

MCLEOD LAKE MACKENZIE COMMUNITY FOREST



Community Forest Project Funding for 2017

Profits from the MLMCF's log sales are used to achieve the Community Forest's mission, goals and objectives; including short and long term forest management planning and operations. In addition, a reserve fund is held for contingencies.

As per its 'Distribution of Profits' policy, each year, the MLMCF evaluates their financial position to determine whether there are surplus funds. The Board of Directors determines the surplus available for distribution in equal portions to the District of Mackenzie, the McLeod lake Indian Band and the MLMCF. Each recipient develops their own priorities and systems for use and/or distribution of the funds.

The MLMCF uses their share of these funds to enhance the Community Forest tenure area by making funding available to organizations wishing to undertake projects which will:

- a. provide economic opportunities for local workers, businesses, contractors, and manufacturers;
- b. support forestry and natural resource related research, education and training - ie. capacity building, trades training, all levels of the education system;
- c. enhance forest based recreation and tourism;
- d. support other multiple-use activities on the community forest area; and
- e. increase tenure productivity through enhanced silviculture.

This year, the Community Forest has provided \$100,000 to fund projects and was very pleased to present cheques to these successful applicants:

Proponent	Project	Grant
Synergy Applied Ecology	Wildlife Monitoring around the Mackenzie townsite	\$25,000
Mackenzie Nordiques Cross Country Ski Club	Convert lighting on 2.5 km. lit trail to energy efficient LED bulbs	\$24,000
MORATA (Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association)	Tools for Trail Maintenance & design of a downhill mountain bike trail	\$20,000
Mackenzie Nature Observatory Banding Station	Build a kitchen shelter at the banding station	\$15,000
Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society	Upgrades to Mackenzie Legacy Garden	\$12,000
Mackenzie Gets Healthy Committee	Towards creation of an Outdoor Exercise Park	\$5,000
TOTAL OF FUNDING AWARDED		\$101,000

The MLMCF has set aside a reserve fund with the intention of continuing this annual Project Funding program as long as possible. We intend to invite applications in the winter and target issuance of cheques next spring.