



BELLA COOLA RESOURCE SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

The Bella Coola Resource Society (BCRS) was formed in 2003 by local concerned citizens working to improve the declining local economy.

*The **purpose of the Bella Coola Resource Society** is to facilitate the goals of the community for the development of resources to foster local economic development. The role of the Society will be as a non-profit, publicly accountable group empowered to receive funding from a variety of sources to finance these efforts. Initially the efforts are focused on acquiring forest tenure and establishing a local forestry business but the Society's role can expand to work on behalf of the community on other resource management or development initiatives.*

The BCRS successfully acquired a Community Forest licence in 2007 and started the Bella Coola Community Forest company. The BCRS retains ownership of the Community Forest licence while the Community Forest company manages the licence.

Another initiative that the BCRS started is:

- **Bella Coola Trails Alliance** – a volunteer group that maintains the local trails and recreation sites and is working to enhance the outdoor recreation opportunities in the valley.

Now the BCRS is exploring other initiatives like **Sustainable Energy**, aimed at reducing the valley's dependence on diesel generated electricity.

The Board of the BCRS welcomes new ideas for other economic development opportunities that it may be able to support and develop. Please contact the President of the BCRS at the address below with any suggestions.

The members of the BCRS elects the seven member Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting. People that support the Society's purpose are invited to apply for membership by filling out the Membership Application form. Eligibility for membership is:

- Resident of Bella Coola Valley and/or
- Person owning property in Bella Coola valley and/or
- Person operating a business in Bella Coola valley
- 18 year minimum age.
- Payment of one time nominal fee of \$5.00
- A person not meeting the above criteria may apply for Associate Membership without voting privileges

Submit applications to BCRS Directors directly or to the address below.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name: _____
First *Surname*

Resident Address: _____

Or

Locally Owned Property Identification: _____

or

Business Name and Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Confirmation 18 years or older: Yes

Signature: _____ Date: _____