



McBride Community Forest Corporation

McBride, British Columbia





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**Community
Forest
Association**
local people, local forests, local decisions

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Best Practices

- A best practice is a technique or methodology that, through **experience and research**, has proven to reliably lead to a desired result.
- A commitment to using the best practices in any field is a commitment to using all the knowledge and technology at one's disposal to **ensure success**.

BCCFA Guiding Principles

- Culturally, ecologically, and economically sustainable forestry
- Respect for First Nation rights and cultural values, and the fostering of understanding and cooperation.
- Meaningful representation of community members
- Informed public participation
- Leading edge forest practices
- Local forest-based employment
- Community responsibility for land use and allocation decisions

The Community Forest Agreement

Provincial Government Objectives

- Long-term tenure opportunities
- Manage for a range of local priorities
- Diversify use and benefits
- Provide social and economic benefits
- Environmental stewardship
- Community involvement
- Strengthen relationships
- Foster innovation
- Promote safety

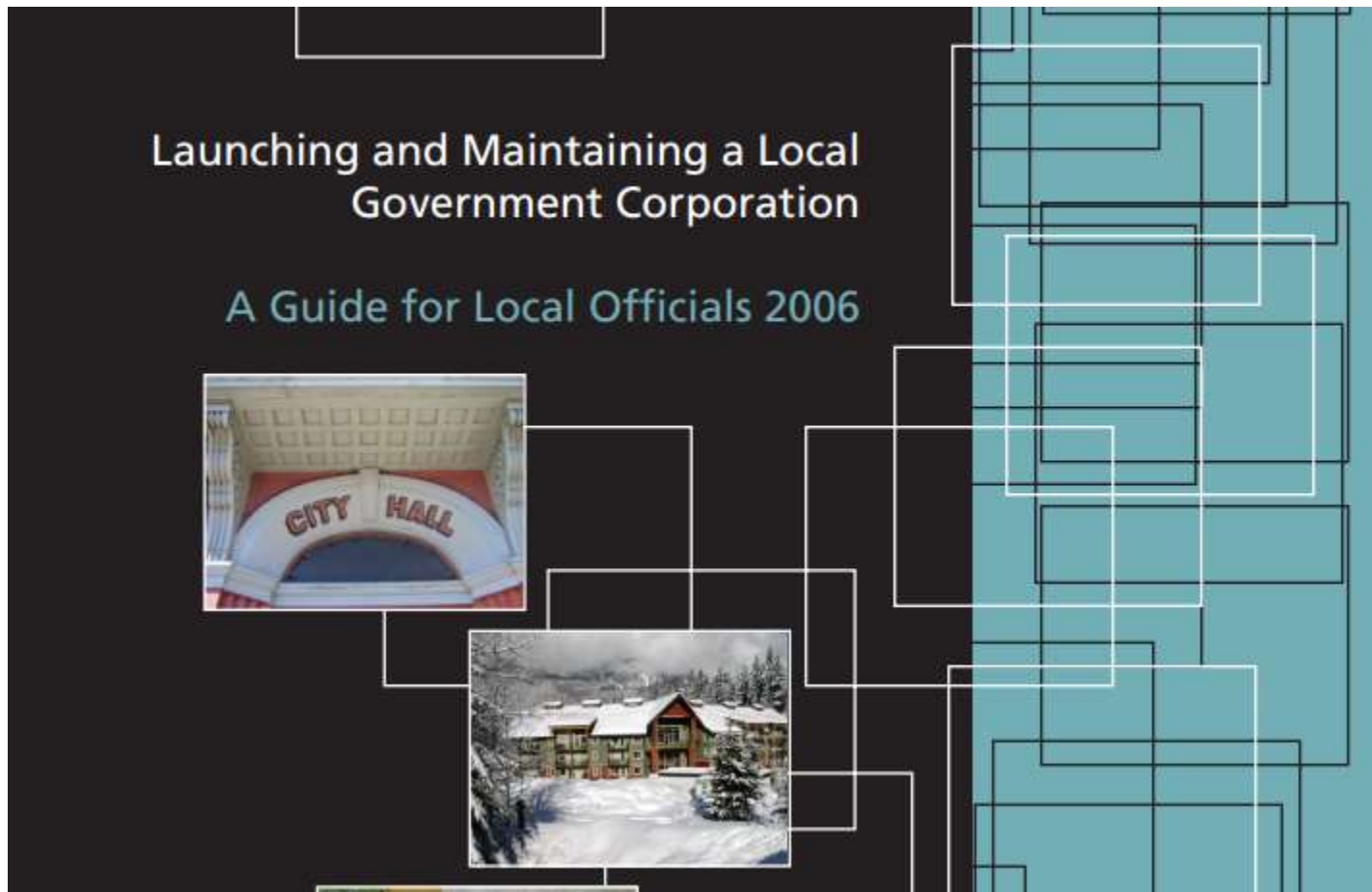
Lessons from Communities

- Identify community
- Identify vision and priorities
- Community champions
- Informed and engaged community
- Arms length from politics
- Clear distinction between board and management





“Piercing of the corporate veil”

Launching and Maintaining a Local Government Corporation
A Guide for Local Officials 2006



The graphic features a black background with white text. The title "Launching and Maintaining a Local Government Corporation" is at the top, followed by the subtitle "A Guide for Local Officials 2006". On the right side, there is a vertical teal bar with a white grid pattern. Two photographs are connected to the text by white lines: one of a city hall entrance and another of a snowy resort building.



Lessons from Communities

Organizational Governance

- Relevant foundation statements
- Solid policy framework
- Shareholder/Management Agreement
- Board of Directors Composition and Terms of Reference
- Fair and transparent tendering process
- Community communication and engagement plan

Lessons from Communities

Strategic Plan

- Board develops to give as direction to the Manager
- Engage the community
- Identify priorities for 3-5 years
- Monitor
- Evaluate
- Adapt

Lessons from Communities

Business Plan

- Captures community goals and priorities
- Demonstrates capacity for economic self-sufficiency
- Enhances community economic diversity



Lessons from Communities

Forest management plan that includes local values



Next Steps

Reality Check

- Issues have built over time
- Time is required to make the necessary corrections
- Put systems in place to meet forest management standards
- Build a thoughtful structure and governance system
- Engage the community

Community forestry is

“Decisions being made by people who have to live with the outcome;

Finding local solutions to contentious issues;

Keeping benefits in the community;

A very good idea;

One of the hardest things I have ever done.”

John Cathro, RPF



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