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**I/We request to appear as a delegation before:**

Council

**Choose Two Dates**

- **Select first date:** 2026-04-15  
**Select second date:** 2026-04-15

**Please provide some information about the purpose of your presentation, including an executive summary (if you need more space, you can upload a file below)**

Mosaic Forest Management is requesting the opportunity to present to Council to support a well-informed discussion regarding the proposed motion on log exports.

Presenters will include Mosaic's Senior Vice President, Public Affairs & Partnerships, Karen Brandt, and Mosaic's Vice President Commercial, Nick Broekhuizen.

Our presentation will provide factual context on how the coastal fibre system operates, including the role of private managed forest lands and international markets. In particular, we will clarify that under B.C. law, logs must first be offered to domestic manufacturers, and that exports apply only to the surplus logs local mills have declined.

We will also outline current challenges facing the coastal forest sector, including declining harvest levels from Crown lands and rising operating costs, which are key drivers of fibre constraints affecting local mills and communities.

The purpose of our presentation is to ensure Council has a clear understanding of the broader system impacts, including the potential unintended consequences of the proposed motion on local manufacturing, employment, and regional economic stability.

Mosaic shares Council's goal of supporting forestry workers, families, and communities on Vancouver Island, and we welcome the opportunity to contribute constructively to the discussion and explore practical, collaborative solutions.

**Attach a one-page (maximum) outline of your presentation (if more room is needed). Please be specific.**

[Mosaic-Forest-Management-Presentation-Outline.pdf](#)

**What is the specific action (Resolution) being requested of Council or the Committee:**

That Council decline to support the proposed motion regarding log exports, on the basis that it does not accurately reflect how the coastal fibre system operates and may result in unintended negative impacts on local mills, forestry workers, and communities.

Mosaic respectfully encourages Council to continue engaging with industry and stakeholders to identify solutions that address the underlying drivers of fibre constraints.

**Will you be requesting a grant or financial assistance?**

No

**Will you be providing supporting documents to include in the agenda package?**

Yes

**How will you be presenting?**

PowerPoint/PDF, Verbal

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Yes

**I confirm that I want to participate:**

In-Person

## **Mosaic Forest Management Presentation Outline – North Cowichan Council Meeting (April 15)**

### **1. Introduction & Purpose (1 minute)**

- Support an informed discussion on the proposed motion on log exports
- Share how the coastal fibre system operates
- Highlight potential unintended impacts on local mills, workers, and communities

### **2. Key Fact: Domestic Use Comes First (1.5 minutes)**

- By law, logs must be offered to B.C. mills before export
- Exports occur only for surplus logs declined by domestic mills
- Core message: Exports do not take fibre away from local manufacturing

### **4. Why International Markets Matter (1.5 minutes)**

- Provide outlet for logs not used domestically
- Help offset high operating costs
- Enable economically viable harvesting
- Result: Sustains overall fibre supply to B.C. mills

### **4. What's Really Driving Fibre Constraints (2 min)**

- Declining harvest levels from Crown lands
- Coastal harvest well below allowable levels
- High operating costs on the coast
- Key point: These—not private land exports—are the primary drivers of fibre shortages

### **6. Local Impact & Mosaic's Role (1.5 min)**

- Supplies 60+ mills (including 30 on Vancouver Island)
- Supports ~2,000 workers and 700 vendors across 80 B.C. communities
- Top supplier to local pulp mills
- Connected system: changes affect local jobs and mills

### **7. Risks of the Proposed Motion (1.5 min)**

- Could reduce harvest viability
- May decrease overall fibre supply
- Potential unintended impacts to mills, workers, and communities
- Does not address root causes

### **7. Closing & Path Forward (1 min)**

- Shared goal: strong forest sector and healthy communities
- Need system-wide, informed solutions
- Mosaic is committed to working collaboratively