

## ALBERTA'S FORESTRY FUTURES ALLIANCE HONOURED BY CANADA'S FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR

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**Vancouver, BC** – Earlier today, Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) hosted its annual *Awards of Excellence* luncheon in Vancouver where Alberta's Forestry Futures Alliance was presented with a 2019 *Partnership Award*.

FPAC hosts this annual event to recognize excellence in the sector and to honour the achievements of our workers and community partners. The *Partnership Award* is presented to a non-government organization or individual that has demonstrated leadership in working



collaboratively with the forest products sector.

“We employ people in over 600 communities across this country, but we receive such strong support from partners like -Alberta's Forestry Futures Alliance,” said FPAC President and CEO Derek Nighbor. “The Alliance members play a key role in educating young Albertans about Canada's forest products sector and the sustainable efforts that guide our operations. We

are so grateful for their work, commitment to science-based education, and focus on delivering real life experiences in the forest for young people and their teachers,” Nighbor added.

The Forestry Futures Alliance is a partnership between three of Alberta's leading non-for-profit forest education organizations which includes: Inside Education, Work Wild, and CAREERS: The Next Generation. Each organization is a leader in forest education enabling both educators and students to learn more about forest science, environmental sustainability and future career opportunities. “We are extremely proud to be recognized by FPAC for what we believe is a great partnership,” said Brian McConkey, who Chairs the Industry Advisory Group with the





Forestry Futures Alliance. "Each of our Alliance members - Inside Education, Work Wild and CAREERS: The Next Generation work together to ensure our education programs work seamlessly to increase awareness of K-12 students, teachers, and career professionals of the sustainable practices and the variety of rewarding careers in Alberta's forests".

To see the full list of FPAC Award recipients, please visit <http://www.fpac.ca/canadas-forest-sector-celebrates-its-best-and-brightest-in-vancouver>.

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FPAC provides a voice for Canada's wood, pulp, and paper producers nationally and internationally in government, trade, and environmental affairs. The \$69-billion-a-year forest products industry represents 2% of Canada's GDP and is one of Canada's largest employers operating in more than 600 communities and providing 230,000 direct jobs across the country.

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