



COUNCIL ON CORPORATE ABORIGINAL RELATIONS (CCAR)



Agenda

Understanding and Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

NOVEMBER 1–2, 2017

Meeting Location: Atlantic Policy Congress of F.N. Chiefs Secretariat (153 Willowdale Dr, Dartmouth, NS)
Accommodations: The Lord Nelson Hotel and Suites (1515 South Park St, Halifax, NS)
Dinner Location: Da Maurizio (1496 Lower Water St, Halifax, NS)

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Meeting objectives:

1. Explore what we mean by the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and its key principles, such as Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC);
2. Discuss how UNDRIP might be applied in practice;
3. Acquire a better understanding of the implications of, and expectations surrounding UNDRIP and FPIC on the part of key stakeholders;
4. Compare and better understand the role of the private and public sectors regarding UNDRIP and FPIC.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

07:15

Shuttle from the *Lord Nelson Hotel*

Please meet in the lobby of the *Lord Nelson Hotel* to take the shuttle to Atlantic Policy Congress office in Dartmouth. For those driving, there is parking at the APC office.

Atlantic Policy Congress - Boardroom "B" (2nd Floor)

08:00 – 08:30

Networking Breakfast (Continental)

08:30 – 08:45

Opening Prayer

Debbie Eisan

Community Planner
Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre

08:45 – 09:00

Welcome Remarks and Introductions

Stefan Fournier

Associate Director, Northern and Aboriginal Policy
The Conference Board of Canada

09:00 – 09:45

Welcoming Remarks

Chief Bob Gloade

Chief, Millbrook First Nation (and)
Co-Chair, Atlantic Policy Congress

Ken Paul

Director, Fisheries
Atlantic Policy Congress

Ken will talk about the Atlantic Policy Congress (APC) Secretariat of First Nations Chiefs. He will discuss some of the organizations' key priorities, such as the Reconciliation agenda within the Atlantic regions. And he will share a bit about the opportunities and challenges the APC faces when working with the Federal Government.

09:45 – 10:00

Networking Break

10:00 – 10:45

Facilitated Group Discussion:

Facilitated by Stefan Fournier and the Advisory Committee Members of the Council on Corporate Aboriginal Relations

Discussion Topics/Questions:

1. What do we know about UNDRIP? What are its key components, objectives, and principles?
2. What do we think the implementation of UNDRIP means for our organizations, and from the perspective of our own roles?
3. How do we understand FPIC? What are its implications for our roles and organizations? What does it mean for Corporate-Aboriginal Relations and/or Crown-Indigenous relations?

10:45 – 11:00

Networking Break

11:00 – 12:00

From the International to the Local Level: Understanding UNDRIP and its Role in Corporate-Aboriginal Relations

Jay Hartling

Advisor, Indigenous and Fisheries Relations
Jay Hartling Consulting

Jay's presentation will set the stage for the sessions that follow by providing a comprehensive overview of UNDRIP and its general implications for Indigenous, private and public-sector organizations. Drawing on her background in working in Latin America and Canada, Jay will offer a comparative analysis of how corporate-Aboriginal relations are manifest at the international and domestic levels, including how UNDRIP is understood and approached in these different regions. She will also unpack the concepts of "prior consultation" and "Free Prior and Informed Consent".

12:00 – 13:00

Networking Lunch

13:00 – 14:00

The Federal Perspective: The Opportunities and Constraints in Implementing UNDRIP in Canada

Diana Kwan

Senior Counsel
Department of Justice Canada

Diana will speak about the Federal Government's perspectives and objectives surrounding UNDRIP and FPIC. In particular, she will discuss what the Federal Government means by "implementation", addressing the rationale along with the challenges and constraints involved in reconciling UNDRIP with Canada's constitutional framework. She will draw linkages to the government's objectives surrounding Reconciliation. In addition, she will explain why implementing UNDRIP makes good economic and business sense.

14:00 – 14:15

Networking Break

14:15 – 15:15

Legal Update

Sandra Gogal

Partner
Miller Thomson

Sandra will provide the Council's customary legal update. She will discuss current court cases and legal developments that are shaping the future of Indigenous relations in Canada.

15:15 – 15:45

Networking Break

15:45 – 16:30

Facilitated Group Discussion

This facilitated discussion will offer participants an opportunity to revisit some of the main themes of the day, and to dig deeper into the topics based on what they have learned. Questions will be tabled that target those key areas of interest, learnings, and inquiries that surfaced throughout the meeting's earlier sessions.

16:30 Meeting Adjourns

There will be a shuttle taking us back to the *Lord Nelson Hotel*.

17:45 *Meet in the Lord Nelson Hotel lobby to travel to dinner together.*

Da Maurizio (1496 Lower Water St, Halifax)

18:00 Networking Dinner (Sponsored)

Thursday, November 2, 2017

07:15

Shuttle from the *Lord Nelson Hotel*

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Atlantic Policy Congress - Boardroom "B" (2nd Floor)

08:00 – 08:30

Networking Breakfast (Hot Breakfast)

08:30 – 09:30

The Forestry Sector and UNDRIP: A Proactive Approach

Étienne Bélanger

Director, Forestry
Forest Products Association of Canada

Étienne will speak about the Forest Sector's unique and progressive approach to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). He will discuss how *Call to Action #92* from the Truth and Reconciliation Final Report – which asks corporations to implement UNDRIP and its principles within their policies, operations, and practices – is understood from the perspective of the forest industry. He will also address the following key questions:

- Should FPIC be pursued "prior" to projects and agreements, or is it better understood as "ongoing", throughout the lifecycle of projects and initiatives?
- How is the Forest Sector going about implementing, monitoring, and developing metrics with regard to FPIC?
- What are the variances in the approaches to UNDRIP across the Forest Sector?

09:30 – 10:00

Networking Break

10:00 – 11:00

Exploring the Local Context: A Discussion of UNDRIP and FPIC in the Atlantic Provinces

Tom Mann

Aboriginal Relations
Port of Belledune

Ken Paul

Director, Fisheries
Atlantic Policy Congress

This presentation will wrap-up the content-driven sessions of the meeting by linking the conversation and findings into the local context surrounding UNDRIP. With corporate-Indigenous relations and Crown-Indigenous relations in the Atlantic provinces as a backdrop, each speaker will highlight the issues that are central to their own organization and sector, and to the province or region more generally.

11:00 – 11:45

Facilitated Group Discussion

In this session, participants will have an opportunity to revisit any topics or questions that they would like to address in further detail. This session will also offer an opportunity to recap and discuss some of the more compelling findings and key-takeaways from the meeting.

11:45 – 12:00

Closing Remarks

Stefan Fournier

Associate Director, Northern and Aboriginal Policy
The Conference Board of Canada

12:00

Meeting Adjourns

There is no shuttle returning to the Lord Nelson Hotel, however we are happy to contact taxis on your behalf.