**Lesson Activity 2: Ocean Falls Further Investigations**

1. From a capitalist perspective, what was the equation that made towns like Ocean Falls a success for so many years?
2. If corporate control of Ocean Falls was total, why did so many men and their families voluntarily show up at Cousins Inlet in the first half of the century to carve out an existence?
3. Reflect on what life might have been like in a town where the company controlled everything. What did this mean when shopping, enjoying leisure time or purchasing a home etc.
4. Given that most industrial work in the first half of the 20th century was done by men, what might it have been like as a woman living in Ocean Falls? What kinds of roles or niches did women fill in a company town like Ocean Falls?
5. Describe the changes unionization brought to the town…was the working vibe radically different? Was there now a sense of ‘us against them’…workers vs management type of tension, or was this transition civil and cooperative?
6. Did the advent of organized labour and workers rights play a role in the Crown Zellerbach shut down in 1973 that essentially killed the community?
7. What do you think were the possible reasons behind the mill closing in Ocean Falls? How would commodity prices affect a place like Ocean Falls?
8. Why did the town disappear once the pulp and paper mill closed? What does this tell us about the stability of towns based around the primary / resource sector?
9. Does the company in a town like Ocean Falls owe the people of the town anything when the mill is closed? Do they have a responsibility to find them new work, or compensate them, or are these people responsible for their own situation? What about the government – do they have a responsibility to these people?
10. Fifty years after the demise of the town, what is the legacy of Ocean Falls? Does it revolve around labour and the imbalance between worker’s rights and corporate accountability? Or should the enduring story be the personal and heartwarming stories of a thriving community and lives lived?