



# Fraser Basin Council update to the Cariboo Regional District

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*Fraser Basin Council*

The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) is a charitable non-profit society that brings people together to advance sustainability solutions and practices in British Columbia. Our vision is centred around “*Social well-being supported by a vibrant economy and sustained by a healthy environment.*”

At the heart of the Fraser Basin Council are strategic priorities focused on addressing climate change, fostering healthy watersheds and water resources, and cultivating sustainable and resilient communities.

Established in 1997 the FBC Board is composed of 37 Directors from all four orders of Canadian government in BC (federal, provincial, First Nations and local), together with people from business, industry and communities.



# FBC Governance Structure

**Of the 38 Directors, 22 are from within the four orders of government:**

- three from the federal government
- one from each of the eight regional districts in the Fraser Basin
- three from the provincial government
- one from each of the Basin's eight major First Nations language groups



# FBC Governance Structure

**The remaining 16 Directors are non-governmental appointees of the Council:**

- two from each of the Basin's five geographic regions (10 Directors in total), representing diverse industries/sectors
- three Basin-wide Directors to reflect the three dimensions of sustainability (economic, social and environmental)
  - a Youth Director
  - a Director with experience in the finance sector
  - a Chairperson



# FBC Regional Staff

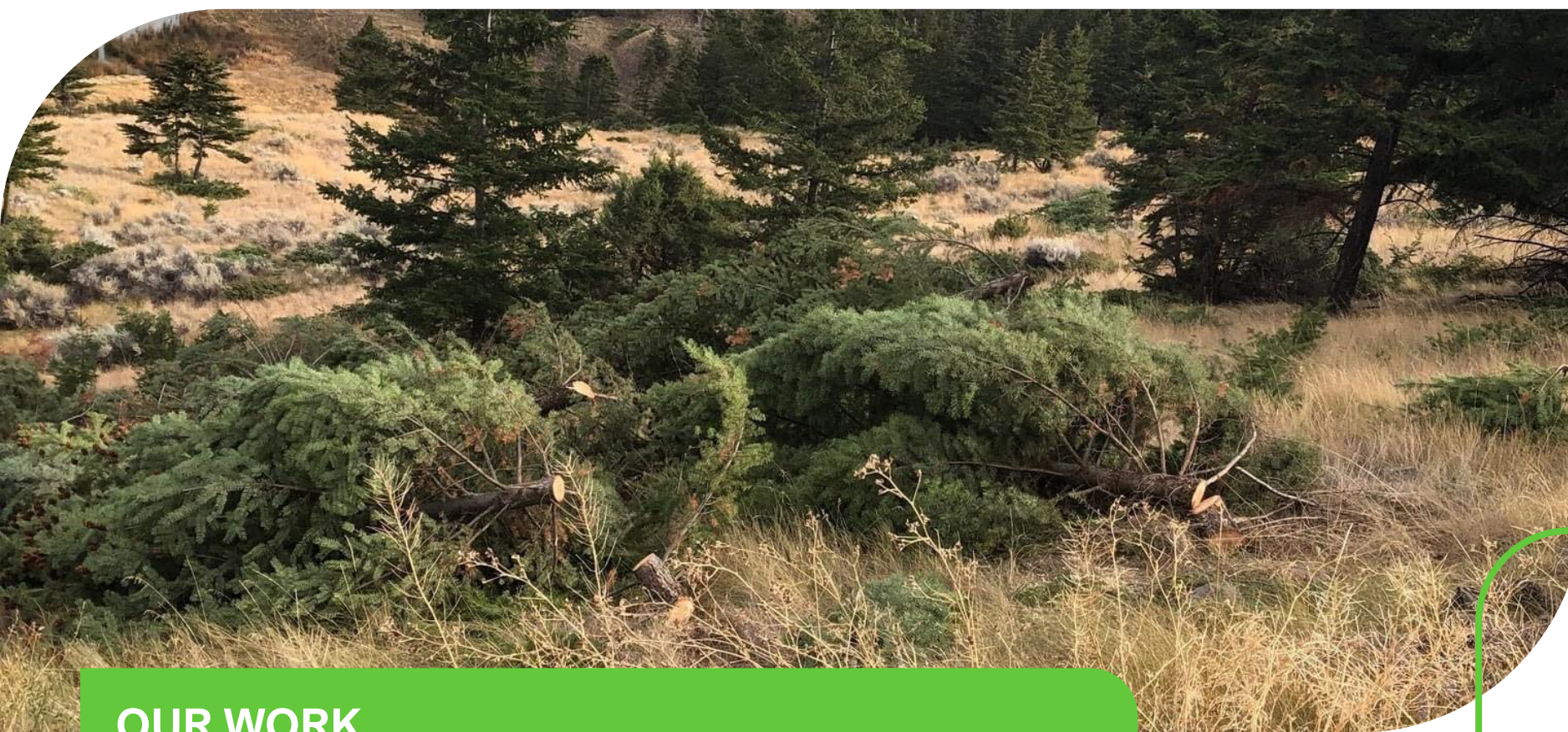


Jane  
Wellburn,  
Regional  
Manager



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Johnson,  
Program  
Lead





OUR WORK

# FBC Regional Projects



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## Regional Projects

# Ecosystem Restoration



**Provides coordination and secretariate for the**

- Cariboo Chilcotin Ecosystem Restoration Committee

**Administers funding from the Ministry of Forests, Range Branch for ecosystem restoration in the grassland benchmark, with key partners including:**

- Alkali Resource Management
- Friends of Churn Creek Protected Area Society
- Stswecem'c Xget'tem
- Williams Lake Community Forest
- Williams Lake First Nation



## Regional Projects

# Cariboo Wood Innovation Training Hub



- Creating educational opportunities related to value added wood manufacturing
- Funded by the Province of BC's Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (2024-2046)
- Bridging the gap between traditional wood production and a higher quality value-added future



## Regional Projects

# Active Transportation



- On behalf of the City of Williams Lake, FBC has worked to establish the Williams Lake Active Transportation Working Group – comprised of local residents and key organizations invested in improving active transportation
- FBC has also helped to facilitate, with the City of Williams Lake and Urban System, the development of an Active Transportation Network Plan – final draft expected in June 2025!

## Regional Projects

### Other regional initiatives and provincial work



- Ongoing facilitation and secretariat to the BC/Tsilhqot'in Nation Fish and Wildlife Panel
- Horsefly River Watershed habitat restoration – long standing projects to support salmon habitat restoration in the Horsefly watershed
- Elk Stewardship Planning engagement for the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship's regional wildlife team
- Community Wildfire Roundtables – continued work to facilitate local (Williams Lake and Quesnel) as well as new roundtables throughout the province
- Conservation Fiscal Incentive Project – administration support for a provincial project to support local governments looking at incentivizing conservation for private landowners
- First Nations Caribou Recovery Implementation Fund – support for a provincial fund for Indigenous applicants to support Caribou recovery



## FBC Province Wide

### Areas of Focus

### Actions

#### 1. Climate Change

Plug in BC; EPIC Network; Energy Efficiency Mentorship; First Nations Home Energy Save; Renewable Energy for Remote Communities; Extreme Heat and Water Scarcity Mapping; Climate Resilience

#### 2. Watershed and Water Resources

BC Floodplain Mapping; Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy; Salmon Safe BC

#### 3. Sustainable and Resilient Communities

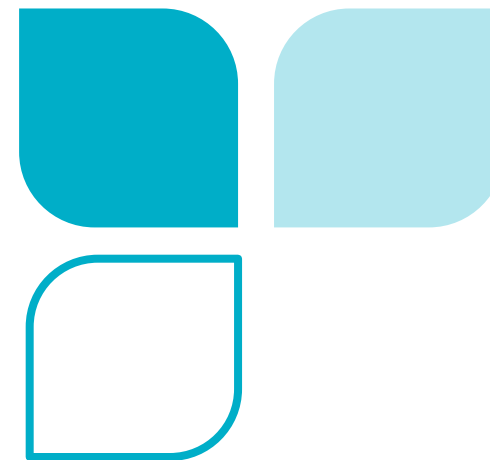
Community Wildfire Roundtables; FBC Youth Program; Realizing UNDRIP Initiative; Fraser Canyon Slides and Impacts on Salmon; First Nations-BC Wildlife Work; Indigenous Partnerships Initiative

#### 4. Other Regions

Northern Interior; Thompson; Fraser Valley; Greater Vancouver – Sea to Sky



**Thank you!**



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