

Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation Policy

Policy Title:	Foundation Statements
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PURPOSE: To establish a policy governing Foundation Statements.

POLICY:

WHEREAS the Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation (WGFC) requires a reference point for all policy development, strategic planning and goal setting,

AND WHEREAS the WGFC requires a reference point for providing direction to the General Manager (GM) for management and administration,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the WGFC establishes the following policy governing Foundation Statements.

SECTION 1 – VISION

The WGFC's vision is to operate and manage a Community Forest Agreement License on a long term sustainable, environmental, and social plan that will maximize economic opportunities and benefits for the residents of Wells Gray Country and the District of Clearwater.

SECTION 2 – MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Community Forest is to manage, harvest, protect and expand the timber and non-timber resources of the Community Forest in a professional, balanced, sustainable and transparent fashion for the benefit of the community.

SECTION 3 – GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. The Board exists to govern on behalf of the Society who has delegated the power and authority to act on their behalf and in the best interests of all who make up the community.
2. Board responsibilities are detailed in the Management and Operations Policy 2012-2 Section 2.
3. The Board contacts with the GM to manage the CF as per the Contract Services Policy: General Manager 2012-6.
4. The Board will provide professional and technical expertise to assist the GM in fulfilling his duties.
5. The power and authority of the Board only exists when it acts as a whole. As individuals, Board members, including the President, exercises no power or authority in the organization, and cannot act or speak for the Board unless specifically delegated to do so by the Board.
6. The only decisions or positions of the Board are those made by the Board through the accepted decision making process, ensuring that the Board speaks only with a unified voice.
7. Board members will engage in actions and decisions that contribute to building and maintaining a healthy, effective and functioning Board and corporation.
8. The President's primary role and function is to lead the Board and not to direct and supervise the GM.
9. The GM reports to the Board.
10. Annual assessment and evaluation of organizational performance (both governing and management) is an essential requirement.
11. A current and complete governance framework, including all necessary policies and a Corporation Organizational Chart, is essential for the Board and the GM to successfully fulfill their respective mandates.