



Council on Corporate Aboriginal Relations

May 25-27, 2009

The Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre
530 MacKenzie Boulevard
Fort McMurray, AB
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“Aboriginal Entrepreneurship and Business Partnerships”

Meeting Objectives

- **Discuss** issues surrounding Aboriginal relations and their impacts on the Oil and Gas industry in Fort McMurray.
- **Hear** from the Fort McKay First Nation and the local Métis peoples about their work to encourage economic development in their territory.
- **Learn about** a new partnership agreement between Canadian Pacific Railway and Aboriginal Cogeneration Corporation (AAC) run by Six Nations of the Grand River.
- **Receive** a legal update on important court decisions, and industry impacts, in Aboriginal relations.

Agenda

Monday May 25, 2009

7:00 p.m. Reception/Hospitality Room – Hosted by Nexen
Please join us for a reception, hosted by our member company Nexen Inc.

Tuesday May 26, 2009

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Ashley Sisco
Research Associate
The Conference Board of Canada

Welcome and Introduction

8:05 a.m. Opening Prayer and History of Métis in Fort McMurray

Alvena Strasbourg
Métis Elder

8:30 a.m. Gilles Rhéaume
Vice-President, Public Policy
The Conference Board of Canada

Mr. Rhéaume will speak on the Conference Board's new cross divisional strategic focus—the Centre for the North. He will discuss the major challenges and opportunities that are emerging in the Canadian north due to the culmination of a number of trends, including climate change and population increase.

9:15 a.m. Depart Hotel (walk to Oilsands Discovery Centre)

9:30 a.m. Oilsands Discovery Centre Tour

10:15 a.m. Return to Hotel

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. Aboriginal Cogeneration Corporation – Innovative and Green Corporate-Aboriginal Business Partnerships

Kim Sigurdson

President

Aboriginal Cogeneration Corporation

Rick Poznikoff

Manager, Community Relations

Canadian Pacific Rail

Rick Poznikoff and Kim Sigurdson will speak about a new partnership between Canadian Pacific and Aboriginal Cogeneration Corporation (ACC) that creates usable energy while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The ACC converts scrap railway ties into energy through “gasification.” This creates a combustible gas, which operates an electrical generator that feeds electrical power into existing power transmission grids.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Local First Nation and Métis Peoples Encourage Economic Development in their Territory

Chief Jim Boucher

President

Fort McKay Group of Companies

Jim Carbery

Chief Executive Officer

Fort McKay Group of Companies

Chief Boucher and Mr. Carbery will speak on Fort McKay Group of companies' involvement with the oilsands mining developments.

1:30 p.m. Travel to Syncrude

2:30 p.m. Syncrude Mine Site and Reclamation Tour

4:15 p.m. Travel back to Fort McMurray

5:30 p.m. Free time prior to dinner

6:45 p.m. Travel to Pestos for Dinner (transportation provided)

7:00 p.m. Dinner at Pestos

Wednesday May 27, 2009

8:00a.m. Breakfast

8:30a.m. Bill Loutitt
President
Métis Nation of Alberta

Mr. Loutitt will speak on some of the Corporate-Métis business partnerships that have emerged in Fort McMurray with the development of the oilsands. He will discuss the best practices that have helped to mitigate the environmental concerns and maximize the benefits of these partnerships. He will also discuss how not having the same Treaty rights and funding opportunities as First Nations has posed challenges for Métis peoples.

9:30 a.m. Depart Hotel for Long Lake

**10:30 a.m. Travel to Long Lake (safety briefing on bus/Long Lake video)
Long Lake Tour of Nexen's Oilsand Operation**

Kris Geekie
Director, Community Consultation & Regulatory Affairs
Nexen Inc.

Neil Rutley
Senior Community Relations Advisor
Nexen Inc.

A tour will be conducted of the Nexen's oilsands operation and the process involved.

12:00 p.m. Lunch at Long Lake

12:30 p.m. Legal Update

Fred Fenwick
Partner
Miller Thomson LLP

Fred will give 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.

1:15 p.m. The Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation and Athabasca Tribal Council

Chief Vern Janvier

Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation
and Athabasca Tribal Council

David Janvier

Elder
Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation

Chief Janvier and David Janvier will speak on their experience working with local companies on the development of the oilsands south of Fort McMurray.

2:00 p.m. Members Roundtable Discussion

3:00 p.m. Travel back to Fort McMurray

4:00 p.m. Airport drop off

4:30 p.m. Return to Hotel