



# HARROP-PROCTER COMMUNITY FOREST NEWSLETTER

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## **An Invitation to Mill Grand Opening**

Please join us as  
Harrop-Procter Forest Products  
celebrates the opening of  
our new mill in Harrop.

**Where: 726 S. Ogilvie Rd., Harrop**  
Follow our sign on Harrop-Procter Rd.

**When: Saturday, June 18th**

**Barbeque—1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

### **Guest Speakers**

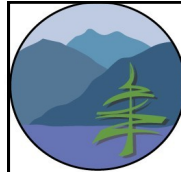
**Workshop: Good Building Practices for  
Installation of Exterior Wood Products  
—11:00 am—**

**Display: Sustainable & Energy Efficient  
Building Systems**

***All Day Wood Product Specials  
from 9:00 am—5:00 pm***

***Also Early Bird Specials on  
Friday, June 17th  
4 :00 pm—7:00 pm  
First 15 customers  
receive a 15% discount***

**For more information:  
Please phone 250-551-5452  
or email us at:  
[office@hpcommunityforest.org](mailto:office@hpcommunityforest.org)**



## **Harrop-Procter Forest Products**

Harrop-Procter Forest Products, which is the value-added division of our Community Forest, has recently completed installations at our mill site on Ogilvie Road in Harrop. (You may have noticed our new sign!) Our new equipment includes a sawmill, edger, moulder, rough terrain forklift and dry kiln.

In today's market, adding value to our wood at our own mill improves the local economy and helps us to maximize the return on the wood we harvest under our ecosystem based forestry model. We remain the only ecocertified community forest in B.C.

Bringing our business home to a local mill has many advantages including increased efficiency, more local employment opportunities, decreased shipping costs and a significant capital asset which is now owned collectively by members of the Harrop-Procter Community Co-operative.

Harrop-Procter Forest Products is therefore a truly local source of sustainably harvested building materials: timbers, decking, siding, paneling, fencing, flooring and a wide variety of cedar lumber. We can also custom cut to order.

We hope that everyone will join us for our Grand Opening Celebration and see what we have to offer. Mill staff and directors of the Co-op will be in attendance and happy to answer all your questions regarding our history, current operations and future plans.

Remember Co-op members always receive a 10% discount on all purchases. Memberships can be purchased at the opening celebration or by contacting Michele at 250-229-2228. To view our products, call Rami at 250-551-5452.

## What's Happening in the Watershed...News from the HPWPS

The Harrop-Procter Watershed Society (HPWPS) was established in 1995 as a grassroots committee with the goal of providing protection for the Harrop-Procter Watersheds.

This year, the HPWPS has been active on water issues affecting our local community. These include addressing concerns with the BC government's Water Act modernization and water governance.

The HPWPS also conducts ongoing water monitoring of local creeks in our Community Forest to maintain stewardship of our watershed.

Other projects in which we are currently involved include a cooperative effort with the Nelson Eco-Society to raise funds to develop and connect hiking trails from the community forest to the West Arm Wilderness Provincial Park. The HPWPS is also helping to raise funds to create a photo-documentary book about the history and evolution of the Harrop-Procter Community Forest.

On an international note, HPWPS chairperson Pam Dykstra travelled to Russia recently to represent the HPWPS on a forestry exchange to Primorsky Krai in the Russian Far East. The exchange was organized by Pacific Environment, a U.S.-based environmental NGO, and focused on reducing black carbon emissions from agricultural and forest burning which is a major source of Arctic Sea warming. Other issues explored were how to reduce illegal logging of protected tree species and the role of FSC-certification in promoting sustainable forest management.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society is invited to contact our office at 250-229-2221 and please plan to attend our Annual General Meeting on July 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Procter Schoolhouse.

### Harrop-Procter Community Co-op Forestry Operations Update

Last September, a new phase of operations began in East Harrop (Mill) Creek. After several years of planning, assessments, layout, and public consultation, we built 3 km of road and have started logging three new cut blocks in the dry, west-facing Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine forests in this area. One block was logged last winter, with two blocks to be logged this summer.

Currently, the East Harrop Road is in good condition. If you plan to use this road to cut firewood or to access the Mill Lake Trail, please check at the bottom of the road for notices regarding active logging and log hauling operations. Note that a short section of Mill Lake Trail will be closed early this summer due to adjacent logging activity. A sign will be posted at the trailhead.

As always, we welcome your feedback, questions and comments on any of our forestry plans and activities. Please phone Erik at 250-229-2271 or email [erikl@netidea.com](mailto:erikl@netidea.com). Maps, notices of public consultations, and planning documents are also posted on the 'Notices' section of our website at:

<http://www.hpcommunityforest.org/Notices.html>

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

*The Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society  
will hold its  
Annual General Meeting  
on July 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Procter Schoolhouse (upstairs).  
Everyone is welcome.*

### Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society Membership

Annual Membership:

\$10.00—Individual

\$20.00—Family

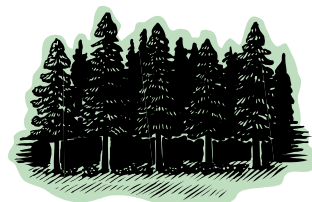
Or purchase a lifetime membership for \$100.00

(Anyone purchasing a lifetime membership will receive a birdhouse made locally from reclaimed wood.)

Membership forms are available at the HPWPS office in the Procter Schoolhouse, at the Procter General Store, or by calling Michele at 250-229-2228.

Become a member of the  
Harrop-Procter Community Co-op  
Share price: \$25.00  
Contact Michele at 250-229-2228

Co-op members receive a 10%  
discount on all purchases from  
Harrop-Procter Forest Products



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