



BC Forest Safety

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Dave Lehane appointed BC Forest Safety Council Chair

Nanaimo, March 13, 2018 – The Board of Directors of the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) is pleased to announce that Dave Lehane has been appointed Chair of the BCFSC, effective March 22, 2018. Dave takes over from Ken Higginbotham, who retired at the end of 2017.

Dave is a retired forest industry executive with more than 35 years of diverse experience. From the woods to the mill floor and the boardroom, Dave’s experience includes reforestation, harvesting, mill management, fibre supply, government and community relations.

He has held a number senior executive positions including Vice-President of Woodlands for West Fraser and Vice-President of Alberta Operations for Weldwood of Canada. Earlier in his career, he held senior management positions including Woodlands Manager, General Manager and Operations Manager. He has worked in British Columbia, Alberta and the south-east United States.

Dave retired in 2016 and holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and a Masters of Business Administration in International Business.

“I am looking forward to supporting both the BCFSC and industry as we work towards the elimination of work-related deaths and serious injuries. We have an obligation to ensure that all forest workers return home safely each day,” said Dave. “I believe our industry has an exciting future, built firmly on the cornerstone of safe and healthy workplaces.”

About the BCFSC

The British Columbia Forest Safety Council is a not-for-profit health and safety association (HSA) for forest harvesting, sawmills and pellet manufacturing in British Columbia. The organization is directed by industry and provides training, information, guidance, safety advisor advocacy, safety reviews and audits to industry. The focus is on preventing fatalities and injuries by supporting industry participants implement best practice performance. Safety is good business. See www.bcforestsafe.org

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