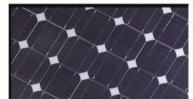


COLL AND GAS Developing Alternative Energy Resources On Aboriginal Traditional Lands

May 31 - June 1, 2004
Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel - Vancouver









Global demands for energy are growing, and environmental concerns rising while conventional energy reserves are declining. Canada is well positioned to lead the way in the development of new technologies for alternative energy resources and Aboriginal groups in Canada are well positioned to be strategic partners.

The Hupacasath First Nation project on China Creek in the Alberni Valley, a micro-hydro project, is one of 16 projects throughout the province, one of four on Vancouver Island, and is part of the largest purchases of green energy in B.C.'s history, providing about \$800 million in private-sector investment and an additional 1,800 gigawatt hours per year to meet the energy needs of British Columbians.

Reported in the Ha-Shilth-Sa Newspaper, published by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council - October 9, 2003

Learn about the Davis Turbine and how it turns tidal currents into power for Aboriginal communities in B.C. Tidal current resources in British Columbia are considerable – power made available from this source with near future technology could provide up to 40% of BC Hydro's power generation.

Join us at this leading edge conference to explore new strategies for development of alternative energy resources and negotiations with conventional oil and gas companies and service industries.

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BEYOND OIL AND GAS

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MAY 31ST - 8:30am

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Regional Chief Shawn Atleo Assembly of First Nations, British Columbia

HARNESSING THE WIND

Weather Dancer 1: Piikani Indian Utilities Corporation and EPCOR
William Big Bull, Energy Manager, Piikani
Indian Utilities Corporation
David Morrow, Power Development &
Acquisition, EPCOR

 Construction on 72-meter tall, 900 kilowatt Weather Dancer 1 started in mid-August 2001. Weather Dancer 1 is located near Brockett, Alberta, on the traditional lands of the Piikani First Nation. This represents a

20 year dream to get into the renewable energy business
• EPCOR signed a 10-year agreement to purchase all of the energy generated by this turbine

Status of the Canadian Wind Energy Industry & **Advancements in Wind Energy Technology**Philipp Andres, Senior Vice President & General Manager, Vestas Canada

Overview of Canadian markets

· Overview of wind energy technology

Coffee Break sponsored by B.C. Hydro

TIDAL CURRENT ENERGY Martin Burger, President and CEO of Blue **Energy Canada Inc.**

Opportunities and challenges for developing tidal current energy in Canada

 Development and marketing of the Davis Turbine which could result in energy and economic opportunities for First Nations who are situated on rivers or tidal inlets

Present tidal current energy generation costs, using currently demonstrated technology, appear to be competitive with other Green Energy sources. Future energy costs are expected to reduce considerably as both existing and new technologies are developed over the next few years.

GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

Terasen Utility Services & Kamloops Indian Band Sun Rivers Resort & Golf Community
Dan Manuel, Public Works Manager, Kamloops Indian Band

John Sainas, P. Eng., Contracts Manager, Terasen Utility

The Sun Rivers Resort & Golf Community, located on Kamloops Indian Band lands, is a new community which will at build-out have over 2000 homes. Uniquely, each home in the community incorporates a heat pump and is connected to a utility-provided ground connection loop. Great savings are achieved through the universal installation of heat pumps. The Kamloops Indian Band and Band members are progressive in the use of geothermal heat. Today geothermal heat is used at a school, a gas bar and a grocery store as well as in members' homes. The case study will describe:

 Different types of heat pumps
 Design and application considerations for installing heat pumps Design, construction and operational experiences at Sun Rivers

Implementation of a heat pump project: steps to take and pitfalls to avoid

12:30pm - Luncheon

HYDRO POWER

Private Sector Power Development in **British Columbia**

Jim Scouras, Senior Energy Acquisition Specialist, BC Hydro

Independent Power Production

Steve Davis, President, Independent Power Producers Association of British Columbia

Recent small hydro IPP projects
Current IPP activity in B.C.

• First Nation involvement in IPP's

Neil Banera, Director of Independent Power Projects, Land and Water British Columbia Inc.

Regulatory process
Industry developments and business opportunities

China Creek Micro Hydro Project

Chief Judith Sayers, Hupacasath First Nation

• The environmentally-friendly micro-hydro project will provide 5.6 megawatts of power to the Vancouver Island power grid, generating revenue for Hupacasath and project

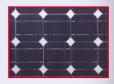
4:30pm - Day One concludes

JUNE 1ST - 8:30am

SOLAR ENERGY

Richard Wayte, Business Development, **SPS Energy Solutions**

 Financial & environmental benefits of solar for remote and northern communities



Allan Dobie, Senior Consultant, Research and Information Transfer, CMHC, B.C. and Yukon Region Wendy Phair, Capital Housing Manager, Seabird Island First Nation

Located 5 miles north of Agassiz on the Fraser River in BC, this project is the first of its kind in the world.
 It has assembled a range of strategies, new technologies, innovations, and new projects to demonstrate an integrated approach to sustainable housing.
 Seabird makes the most of heat energy gained from all sources: solar, geothermal and fossil fuel / hydro

ETHANOL FUEL

Wood Waste to Fuel Ethanol ProcessFred Enga, President, Gaian Bioenergy (North America) Inc.

 Technology used to produce low-cost ethanol from non-food, marginal requirement plant sources

 Producing the ethanol from woody materials by the fermentation of lignocellulose materials enables the use of quick growing plants, raised on marginal lands, as an energy source, thereby reducing the consumption of fossil fuels and reducing Greenhouse Gases

Integrated process design enables community scaled Ethanol Production to be deployed into forestry and agricultural

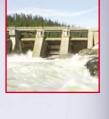
FINANCING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS **Development of a Resource – Is It Bankable?**Chris Lambeck, Asst. Vice President, Project Management,

Manulife Capital

What is project finance, when should it be used, what are the necessary ingredients and who are the parties providing this form of financing?

Learn about the contractual approach to mitigating risk, limited recourse to the sponsors and matching debt service to cash flows for the life of the project.
 Current market practices for wind and hydrology resource

risk mitigation







Financing Partnerships
Patrick Gillette, Vice President Acquisitions & Corporate Affairs, Canadian Renewable Energy Corporation

 Overview of the issues that a developer must consider when building a project

 Starting point between Developers and First Nations: how they can foster a working relationship

Negotiations with a Developer

When to partner

- Various options to negotiate either a partnership or compensation from the Developer how both can lead to asset ownership

This portion will outline how various agreements can be structured to raise capital

Al Fowler, Vice President, ARC Financial Corporation

Perspectives from a Risk Capital Provider

Profile of a risk capital provider

Developing a project step by step

- Structuring the project's risk capital

12:00pm - Conference concludes

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

The development of alternative renewable sources of energy is being pursued across Canada and around the world in an effort to attain greater energy efficiency, environmental protection, and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. This global challenge has resulted in many successful research projects and fuelled new technologies and unique business opportunities. Aboriginal communities can provide access to a multitude of energy sources on Aboriginal lands besides oil and gas developments and pipelines, which, though they remain the most lucrative, have greater environmental impacts than many alternative sources to conventional hydro-carbon fuels. This conference will present ways in which wind, sun, water and agricultural products can be harnessed to heat houses, fuel industries and provide significant alternative energy sources for communities, municipalities, and businesses. Experts will discuss issues related to developing and financing these energy alternatives and the current relationships with conventional oil & gas exploration, development, processing and delivery services.

The 900 kilowatt Weather Dancer 1, which represents a 20 year dream to get into the renewable energy business
Seabird Island Project, the first of its kind in the world to

heat homes with energy from a number of alternative energy sources

 The use of quick growing plants, raised on marginal lands, as an energy source

 How to structure and finance power projects using tax assisted limited partnerships
• Step by step process for developing a project

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

First Nation Chiefs, CEOs, COOs, CFOs **Energy Industry Analysts** Oil & Gas development engineers **Venture Capitalists and Investment Bankers Investment Advisors** First Nation Administrators, including legal counsel **Tribal Council Technical Advisors Municipal Officials in Public Works** Civil Engineering Firms - Project Managers and **Consulting Engineers Housing contractors Architects Environmental & Lawyers in the Energy/Power Sector**

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Registration Fee

Fee for the two-day conference is \$995.00. Add 7% GST to all amounts. If you are GST exempt, please provide a GST exemption number with your registration.

Payment must be received in advance of the program. Please make cheques payable to Aboriginal Forum Ltd.

Register Three and Send the Fourth for Free: When three people from an organization register and pay in advance, a fourth person from the same organization can attend the conference for free.

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Full refunds, less a \$100 administration fee, will be given for cancellations received in writing by May 15, 2004. Whereas refunds cannot be given after this date, you may substitute delegates at any time.

Conference Venue and Hotel Reservations
The conference will be held at The Sheraton Vancouver Wall
Centre Hotel, 1088 Burrard Street, Vancouver.
Hotel reservations can be made by calling (604) 893-7120 or
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We have reserved a block of rooms at a preferred rate. Please
book your hotel room by May 7th to ensure availability. Specify
you are with the Aboriginal Forum group.

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