



**PRESS RELEASE – October 9, 2025**

## **Wells Gray Community Forest (2010) Society receives status under CRA Charitable Organization designation**

The Wells Gray Community Forest (2010) Society (Society) was founded in 2010 as a non profit to hold the shares of the Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation and distribute the profits within the region (TNRD Electoral Area A and the District of Clearwater) to organizations that are working to provide social and economic benefits to the residents of this region.

### **Effective August 21, 2025 the CRA recognizes the Wells Gray Community Forest (2010) Society as a Charitable Organization.**

This means that the Society can continue with its support of regional organizations by funding and undertaking charitable activities. The Society now has the ability to issue tax receipts for eligible donations received. It is anticipated that the ability to issue tax receipts will increase the amount of donations received which could potentially result in more funding available to support social and economic endeavours.

**One key change** to the designation of Charitable Organization status is that **amateur sports associations are not considered charitable by CRA**. Translation – this is one segment the Society will no longer be able to fund.

At this time, the Wells Gray Community Forest (2010) Society will continue to manage the current established grant program. The **Fall Grant intake** is now open to receive applications. Please refer to <https://www.wgcfc.ca/community-grants> for the Fall Grant Application package.

Board of Trustees,  
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