

## Background

### Letter to Canfor-Vavenby Employees

Over the next several weeks, the Province of British Columbia will work with other community transition agencies (Steelworkers Union, Canfor, Yellowhead Community Services Society, and more) to undertake a Needs Assessment of impacted Canfor-Vavenby workers. The survey is to gather data on worker skills, experience, education, relocation and training preferences, financial pressures and potential barriers to job placement. A similar Needs Assessment was conducted in March 2019 for impacted Mount Polley Mine workers.

To identify and coordinate meaningful supports for workers impacted by the Canfor-Vavenby closure, the Province must identify specific needs and skills of workers. With information obtained through the worker needs assessment, the Province will be able to support the transition of workers to other employment and training opportunities.

Over the next several weeks, Canfor-Vavenby Employees will be asked to complete the Needs Assessment. The information contained in this survey will remain confidential and will not be shared but will be used solely for the purposes of helping design a range of opportunities that will assist employees in their efforts to secure employment either locally or regionally.

Please complete the attached Survey/Needs Assessment and drop off to one of these 4 locations:

1. Canfor Administration-Vavenby
2. Work BC Clearwater or Barriere
3. Dutch Lake Community Centre (YCS) – 209 Dutch Lake Road Clearwater
4. Yellowhead Community Services Society – 612 Park Drive Clearwater

**Please submit by August 1, 2019**

You may be contacted via email, postal mail or in person at a Work BC office to complete this survey. Please be sure to register with the Work BC Office immediately so that we may be able to contact you.

Should you require assistance or have questions regarding this survey, please contact Madeleine or John (Canfor) or Jack Keough (YCS).

Thank you for your efforts to complete this survey.

Sincerely on behalf of,

**Steelworkers Union**

**Vavenby Canfor**

**Yellowhead Community Services Society**

**Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development**