

Progressive Aboriginal Relations Certified

Respecting cultural, economic and environmental values

We are the first forest company in British Columbia to achieve Progressive Aboriginal Relations certification from the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business.

The PAR program is consistent with our commitment to recognizing and respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and it provides a clear roadmap for further improvement.

Demonstrating value to our partners

Our goal is to be a respectful, trustworthy neighbour and foster positive, mutually beneficial relationships with Indigenous peoples in our operating areas.

To demonstrate our commitment, we undertook the Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) certification process and are pleased to have been awarded Bronze level in our first year.

The PAR certification crystalizes our commitment to pursuing highly constructive partnerships with First Nation communities. The PAR framework is consistent with our objective to achieve meaningful, enduring collaboration that facilitates First Nation cultural, environmental and economic participation in TimberWest activities.

PAR is measured against the following four Key Drivers:

- Leadership Actions,
- Employment,
- Business Development, and
- Community Relationships.

We hold ourselves to account through periodic third-party PAR audits.

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At the SFI® 2017 Annual Conference in Ottawa a ceremonial canoe by artist Curtis Wilson, commissioned by TimberWest, was presented to the Honourable Jim Carr, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, by father of Curtis Wilson Hereditary Chief James Wilson of the We Wai Kai Nation, as a reminder of the important relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadian Forests.

DID YOU KNOW?

- » We are the first BC forest company to join the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, and the first BC forest company to get Bronze PAR certification.
- » PAR certification offers a high level of assurance to Indigenous communities about the leadership and values of certified companies.
- » The PAR designation is supported by independent, third-party verification. The final company certification level of Bronze, Silver or Gold is determined by a jury comprised of Indigenous business people.
- » The concept of PAR was created with Indigenous community input. The CCAB is continually improving the quality of PAR through consultations with Indigenous communities.
- » TimberWest has 12 Memoranda of Understanding (MOU's) with First Nation groups across Coastal BC. These MOU's establish working frameworks around culture, education, common projects, environmental investments, and commercial arrangements on timberland.
- » We work in close collaboration with First Nations on business opportunities such as timber harvesting, silviculture, land transactions, and log marketing to get products to various markets. We value continuous improvement and extend this practice to our business partners through work experience and training initiatives.
- » Every year we sponsor, support and/or donate to First Nation education, cultural programs, environmental projects, and community initiatives. Additionally, we are actively involved with numerous wildlife organizations, habitat enhancement groups, technical committees and research groups.
- » Together with First Nations, government, environmental groups and other forest companies, we helped create and now abide by the Great Bear Rainforest Order regulations. We practice Ecosystem Based Management on all our forest tenures in the South Central Coast of BC in the Great Bear Rainforest.
- » Our Environmental Management System has been ISO 14001 registered since 1999, and guides how we sustainably plan, implement and monitor all our forestry operations.
- » We were the first Canadian company to achieve certification to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) standard in 2000. All of our lands are SFI® certified.

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