

Western Boreal Learning Network - Session 3



February 16-18, 2011
Shekinah Retreat Centre, Saskatchewan

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

- 12:00 PM Arrival and Lunch**
Lunch is available as people arrive and are greeted.
- 1:00 PM Opening Ceremony**
Richard Ananas – Elder, Beardy’s & Okemasis First Nation
- 1:30 PM Welcome Back; Updates**
- 2:30 PM Break**
- 2:45 PM The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement**
- Preamble Sensitivity of Issue
 - Overview
 - Facts & Myths about the agreement
 - The Manitoba & Saskatchewan Experience
- Presenters:
- Gord Vaadeland (CPAWS Saskatchewan)
 - John Daisley (Weyerhaeuser)
 - Travis Kiel (Tolko)
 - Russell Collier (National Aboriginal Advisor, CBFA Secretariat & BC/AB Aboriginal Advisor, CBI)
 - Jim Pimblett (CBFA Secretariat)
- 3:45 PM Break**
- 4:00 PM Talking Circle**
To be led by Ron Plain (Aamjiwnaang First Nation)
- 7:00 PM Supper**
- 8:00 PM Fireside Chat**
Grassroots Engagement: Working together & the power of communities
- Russell Collier (National Aboriginal Advisor, CBFA Secretariat & BC/AB Aboriginal Advisor, CBI)

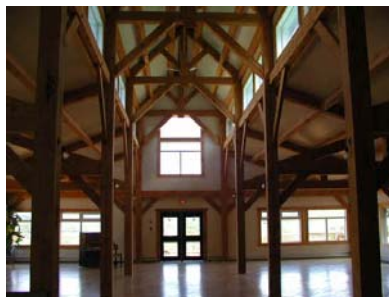


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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011



7:30 AM **Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Reflections and comments**

9:15 AM **Case Study 1: Keepers of the Athabasca**

- Background
- Successful Grassroots Engagement Examples:
 - Food Study
 - Bucket Brigade
 - Renewable Energy

Presenters:

- Alice Martin (Keepers of the Athabasca)
- Helene Walsh (CPAWS Northern Alberta Chapter)

10:45 AM **Break**

11:00 AM **Opportunities & Issues: Mining & Staking – How are communities coping with development in their areas?**

Scenarios in different jurisdictions: Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia -

Presenters:

- Leeanna Rhodes, Treaty 8 Tribal Association
- Diane McDonald, Prince Albert Grand Council
- George Poitras, Former Chief, Mikisew Cree First Nation

12:30 PM **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Presentation: Free Prior & Informed Consent**

- Ron Lameman, Advisor to Chief & Council, Beaver Lake Cree Nation

3:00 PM **Outdoor Activity**

- Snowshoeing/Tobogganing

6:30 PM **Supper**

7:30 PM **Socializing Activities:**

- Hoop Dancing (Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation)
- Book Reading (Maria Campbell)

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

- 7:30 AM **Breakfast**
- 9:00 AM **Reflections and comments**
- 9:15 AM **Case Study 2: Prince Albert Model Forest**
Overview
Successful Grassroots Engagement Examples
 - Joanne Reimer, Sturgeon River Plains Bison Stewards
 - Mika Carriere, Prince Alberta Model Forest
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **Planning for next session**
 - Session to brainstorm ideas for next BLN
- 11:30 AM **Evaluation and closing prayer**
- 12:00 PM **Lunch/Goodbyes**

