



# Agenda

24–26 September 2007

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## North American Indigenous Communities Renewable Energy Forum

Engaging Indigenous Communities in the Work of the CEC:  
Regular Session of the Joint Public Advisory Committee 07-03

### Sunday, 23 September 2007

#### PARTICIPANT ARRIVALS AND EARLY REGISTRATION

**18:00–19:00** Registration of participants - Lobby (*participant materials to be made available for all, in or near meeting rooms, throughout the three-day session*)

**19:00** Participants meet and greet – La Verendrye room  
*Storyteller - Walter Porter, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Alaska*

### Monday, 24 September 2007

#### NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES RENEWABLE ENERGY FORUM

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**7:30–8:30** REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS - Lobby (*Breakfast provided*)

#### Crystal ballroom

**8:30–8:35** OPENING PRAYER  
*Carl Bird, Elder, Peguis First Nation, Manitoba*

**8:35–9:00** WELCOME PARTICIPANTS AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

#### MEETING OBJECTIVES

*Chantal Line Carpentier, Senior Program Manager, Environment and Trade Program, CEC*

#### REMARKS

*Irene Henriques, Chair of the Joint Public Advisory Committee*

**9:00–10:20 GAUGING COMMUNITY ENERGY CONCERNS**

*Chair: David Lester, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes*

***Panelists:***

***Joint presentation***

*Victor Gonzalez Aguilar, Municipal councilor, Huajicori*

*Isidro de la Cruz, Commission for Communal Property, Indigenous community of Potrero de la Palmita*

*Michelle Glena, Environment and Natural Resources Technologist, Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation*

- High costs of energy to community residents; the size and importance of this question in pursuing renewable energy projects
- Issues experienced at a community level
- Support required from communities in addressing energy issues;
- Education and other initiatives in this area

***10:20–10:30 Labrador Tea/Coffee break***

**10:30–12:15 DEVELOPING ENERGY RESOURCES: THE VALUE OF PARTNERSHIPS**

*Chair: Chris Henderson, President, Lumos Energy*

***Panelists:***

*Tim Cuero, President, Environmental Protection Commissioner, Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians*

*Porfirio Montero, President, Federation of Rural Property Owners for the State of Oaxaca, A.C.*

*Vaughn Sunday, Director, Dept. of Economic Development, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne*

- The opportunity and justification for partnerships
- Potential partners and how you find them
- Necessary elements constituting a good partnership
- Establishing successful negotiations
- Conflict resolution
- Tribal ownership and management of energy resource production and distribution (diversification strategy)
- Measures for attracting industry to consider renewable energy on indigenous lands (tax breaks, legislation, environmental regulation)
- Private investors, government funding, financial institutions, and partnerships for indigenous peoples
- Government programs

***12:30–13:30 Lunch (provided)***

**13:30–15:00 CAPACITY BUILDING AND FINANCIAL SOURCES TO STIMULATE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

*Chair:* Gene Ouellette, Business Development Coordinator. Stantec

*Panelists:*

*Stéphane Guay*, Responsable du développement, Hydro Innu

*Pat Spears*, President, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy

- The basic key elements for successful projects
- How communities can proceed with initiating and developing projects
- Establishing connections between sources of financing for indigenous-focused projects and indigenous organizations/communities
- Support and participation of the communities and their leaders in developing the project
- Role of the Community Project Champion
- How to build capacity and the types of resources required
- Cooperation, co-management, not-for-profit, selling on-grid
- Links to green buildings

**15:00–15:15 Labrador Tea/Coffee break**

**15:15–15:45 BUILDING CLEAN ENERGY CAPACITY THROUGH INFORMATION SHARING**

*Chair:* Mindahi Bastida, President, Mexican Council for Sustainable Development, and Coordinator, Otomi Regional Council for Alto Lerma

*Panelist:* Chris Henderson, President, Lumos Energy –**Presentation:** Lessons learned from finance and capacity building work with indigenous communities  
*Rapporteur:* Merrell-Ann Phare, Executive Director for the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources and JPAC member for Canada

- Activity areas for collaboration between indigenous communities from each country
- Possible information sharing mechanism taking into consideration work and existing one?
- How to develop this mechanism and who does what?

**15:45–17:15 POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES: DISCUSSION IN (4) SMALL GROUPS FOLLOWED BY PLENARY**

Key questions to be addressed by the groups

- Activity areas for collaboration between indigenous communities from each country
- Possible information sharing mechanism taking into consideration work and existing one?
- How to develop this mechanism and who does what?
- Interest/necessity to create a “North American Indigenous Renewable Energy Alliance”
- Possible role of the CEC

**PLENARY**

*Rapporteurs from small groups*

**17:15–18:00** CONCLUDING COMMENTS

**18:00** CLOSING PRAYER  
*Carl Bird, Elder, Peguis First Nation, Manitoba*

**Concert Hall room**

**18:15** CULTURAL EVENING  
*“Walking wolf singers and dancers”*



**Tuesday, 25 September 2007**

**NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, POLLUTANTS AND HEALTH: SHARING  
EXPERIENCES, FROM PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION TO RESOLUTION**

*Facilitator:* Stuart Wuttke  
Director, Environmental Stewardship  
Assembly of First Nations

**8:00–8:45**     **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS** (*Breakfast provided*)

**Crystal ballroom**

**8:45–8:50**     **OPENING PRAYER**  
*Carl Bird, Elder, Peguis First Nation, Manitoba*

**8:50–9:10**     **OPENING REMARKS**  
Irene Henriques – JPAC Chair

**9:10–10:00**    **THE CEC’S POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTER (PRTR)  
PROJECT**  
Orlando Cabrera  
Program Manager, PRTR Project/Air Quality Program, CEC

**SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS (SMOC) PROGRAM**  
Orlando Cabrera and Patricia Hoes, Representative of the SMOC Working  
Group, CEC

- The CEC’s North American activities relating to pollutants and health: a step toward addressing concerns about the potential impacts of pollutants in indigenous communities

**10:00–10:30**    **MEXICO PRESENTATION:** Experience in the comprehensive program of a microbasin. Case study: The swamp, San Felipe del Progreso, state of Mexico

Mindahi Bastida  
President, Mexican Council for Sustainable Development, and  
Coordinator, Otomi Regional Council for Alto Lerma

**10:30–10:45**    **Break**

**10:45–11:15 TRIBAL LIFELINE PROJECT (ALASKA EFFORTS AND UPDATE ON CANADA, MEXICO PROJECTS)**

Rosemary Hall  
Environmental Scientist  
US EPA, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, Toxic Substances (OPPTS)

Annie Chaisson  
The Lifeline Group

Roy Kwiatkowski  
Director, Environmental Research Division, First Nations and Inuit Health,  
Health Canada

**11:15–11:45 WALPOLE ISLAND FIRST NATION (ONTARIO) –POLLUTANTS MANAGEMENT**

Dean Jacobs  
Director, Natural Heritage Center,  
Walpole Island First Nation

**11:45–12:15 US EXPERIENCE**

US indigenous speaker TBC

**12:15–13:30 Lunch [provided] –Room TBC**

*Address by Keynote Speaker (Naturalized Knowledge Systems):*

Henry Lickers  
Director, Environmental Division  
Mohawk Council

**13:30–14:10 PRESENTATION OF TWO CEC CASE STUDIES: USE AND AWARENESS OF PRTRs IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN NORTH AMERICAN BORDER REGIONS**

- CANADA-US BORDER REGION STUDY  
Ronald Plain  
Founder, Aamjiwnaang Environment Committee
- US-MEXICO BORDER REGION STUDY  
Paula Stigler  
Formerly Air Quality Specialist, Pala Band  
Hiram Sarabia  
Environmental Scientist, University of California at San Diego,  
Superfund Basic Research Program

**14:10–14:30 DEMO OF *TAKING STOCK ONLINE* AND NATIONAL PRTR DATABASES (Q & A SESSION)**

CEC PRTR Project Unit

**14:30–15:30 OPEN DISCUSSION ON POLLUTANTS AND HEALTH**

***Facilitator:***

Henry Lickers  
Director, Environmental Division  
Mohawk Council

**15:30–15:45 Break**

**15:45–16:45 YUKON RIVER SUCCESS STORY (UNITED STATES)**

Jon Waterhouse, S'Klallam Tribe, Alaska

Rob Rosenfeld  
Director, Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

**16:45–17:00 WRAP-UP**

Merrell-Ann Phare  
Executive Director for the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources  
JPAC member for Canada

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*Carl Bird*, Elder, Peguis First Nation, Manitoba

**Concert Hall room**

**18:00 NETWORKING EVENT [dinner provided]**

Informal evening to facilitate mingling and exchange of views

***Presentation about the Canadian Aboriginal Health Network:***

Laurie Chan  
University of Northern British Columbia,  
BC Leadership Chair in Aboriginal Environmental Health, and  
founding member, Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment

**Wednesday, 26 September 2007**

**SUCCESS STORIES, NETWORKING “HOW-TO,” AND OPEN AGENDA DISCUSSION**

**Crystal ballroom**

**8:45–9:00 OPENING PRAYER**

*Carl Bird*, Elder, Peguis First Nation, Manitoba

**9:00–10:30 NETWORKING PANEL (A NETWORKING “HOW-TO”)**

***Facilitator:***

Amy Nahwegabow  
Research and Policy Analyst  
Assembly of First Nations

***Panelists:***

Laurie Chan (Canada)  
Merrell-Ann Phare (Canada)  
US indigenous network representative (TBC)  
Shaunna Morgan, (Canada)  
Mexican indigenous network representative (TBC)

***10:30 –10:45 Break***

**10:45–12:45 SUCCESS STORIES FROM NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

- RENEWABLE ENERGY SUCCESS STORY (CANADA)  
Trevor Jones  
Hupacasath First Nation (BC)
- SUCCESS STORY (MEXICO)  
TBC

***12:45–14:00 Lunch [provided]***

**14:00–16:45 OPEN AGENDA ROUND TABLE (any environmental issue of concern to indigenous communities)**

***Facilitator:***

Dan Christmas, Senior Advisor  
Membertou Band Council

14:00–15:30 Floor open for indigenous participants to speak  
15:45–16:45 Floor open to all participants

**16:45–17:00 JPAC WRAP-UP**

Irene Henriques, JPAC Chair

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*Carl Bird*, Elder, Peguis First Nation, Manitoba