

District Response to West Fraser Announcement



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The District of 100 Mile House is profoundly disappointed in response to yesterday's announcement that West Fraser plans to permanently cease operations at their 100 Mile House sawmill location.

This closure will have deep impacts in the community. It will mean difficult times for the forestry workers, their families, local businesses, schools, support industries, the District, and many others. The job loss impacts will be immediate, and other impacts may take more time to surface.

"We sincerely feel for the employees who are directly impacted by West Fraser's business decision", says Mayor Maureen Pinkney, "for their families, and for the community as a whole." History has proven that an industry closure is a crisis for the whole community.

The District of 100 Mile House will be focused on advancing and supporting the many promising economic opportunities in 100 Mile House. Commercial activity is strong, housing is still affordable, people are relocating to the region, we have a busy highway corridor and visitor economy, and several large projects are in progress. Council and staff will also be looking for ways to maintain municipal infrastructure and local government operations in what will surely result in a reduced tax base.

"We've been through mill closures before, weathered difficult economic times, and have come out stronger in the end. Our community has an amazing network of support agencies and a willingness to work together to support impacted workers and families." Mayor Pinkney encourages residents to pull together, support one another, and focus on getting through this challenge together.

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