



# Council on Corporate Aboriginal Relations

## AGENDA

Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Québec, QC

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*Keeping it Outside the Courts:  
Partnerships and Best Practices Based on Accommodation*

### Meeting Objectives and Themes

- Learn about Hydro-Québec's Romaine Project and partnering with the Innu outside of the courts.
- Discuss Issues surrounding Innu/Inuit overlapping claims.
- Hear from Yvan Pouliot and William MacLeod about the joint venture between SNC-Lavalin and Cree Construction.
- Gain an understanding of La Fédération des Coopératives du Nouveau Québec and partnering with the Inuit in Northern Québec from Steve Ashton.
- Learn about CREECO from Chairman and President Jack R. Blacksmith.
- Receive a legal update from Sandra Gogal.

**Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

*Meeting room: Dufferin (located at the lobby level)*

**8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. Welcoming/Opening Prayer**

**Marcel Godbout**

Membre de la communauté Huronne-Wendat

**8:40 a.m. Welcoming Remarks and Roundtable Introductions**

**Ashley Sisco**

Network Manager and Research Associate  
The Conference Board of Canada

**9:00 a.m.                    The Romaine Project**

**Mathieu Boucher**  
Manager, Aboriginal Relations  
Hydro-Québec

Mathieu will provide an overview of Hydro-Québec’s partnership with the Innu for one of its power generation projects—the Romaine project. He will speak about the 4 Innu communities affected by the project and Innu participation in the project’s first phase, concluding with a description of the joint venture.

**10:30 a.m.                    Break**

**10:45 a.m.                    Overlapping Inuit and Innu Claims**

**Sandra Gogal**  
Partner  
Miller Thomson LLP

**Paul Wilkinson**  
Environmental and Social  
Affairs Coordinator  
New Millennium Capital Corp.

Sandra will be providing a legal overview of overlapping claims to Aboriginal rights and title. Paul will follow by presenting 6 legal approaches that address overlapping claims, drawing on examples of case law.

*Meeting room: Villeray (located at the lobby level)*

**12:00 p.m.                    Networking Lunch**

*Meeting room: Dufferin (located at the lobby level)*

**1:00 p.m.                    Joint venture between SNC-Lavalin and The Cree Construction and Development Company Ltd.**

**Yvan Pouliot**  
Senior Project Director Québec  
SNC-Lavalin Environment

**William MacLeod**  
President  
The Cree Construction and  
Development Company Ltd.

Mr. Pouliot and Mr. MacLeod will speak about the joint venture between SNC Lavalin and Cree Construction and Development Company Ltd. Mr. Pouliot will present on SNC’s environment division and experience working with Aboriginal peoples across Canada. He will discuss SNC’s partnerships with Inuit and Cree in Québec, focusing on the main characteristics of SNC’s agreement with Cree Construction. Mr. MacLeod will present on CCDC and its joint venture with SNC.

**2:30 p.m.**

**Break**

**2:45 p.m.**

**FCNQ and Partnering with Inuit in Quebec**

**Stephen Ashton**

Director Tourism Development

La Fédération des Coopératives du Nouveau Québec - Arctic Adventures

Mr. Ashton will provide an overview of La Fédération des Coopératives du Nouveau Québec (FCNQ) and one of its businesses—Arctic Adventures—which is featured in *True to Their Visions: An Account of 10 Successful Aboriginal Businesses*. His presentation will focus on partnering with Inuit communities. He will provide some reflections on best practices in accommodation throughout, based on his experience observing Inuit communities “accommodate themselves” via the FCNQ cooperative model.

**4:00 p.m.**

**Council Business and Closing Remarks**

- ✓ Recruitment
- ✓ Next meeting agenda and themes (September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Prince Albert, SK)
- ✓ Speaker suggestions

**4:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Meet in hotel lobby for group walk to the restaurant**

Location: Grill le Feu Sacré, 68 1/2, rue Saint-Louis / T. 418-694-9022

**5:45 p.m.**

**Networking Reception and Dinner**

**Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Meeting room: Dufferin (located at the lobby level)

**8:30 a.m.**

**Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m.**

**CREECO Inc.**

**Jack R. Blacksmith**

Chairman, President

Cree Regional Economic Enterprises Company (CREECO) Inc.

Mr. Blacksmith will speak about Cree Regional Economic Enterprises Company (CREECO) Inc. He will provide information on how corporations can proactively accommodate CREECO and other Aboriginal-owned businesses in order to keep the development of partnerships with them largely outside of the courts.

**10:15 a.m.                    Break**

**10:30 a.m.                    Legal Update**

**Sandra Gogal**  
Partner  
Miller Thomson LLP

Sandra will provide the regular update of the legal issues surrounding the duty to consult, impacts and benefits agreements and partnerships by discussing current court case decisions that are shaping the future of Aboriginal relations in Canada.

**11:45 a.m.                    Closing Remarks**

*Allegro Restaurant (located at the lobby level)*

**12:00 p.m.                    Networking Lunch**

Mark your calendars for the next CCAR meeting to be held on:  
**Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Prince Albert, SK**

Joint meeting session, Reception, Dinner and Keynote with  
The Conference Board of Canada's Members of the  
Centre for the North