

**Fort Nelson's Round Table for the Future of the Forest Industry in Fort Nelson**  
(commonly referred to as Fort Nelson's Forestry Roundtable or FNFRT)  
----- Terms of Reference-----

**A. Background**

FNFRT was initially formed in response to the impending closure of Canfor's Tackama and PolarBoard mills in Fort Nelson. The goal of the roundtable was to draft a brief to the provincial government suggesting steps that could be taken to prevent the closure of Tackama.

Subsequent to the brief being drafted and send, Council established a formal roundtable to continue efforts to strengthen and sustain the forestry industry in Fort Nelson. This document outlines the Terms of Reference for this formal roundtable.

**B. Stakeholders**

- Working from the template established by the initial group, stakeholders represented on the FNFRT are all intricately linked to the sustainability and health of Fort Nelson's forest industry:
  - Industrial-scale operators (currently Canfor)
  - Union/Forestry Labour Organizations
    - Steelworkers Local 1-424
    - Polarboard Employees
  - Fort Nelson Logging Contractor Group
  - Fort Nelson Chamber of Commerce
  - Ministry of Forests
  - BC Timber Sales
  - The Town of Fort Nelson and the Northern Rockies Regional District
  - Small and/or independent operators

**C. Purpose and Objectives**

- To work towards a more resilient, prosperous, sustainable, and diversified forest economy in Fort Nelson, for the community of Fort Nelson, specifically in the areas identified by Premier Campbell when announcing the BC Forestry Roundtable (January 18, 2008), including but not limited to:
  - Adjustments to Tenure frameworks
  - Targeted decrease in dependence on wood commodity sales to the US market
  - Maximizing value from the whole forest
  - Creative solutions to wood waste
  - Alternative Energy and Climate Change initiatives
- To identify measurable and common goals that together, stakeholders can achieve to ensure a healthy forest economy in Fort Nelson.
- To provide a united front on common goals where action from higher levels of government is needed to achieve common goals.
- To promote co-operative efforts between stakeholders, in the long-term interest of the broader local forest economy.

**D. Organization**

- Regional Council has appointed Regional Councillor Gilbert and Regional Councillor Unruh as Co-Chairs of the Fort Nelson Forestry Roundtable.
- Roundtable members must have the explicit support of the majority of members of their stakeholder group; otherwise their presence will revert to observer status.

This Terms of Reference was adopted at the inaugural meeting of the FNRT on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.