

Candidates for Forest Resource Officer



REG HAGGARD

I grew up in Port Alberni, BC, in a household of union activists and leaders. At this time in the 1960s to the middle 1970s, Port Alberni was known as the strike capital of Canada. Port Alberni was a thriving forestry town. After leaving Port Alberni as a young man, I went on to working in lumber mills in Maple Ridge (BCFP Hammond

Division), Boston Bar (BCFP), and then to Houston, BC (Northwood).

I then moved to 100 Mile House, BC. I had my first opportunity to work directly in the logging industry. I started subcontracting when power saws were the most prevalent. I went through the transformation of automation and had to upgrade to purchasing feller bunchers, grapple skidders, etc. During break-ups (which are when the road bands limit the weights of what trucks can haul), I did some high lead logging in Boston Bar as a rigging slinger.

After realizing the cutbacks made to logging contractors, the diminished length of the allowable logging season, I decided to try mill life again. I have worked at Ainsworth Oriented Strand Board plant for the last 21 years. I have worked my way through virtually all production areas of the plant. I was then able to obtain with my seniority the right to an electrician apprenticeship and have been doing this for the last 15 years. I work as a shift electrician.

I have been involved in the union in some capacity for several years. I have been the Plant Chairperson for the last two plus years. I am asking for the membership's support for election to the position of Forest Resource Officer. During the time I have represented the PPWC with Local 9, I have gained experience and awareness I believe is necessary to work towards forest sustainability and ethical stewardship of this renewable resource. Forestry is our jobs. It supports our families and will provide our future if we manage it correctly. If elected to this position, I will promote PPWC policies and work with other forestry organizations to ensure we are proactive in preserving a stronger future for our forests.



CAM SHIELL

I am currently sitting as Local 8's Plant Chairman at Ladysmith Sawmill, which is owned by Western Forest Products. I have lived on Vancouver Island most of my life. I have been working at Ladysmith for the past three years, but have directly or indirectly worked in the forestry industry most of my life.

Forestry and our forests are very important to many aspects of our province's life.

For most of us, the forestry industry has become a sad song of hard and frustrating times. We are seeing boatloads of logs leaving our coasts, bound for overseas manufacturing plants or stockpiled in foreign countries. We all strive for the day a forestry worker is deemed a good career choice and for future generations. Governments and corporations should be held accountable for the destruction of our environment and an industry that once thrived in this province. Government should be investing in solutions to old, outdated manufacturing plants to keep jobs here in BC, as well as in Canada.

I have a lot to learn. I am going into this knowing I have to listen to and learn from the people who have come before me. They built this foundation that we need to finish. I bring new ideas to the table to help everyone in the future.

I am a single father of two boys, and I am worried about what kind of world and environment we are leaving our children. The PPWC is striving for strong industry and a healthy environment for future generations. I would like to be a part of making a difference in this world. For that, I am asking for your support.



LARRY WALKER

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to run for Forest Resource Officer.

I currently work at Zelstoff Celgar, Castlegar Operations, and have been an active member of PPWC Local 1 for the past 25 years serving as Safety Chair, Master Shop Steward and Wage Delegate.

Being involved in the forest industry for over 40 years, I started my

education and worked as a Forestry Technician, hold a Free Miners Licence, own and operate a trap line within the West Kootenay region. Due to my background, I spend a large quantity of time within BC's forests and have seen the good, bad and the ugly! It is my belief that we all must be aware of our natural resources and how important they are to all of our industries, our children and the provincial economy.

The wealth obtained from local resources has long served to build the communities we live in. The need to ban log exports and lobby our government over the softwood lumber agreement are subjects which I hold dear. I would ask you to allow me the opportunity to bring new energy to this position and keep these issues at the forefront.

Thank you for your consideration.

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 9-22, 2015

(LOCALS TO HAVE POLLS OPEN UP TO 10 DAYS WITHIN THESE TWO WEEKS)

FINAL TABULATION JULY 3, 2015

ELECTION PROCEDURE

- (1) Local Trustees will be responsible for the balloting in Local Unions. For the purpose of this section, a Trustee is any person in charge of a poll or count.
- (2) The Local Trustees will provide a registration list of eligible voters, and each voter's name will be checked off at the time the voter receives the ballot.
- (3) Each voter will sign the ballot counterfoil before separating the ballot.
- (4) Voting shall take place during a two-week period, which will be designated each year by the National Executive Board. Within this period, each Local shall have up to a maximum of ten (10) days during which the Local will conduct the required balloting. Ballot boxes will be set up at each work site at times to adequately cover shift changes. At the Local's discretion, ballot boxes may be set up at other convenient places to ensure the fullest possible participation of the membership. Ballot boxes will remain sealed until the end of the voting weeks.
- (5) Voting will cease at 8:00 p.m. on the last day of voting, and ballots will be tabulated that evening. All Locals will telephone unofficial results in to the National Office within 24 hours after the closing of all polls. These results will not be disclosed until all Locals have reported to the National Office.
- (6) Where a Local Union has more than one poll, the ballots from each poll shall be submitted separately within the total return from the Local.
- (7) The Trustees will count the ballots and forward them together with all spoiled and unused ballots, counterfoils and registration lists by registered mail or express to the Chairperson of the Tabulating Committee in care of the National Office in Vancouver within seven (7) days for final tabulation. The ballots will remain sealed until the Tabulating Committee meets. Candidates will be allowed scrutineers at any ballot count. Only Trustees and accredited scrutineers will be present at the ballot count.
- (8) The Trustees and scrutineers will keep the results secret until released by the National Union.
- (9) Locals shall ensure the privacy of voters by making available a polling booth.
- (10) Resumes of all candidates shall be posted throughout all mills and all plants

- at least fourteen (14) days prior to vote commencing.
- (11) Resumes of candidates for National Office within the polling area shall only be that distributed by the National Union. No other literature pertaining to the National Elections shall be permitted.
- (12) Resumes in voting area shall not be marked or defaced in any way.
- (13) A voter's preference shall not be influenced by the Trustees.
- (14) It shall be the responsibility of the Trustees in each Local to ensure that all rules for election procedure are adhered to.
- (15) All Trustees and scrutineers will indicate their awareness of this responsibility by signing a form containing election procedure.
- (16) Copies of this election procedure will also appear on the resume poster distributed by the National Union.
- (17) Joint Labour Agreement elections may be held in conjunction with National Elections.
- (18) Mail-in Ballot
 - (i) A mail-in ballot be allowed for a unit with five (5) members or less in a location fifty (50) miles or more from the principle work site (work sites).
 - (ii) Mail-in ballots shall be sent out from the Local Union immediately upon receipt of ballots, resumes and mail-in ballot procedure from the National Office.
 - (iii) Local Unions will allow two (2) weeks from the time they receive ballots from the National Office for return of the mail-in ballots to the Local Union Office.
 - (iv) Trustees shall separate a counterfoil ballot from the book, print the member's name for whom it is being sent, and designate as "mail-in ballot" on counterfoil.
 - (v) Trustees shall place in an envelope and mail to members the following materials:
 - a ballot;

- a letter outlining election procedure for mail-in ballots;
 - a letter listing candidates for each office and their resumes;
 - an unmarked sealable envelope;
 - a return self-addressed envelope "ballot" for the signature of the voter and return address.
- (vi) The voter will, upon receipt, mark ballot, place it in the unmarked envelope and, using the return envelope provided, mail it to the Local Union Office.
 - (vii) At the conclusion of the referendum ballot, when the Trustees prepare to count the ballots, mail-in envelope members will be recorded as having voted. The sealed, blank envelope containing the secret ballot shall then be removed from the addressed envelope and placed unopened into the ballot box to be counted with regularly-cast ballots.
 - (viii) Local Union Trustees will furnish the National Office a list of members who were sent mail-in ballots along with the envelopes returned with mail-in ballots.
 - (ix) Local Unions will be responsible for cost of mail-in balloting.
- (19) Absentee Ballot
- A member may vote in National Elections at a location other than his/her home Local under the following circumstances:
- (i) The member obtains an authorized letter of credential from his/her home Local indicating the member's name, address and work number.
 - (ii) The credential letter will indicate the member has been struck from the voting list of the home Local.
 - (iii) Proper identification will be presented.
 - (iv) The ballot will be placed into the ballot box of the voting Local and be forwarded to National Office along with the presented letter of credential.
- (20) Results of balloting by Locals will be circulated to Locals by the Tabulating Committee within seven (7) days of counting.