



# RUMBLINGS

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## **Our condolences to the Lintott family**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to ILA Manager Wayne Lintott and his family, and the ILA staff and membership at the passing of Wayne's wife Carol this past Wednesday, after a long brave battle with cancer. Carol always was at Wayne's side, very involved with the ILA annual convention, and a great supporter of the industry. This beautiful, vibrant lady will be sorely missed.



A Celebration-of-Life service for Carol is planned for Sunday March 29, 2pm at the Trinity United Church in Vernon. Donations in Carol's memory can be made to the North Okanagan Hospice Society, 3506-27 Ave, Vernon, BC V1T 1S4 or the Baerg-McMurtrie Cancer Clinic, c/o Vernon Jubilee Hospital, 2101-32nd St, Vernon V1T 5L2. Arrangements are in the care of Vernon Funeral Home.

## **Road bans and load restrictions creeping north**

As of 12:01 am today, load restrictions are in place in most of the southern interior and up into the southern Cariboo, as far north as 100 Mile area, and in the north west (Terrace, Smithers, Hazelton, Moricetown). Fraser-Fort George (McBride to Vanderhoof), Cariboo north (Williams Lake and Quesnel), and the Peace District are all on 'short notice'. With the weather finally warming up, we can expect them to go on fairly soon.

Just a reminder, all term overload permits are invalid for those roads which are restricted to 100% or less of legal axle loading. The applicable percentage of tolerance provided under Section 7.26 of regulations pursuant to the Commercial Transport Act applies and violators of the regulations and restrictions will be prosecuted. .

## **Winter tires and chains still mandatory in some areas**

Just because it's finally starting to feel like spring doesn't mean you can take off the snow tires and put the chains away. Commercial vehicles are still required to carry chains in many parts of the province, right through until April 30. What many private vehicle drivers don't realize is that they are too – either chains or winter tires, until April 30.

When you come to a posted sign on the highway stating "Use Winter Tires or Carry Chains Beyond this Point, October 1 - April 30", you must be ready to install chains or have proper winter tread tires before proceeding. Should you go beyond that point without the proper equipment, you may be subject to a fine. Definition from the Motor Vehicle Act:

**208** (1) For the purpose of this section, "winter tire" means a tire that is



- (a) advertised or represented by its manufacturer or a person in the business of selling tires to be a tire intended principally for winter use, and that provides, or is designed to provide, adequate traction in snow or mud; and
- (b) in the condition respecting tread wear and other particulars the regulations prescribe.
- (2) The Minister of Transportation and Highways may, by public notice or by placing signs, prohibit vehicles from being driven or operated on a highway that are not equipped with chains, winter tires or sanding devices, or a combination of these the minister considers adequate and necessary in view of prevailing road conditions.



(3) For the purposes of a prosecution under this section, the *onus is on the defendant* to prove that a tire alleged not to be a winter tire is in fact a winter tire.

Typically you'll see these signs in the following conditions:

- Roadways that serve recreational facilities (i.e. Ski Hills, Snowmobile and Cross-Country Ski areas, Hot Springs, Provincial Parks).
- Roadways that link to provincial border crossings.
- Roadway segments and/or geographical areas identified by the Regional Traffic Engineer as locations for enhanced signage regarding snow and ice conditions that can be reasonably expected in the winter season.

No matter how much we want it to be spring, winter driving conditions are still in effect – unexpected snow, black ice and melting all make for risky conditions. Be safe, save yourself a fine, and ensure your insurance will be valid in case of a collision, by observing winter tire signs in your travels.

### **Interior Logging Convention set to go in 3 weeks**

April 16, 17 and 18 will see the 51st Annual Interior Logging Association Convention and Trade Show underway in Vernon. Luncheon speakers include Reynold Hert, the new CEO of the BC Forest Safety Council and Justin Rigsby CGA, president of the BC Chamber of Commerce and partner in Alm-Wood Contracting, a medium sized logging contractor. Friday afternoon's seminar is on "BC Timber Sales & Stumpage Responsibilities" presented by John Drayton, Gibraltar Law Group and Saturday afternoon's seminar is "The Signs of Safety" on the upcoming provincial roll-out of standardized signage, radio frequencies and calling procedures – a "must know" for anyone operating on forest roads, presented by MaryAnne Arcand, Director of Forestry TruckSafe. Thursday night is the opening Social, followed by Western night Friday night, and the awards banquet Saturday night. All seminars, luncheons and other events will be held at the Vernon Lodge Best Western. The trade show is just down the street at the Wesbild Centre.

ILA Chair Reid Hedlund says, "Not only is the convention an opportunity to view what's new in the industry. It is also a meeting place for old and new acquaintances from all corners of British Columbia, so please come and join us." You can register or get more info at [www.interiorlogging.org](http://www.interiorlogging.org)

### **YOUR VOICE – Clarifying enforcement powers on FSR's**

Thanks to Ed Marshall from the CVSE portable scale in Williams Lake for this clarification. CVSE does participate in joint roadchecks with the Ministry of Forests, WorkSafeBC and/or the RCMP, and sometimes Industry Canada.

Hi MaryAnne

It has come to my attention that you've told people we (CVSE) cannot do enforcement on Forest Service Roads. That is not entirely correct. While it may not be part of our primary mandate or focus, we do have the powers to enforce, as we are Peace Officers. The Forest Service Road Regulation is part of the Forest and Range Practices Act. Section 60 of FRPA empowers *Peace Officers* to deal with vehicles that are connected to the forestry industry in some fashion. This is not restricted to forest service roads, but they are included. We won't necessarily go out of our way to do this, but the legislation for us to do it is there.

Much of the legislation we normally enforce on the highways is adopted into the forestry legislation. Our expertise on mechanical and driver condition would be applicable as would certain moving violations. Thank you,

**Ed Marshall**  
**Cariboo Portable Scale**  
**Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 16-18 Interior Logging Association Annual Convention, Vernon  
May 28 – 31 Community Forests Annual Conference & AGM, Port Alberni

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