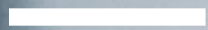


PRESENTATION



# ANNUAL CONFERENCE



**WOOD PELLET**  
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Vaughan Bassett, former President, WPAC  
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# YEAR IN REVIEW: 2023-2024





# INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY & MARKET SUPPORT

Positioning the Canadian wood pellet supply chain with respect to superior quality, reliability, sustainability, safety, and ethical business practices in global markets.

- Engaged in international policy developments, including UKBES, RED 3, EUDR, and Japan Sustainability.
  - Produced trip reports, shared with members, and posted to website.
  - Worked with domestic and international governments and associations on key policy initiatives.
    - Actively engaged and coordinated with BioEnergy Europe.
    - Supported SBP work to ensure standard revisions and regional risk assessments reflect Canadian approaches and perspectives.
- FII India Mission
  - Argus London
  - European Pellet Conference
  - Japan Biomass Safety Workshop
  - Japan – BC Trade Mission
  - CMT Tokyo
  - Nordic Conference
  - EU Bioenergy Futures





# INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY & MARKET SUPPORT





# DOMESTIC ADVOCACY & MARKET SUPPORT

Growing the domestic market: a) harmonization of Canadian and European biomass boiler standards, b) advancing domestic heating market specifically in the Maritime provinces and more generally in Canada.

- Supported updating Canada's boiler standards restricting import of EN 303-5 boilers.
- Developed NB strategy, working with NBPower/SaveEnergyNB to increase awareness of biomass/pellets.
- Promoted FESBC work to reduce harvest waste.

- NWT Biomass Week
- National Standards Strategy
- NFDL ClearResult Conference
- NB Energizing Efficiency Conference
- NB Energy Symposium
- CSA B51
- Provincial-Territorial Advisory Committee
- M&R feasibility study: NS
- Advancing Wood Pellet Systems in Canada



# SAFETY

Continuing to improve wood pellet sector's safety performance.

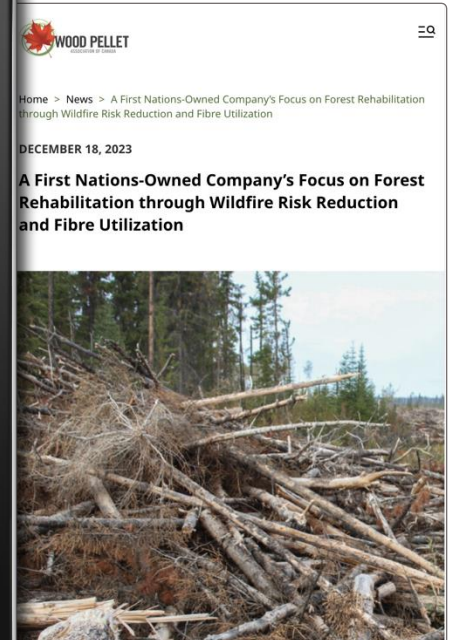
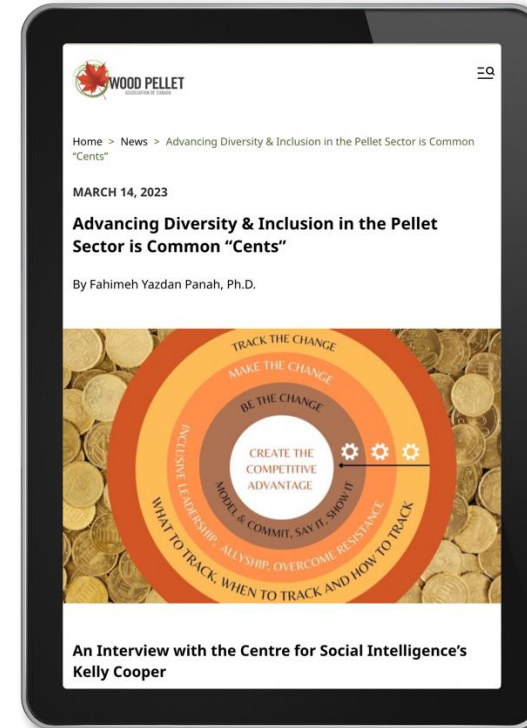
- Julie Griffiths, Chair of Safety Committee.
  - Monthly Safety Committee meetings.
  - Strong relationship with BCFSC, bi-weekly meetings to review projects.
  - Continual outreach with WorkSafeBC.
  - Advancing PSM (IAW 2)
- Human Factors Workshop
  - E-learning platform
  - One-stop Safety Resource
  - Safety Huddle E-learning platform
  - Biomass is Going Mainstream: Key Learnings for Canada Webinar
  - Safety Workshop, Ottawa
  - Safety Summit, Prince George
  - Process Safety Management & Combustible Dust Report
  - Quarterly BCFSC Multi-Sector Safety Forum,
  - Combustible Gas in Drum Dryers Report
  - Managing Silo Size in Self-Heating Report
  - Safety Factsheets translated into French



# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Lead, invest and support efforts to advance diversity and inclusion across the sector.

- Promotion and participation in D&I Initiatives.
- Panel discussion at WPAC conference.







# RESEARCH & TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Association will carry out research and technical development projects as identified by membership and approved by WPAC's board.

- Took proactive steps to ensure strong funding foundation for ongoing research and product development.
  - Built a positive relationship with the Government of Canada. Building on the success of our current research initiatives to further mobilize new biomass feedstock sources.
- Enhancing Traceability, NRCAN Forest Innovation Program and SBP
  - Exploring New Biomass Pathways, Ontario Natural Resources & Forestry and BioPower Sustainable Energy Corp.
  - Agri-Pellet Production with BBRG, BioFuelNet Canada
  - ISO Technical Committee 238 to ensure consistent and technically sound standards.
  - Near-Infrared Radiation (NIR) spectroscopy, with BBRG.

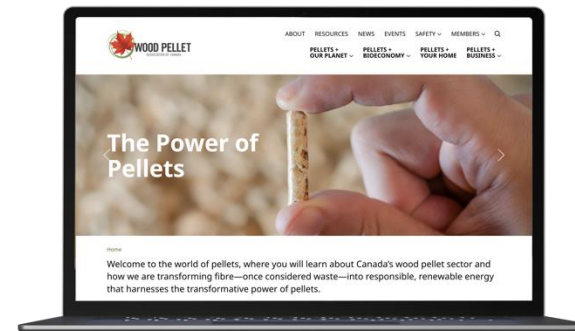




# COMMUNICATIONS

The Association is to communicate effectively with membership and external parties such as government, public, and other related organizations.

- Rebranding/Refresh
- Video: Seeing the Forest for the Trees
- Updated website
- 40+ articles published
- Consistent LinkedIn presence
- Partnership with Annex Business Media Group
- WPAC Annual Conference
- Issues Management & Responses
- Factsheets translated into French, Japanese, Simplified Chinese, Korean



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# KEY FOCUS AREAS

- 1 Promoting qualities and values of Canadian wood pellet supply chain global markets.
- 2 Promoting sustainability of Canadian wood pellet production.
- 3 Actively participating in SBP initiatives.
- 4 Continuing advocacy efforts with Bioenergy Europe and NRCAN/Global Affairs.
- 5 Growing the domestic market.
- 6 Supporting and growing international markets.
- 7 Continuing to improve the sector's safety performance.
- 8 Establishing a WPAC-UBC steering committee on agri-pellet production.

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# BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

- In Canada we have more work to improve better utilization of forest residuals, reduce fire risk and provide more heating and energy options for Canadians.
- Internationally, we will continue to expand markets and support policy makers to ensure wood pellets continue to have a role in climate solutions.
- We will lead and support the advancement of new renewable energy alternatives.
- Fossil fuel restrictions starting in 2030 represent a significant opportunity for our sector to demonstrate our value; we have work to do!
- Our success will only be as good as the partnerships we build across the sector and supply chain.





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