

Canada
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5th Annual
Conference

April 18-19, 2011
Delta Chelsea Hotel
Toronto

POWERING UP ABORIGINAL ENERGY

**Clean Energy Empowering
Economic Development
Across Canada**

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

Christopher Henderson
President, Lumos Energy
National Coordinator,
Aboriginal Clean
Energy (ACE) Network

Angus Toulouse
Ontario Regional Chief
Chiefs of Ontario

"The renewable energy gold rush currently underway could be a boon to Canada's aboriginal community. That's because alternative energy companies are looking to partner with First Nations to build run-of-river hydroelectric plants, wind farms and solar farms on lands covered by native claims.... 'First Nations have become, in less than a decade, a key player in the alternative-energy sector,' said Wally Brault, an environmental and aboriginal lawyer with FMC Law in Calgary. "

Financial Post, November 24, 2010

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

First Nation Chiefs, CEOs, COOs, CFOs
First Nation Administrators, including legal counsel
First Nations Economic Development Officers
Tribal Council Technical Advisors
Municipal Officials in Public Works
Civil Engineering Firms – Project Managers and Consulting Engineers
Venture Capitalists and Investment Bankers
Environmental Lawyers in the Energy / Power Sector
Energy Industry Analysts
Investment Advisors

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM THIS CONFERENCE:

- ▶ Cross country representation in delegates and speakers
- ▶ Opportunities to network and learn from others in the business
- ▶ In-depth workshops that provide both case studies and the opportunity to discuss issues
- ▶ A good mix of attendees that includes First Nation representatives, business executives, entrepreneurs, and government officials

The Aboriginal Clean Energy Forum is truly a partnership endeavour with First Nations to foster new economic development relationships with the private sector and governments to make clean energy projects a reality. This conference has been enormously successful in helping First Nations communities become active partners in hydro, wind, biomass and solar projects from coast-to-coast-to-coast. The Forum is THE National event in the domain of Aboriginal clean energy.

REGISTER EARLY! LAST YEAR WAS SOLD OUT!

WHAT DELEGATES SAID ABOUT THE VALUE OF LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE:

- ▶ Excellent speakers and presentations. Especially the armchair sessions.
- ▶ The grassroots challenges shared by First Nations and their solutions and open dialogue (town hall) about the major issues from an aboriginal perspective.
- ▶ Establishing unity to address the need of working together, through partnerships, networks to engage in the energy sector industry. How we can move forward and participate in the industry.
- ▶ **First time attending. I would recommend others to attend. Wealth of information. Good speakers. On time.**
- ▶ Learned about technical, policy, business aspects of renewable energy. And networking.
- ▶ The case studies. We need more concrete case studies and less rhetoric. Case examples demonstrate the specifics of how projects get approved, implemented and operated for shared prosperity.
- ▶ This was an excellent networking conference for First Nations, developers and consultants.

APRIL 18, 2011

PLENARY SESSION

8:45am - 9:00am

WELCOME

Linda Reed, President, Canada Forum Inc.
Angus Toulouse, Ontario Regional Chief, Chiefs of Ontario, Conference co-chair

9:00am - 10:15am

KEYNOTE PANEL OF CANADIAN ELECTRICITY LEADERS

Forging New Partnerships

Moderator: Christopher Henderson, President, Lumos Energy

Panelists:

Roger Perron, Vice President Distribution, Hydro-Québec

Colin Andersen, CEO, Ontario Power Authority

Robert B. Brennan, President & CEO, Manitoba Hydro

Robert Watson, President & CEO, SaskPower

- ▶ This pan-Canadian panel will look at how leading electric utilities are working with Aboriginal communities

10:15am - 10:45am Coffee Break

10:45am - 12:00pm

TOWN HALL

Using Clean Energy Projects Earnings Smart

Judith Sayers, Entrepreneur in Residence, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, University of Victoria

Chris Angeconeb, Lands & Resources Coordinator, Lac Seul First Nation

- ▶ A discussion regarding the deployment of resources emanating from renewable energy projects

12:00pm - 1:00pm Luncheon

1:00pm - 2:45pm

Building Aboriginal Capacity in the Renewable Energy Sector

Jacques Lacombe, Vice President Marketing and Business Development, Peter Kiewit Infrastructure Co.

Dwayne Seib, Executive Director, Fort-à-la-Corne Employment Development Partnership

Michelle Branigan, Executive Director, Electricity Sector Council

Diana Campbell, BA, MREM, (Dalhousie University)

- ▶ Strategies for skills development programs and human resources planning
- ▶ Developing occupational standards
- ▶ Developing on-site project infrastructure, including camps, catering, hauling

- ▶ Overview of Master of Resource and Environmental Management Program – Dalhousie University: Professional graduate programs and Aboriginal students
- ▶ Making the connection between Aboriginal graduates and those in the renewable energy field

2:45pm - 3:00pm Refreshment Break

3:00pm - 5:00pm

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

1. SOLAR WORKSHOP

Chief Gordon Planes, T'Sou-ke Nation
Justin Lacey, Director Marketing, Day4 Energy
Jacob Travis, Director, Ontario Solar Academy

- ▶ Case study of T'Sou-ke Nation solar installation that provides electricity to the First Nation and sells excess to the grid
- ▶ Details on the Curve Lake training program that provides participants with the skills needed to launch green careers in the expanding renewable energy market

2. GEOTHERMAL WORKSHOP

Global Joint Development: Geothermal Opportunities

John McIlveen, Director, Canadian Geothermal Energy Association

- ▶ Where geothermal currently exists
- ▶ What type of applications can be done (high temperature, low temperature)
- ▶ Examples of Aboriginal joint projects with developers around the world

Case Study: The ADK/Borealis Geothermal Demonstration Project - Fort Liard, NWT

Craig Dunn, Chief Operating Officer, Borealis GeoPower

Brad Giroux, Chief Operating Officer, Acho Dene Koe First Nation Corporate Group

- ▶ The ADK/Borealis Geothermal Demonstration Project is an innovative renewable heat and power project for the remote community of Ft. Liard, NWT. This green energy project will be sustainable, with minimal emissions of air pollutants or GHG's
- ▶ This project demonstrates how a northern community can use a geothermal, "earth heat" resource to generate electricity and heat reducing the entire community's fossil fuel demand and energy costs

- ▶ Why develop geothermal energy and why in Ft. Liard, NWT?
- ▶ Key project attributes - overall project design, heat and power output, community/ industry/ government partnership
- ▶ Potential project windfalls and long term benefits for the Acho Dene Koe First Nation
- ▶ Further opportunities for geothermal energy in Native Communities

APRIL 19, 2011

PLENARY SESSION

8:45am - 10:00am

When are Aboriginal Clean Energy Projects Green?

Michael Gerbis, Chief Executive Officer, The Delphi Group

Larry Innes, Executive Director, Canadian Boreal Initiative

Byron Leclair, Director of Energy Projects, Pic River First Nation

Dr. Rick Smith, Executive Director, Environmental Defence

- ▶ When is green power green?
- ▶ As Aboriginal communities develop/partner on clean energy projects, the environmental status of these projects needs to be defined
- ▶ This issue is important, especially in terms of trading into export markets such as the U.S. Northeast and West Coast Markets
- ▶ Not all clean energy projects are equal, and every proposal has a different mix of impacts and benefits. Regulators and purchasers are learning to distinguish between proposals not only on the basis of cost and carbon content, but broader sustainability considerations both at the project site and the societal level
- ▶ Green power options that meet ecological and social criteria are more likely to generate a broad range of benefits while minimizing impacts. This can have real advantages in the market
- ▶ Aboriginal communities are well placed to become leaders in developing power that meets the highest standards

"Some non-subsidized renewable energy sources should soon be competitive with fossil fuels, a BCG study says."

Globe and Mail, November 11, 2010

10:00am - 10:45am

Bottom Line: Financing Aboriginal Clean Energy Projects - Case Studies

Christopher Henderson, President, Lumos Energy

This session will provide "hands on" and "real life" case examples of how Aboriginal communities are financing clean energy projects. Key topics to be covered include:

- ▶ Structuring projects for financing
- ▶ Sources of financing
- ▶ Success factors to closing project financing

10:45am - 11:00am Coffee Break

11:00am - 12:15pm

Structures and Sources of Financing - Armchair Panel

Moderator: Adam Chamberlain, Partner Borden Ladner Gervais

Panelists:

Jacques Boily, Director Business Development, Hydroméga Services Inc.

Ron Jamieson, Director, Ontario Power Authority

Stephen Fay, National Director, Aboriginal Banking, Bank of Montreal

John Arseneau, Vice President, Business Development, Public Private Partnership Canada

Suzanne Leclair, National Director, Energy, Infrastructure and Natural Resources, FCT/First American Title Insurance Company

- ▶ Details of bank financing for wind projects, transmission lines, run-of-river and penstock hydro electric projects
- ▶ Who is lending today, what is changing tomorrow and what is likely to change within the next 5 years on emerging aboriginal lands rights?
- ▶ How to get "bankable" land rights on aboriginal lands
- ▶ Options for early stage project risk financing
- ▶ Options for construction stage equity financing

12:15pm - 1:00pm Closing Luncheon

"More fresh electricity capacity was added to the electricity grids of both the United States and Europe last year from wind turbines, solar panels and other renewable sources than from conventional power plants run on fossil fuels and nuclear energy. It was the second year in a row that renewable energy beat its conventional competitors."

Globe and Mail, July 15, 2010

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Registration Fee

Fee for the **2 day conference is \$995.00. Payment must be received in advance of the program.** Please make cheques payable to *Canada Forum Inc.*

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If you have personally attended a Canada Forum Aboriginal Energy conference in the last 4 years, your registration fee is only **\$895.00.**

Cancellations

Full refunds, less a \$75 administration fee, will be given for cancellations received in writing by April 1, 2011. Whereas refunds cannot be given after this date, you may substitute delegates at any time.

Conference Venue and Hotel Reservations

The conference will be held at **The Delta Chelsea Hotel**, 33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto. A block of rooms has been held under **Aboriginal Energy** at the special rate of \$139 per night. Book your room early, before March 26th, to get the special rate. To reserve a room, **call** the hotel reservations at 416-595-1975 or 1-800-243-5732 within North America or use the **on-line booking link <http://www.deltachelsea.com.gcgcarg/>**

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