

Indigenous Relationships Policy

As part of Western Forest Products Inc.'s ("Western") ongoing focus to ensure our sustainable forest management practices meet broad cultural, environmental, social, and economic values, we are committed to working closely and respectfully with Indigenous communities in the areas where we operate. Across our timberlands, silviculture, and manufacturing sites, we work within the traditional territories of more than 50 First Nations on the coast of British Columbia.

Western acknowledges and respects the Aboriginal rights, title and interests of coastal British Columbia's First Nations and believes that by working with these communities we can be stronger together. We recognize that the governments of Canada and British Columbia have endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("UNDRIP") and believe that we can play an important role in advancing reconciliation by supporting new and innovative business relationships and collaborative stewardship planning in the forest sector.

The following principles guide us:

1. We will seek to understand the interests of Indigenous communities and work diligently to support meaningful and lasting reconciliation initiatives.
2. We will listen to, learn from, and consider the values and input of Indigenous communities in our plans, and seek to develop those plans together.
3. We will endeavour to develop and foster meaningful relationships through open and timely communication.
4. We will strive to create mutually beneficial and meaningful business relationships, including opportunities for equity ownership in business.
5. We will seek to grow mutually beneficial business relationships with Indigenous vendors and work to procure goods and services from businesses committed to advancing reconciliation with Indigenous communities.
6. We will work towards making Western a forestry employer of choice for Indigenous people by fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce and a welcoming workplace.
7. We will work with and encourage our contractors and communities to increase their awareness of opportunities to employ Indigenous people.
8. We will collaborate with Indigenous communities and educational institutions to enhance worker readiness in the forest sector.

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