He has also been an active volunteer with a number of local, provincial and national organizations, such as the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council and the Canada West Foundation. "For generations, we have relied on our forests, and wood, pulp, and paper products have grown to be a critical part of our economy," said Carr. "I'm honoured to receive this award on behalf of our government, and I look forward to working closely with the Forest Products Association of Canada and its members in the future."

To see the full list of award recipients, please visit <http://www.fpac.ca/canadas-forest-sector-celebrates-its-best-and-brightest-in-vancouver>.





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