
What the Board has been up to...



Learning about local forest stewardship in the Okanagan

Board members and staff visited the Okanagan from October 20 to 22 to learn about local approaches to forest stewardship, wildfire risk reduction and watershed protection.



Our visit began with Ntityix Resources LP, where we learned about the Seven Generations Plan and stewardship principles guiding management of the Westbank First Nation Community Forest. We then headed into the forest to see the active on-the-land wildfire risk reduction treatments by Ntityix Resources LP intended to reduce wildfire risk where forests and communities meet.



Near Summerland, Don Whyte hosted us at Woodlot 1618 to see the effects of this summer's Bald Range catastrophic wildfire. Don shared how earlier wildfire risk reduction work helped lessen the fire's impacts on the woodlot.



In the North Okanagan, we met with representatives of the Okanagan Indian Band, Regional District of North Okanagan, BC Wildfire Service and Ministry of Forests. At Harvey Lake, we learned about collaborative efforts to protect the watershed. We then visited the Aberdeen Plateau to see thinning work being carried out by hand and machine to reduce wildfire risk.

These visits help the Board understand local stewardship approaches and the experiences of people managing and caring for BC's forests.



Thank you to everyone who welcomed us and shared their knowledge, experience and time.