

Regional Approaches to Land and Water Protection in Ontario and Québec

Agenda

Date: 1pm on June 27 to 5pm on June 28, 2016

Where: YWCA Boardroom (3rd floor), 87 Elm St., Toronto, Ontario

Pay parking is available beneath Sick Kids Hospital across the street, or in a surface lot at Edward and Elizabeth Streets.

Workshop Objectives:

- To encourage and foster a respectful dialogue among Indigenous groups, environmental groups, scientists & planning and EA specialists;
- To encourage knowledge sharing among the above groups on how regional approaches (at the watershed and/or large landscape scale) can best be designed and implemented to plan for and protect lands and waters in ON & QC, such as the Ring of Fire and Labrador Trough;
- To identify concrete tools for implementation of regional planning;
- To identify new potential ways of working together to achieve common objectives and potential triggers for action; and,
- To set the stage for a potential future workshop, likely to have broader participation and to be held in Québec in Spring 2017.

Day One-June 27

- 1:00pm Anna and Alice welcome participants and acknowledge the workshop is being held in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit. Anna to introduce Garry Sault.
- 1:05pm Garry Sault of Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to welcome participants and lead an opening reflection.
- 1:20pm Anna and Alice to review agenda for next day and a half.
- 1:25pm Anna and John to facilitate Sharing Circle. Each participant will be given an opportunity to say a few words: *What motivates you? Why you are here? What does 'region' mean to you? What is the word or words in your language? What do you hope to accomplish in the next day and a half?*
- 2:45pm HEALTH BREAK
- 3:05pm Setting the context for the conversation. Alice to facilitate.
- A word about the importance of lands and waters in the context of traditional territories (Robert Prévost, Naskapi Nation, Quebec, 15 mins)
 - A word about the importance of lands and waters in the context of traditional territories (Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, 15 mins)
 - Brief overview of ecological context and development pressures: Labrador Trough (Alice de Swarte, SNAP, 15 mins)
 - Brief overview of ecological context and development pressures: Ring of Fire (Anna Baggio, CPAWS Wildlands League, 15 mins)
- 4:05pm Discussion and questions.
- 5:30pm Dinner for everyone at Sin & Redemption, 136 McCaul Street (10 min walk from YWCA). **Please advise if you cannot make it.**

Day Two-June 28

- 9:00am How to implement regional approaches. Anna to facilitate.
- Legal Lay of the Land: overview of legislation, challenges & opportunities (Anastasia Lintner, Lintner Law, 20 mins)
 - Examples of how Regional Strategic Environmental Assessments have worked in Canada and abroad (Peter Croal, International Environment and Development Advisor, 20 mins)
 - Looking at carbon in regional studies (Jeff Wells, Boreal Songbird Initiative, 20 mins)
 - Overview of Regional Studies under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, (James Oliver, CEAA, 20 mins)
- Discussion and questions (45 mins)

- 10:45am HEALTH BREAK
- 11:05am Community perspectives on how to implement regional approaches or approaches to watersheds and large landscapes. Val and Janet to facilitate.
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig’s experience in protecting its watersheds (John Cutfeet, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig and Wildlands League, 20 mins)
 - Shoo-shweh-matawa (Jennifer Wabano, Omushkegowuk Women’s Water Council, 20 mins)
 - Regional Planning - Parks, Biodiversity and Aquatic Reserves - Cooperating for Success – the Nunavik Experience (Michael Barrett, Kativik Regional Government, 20 mins)
- 12:05pm LUNCH
- 1:05pm Community perspectives continued. John to facilitate.
- Guardians program (Valérie Courtois, Indigenous Leadership Initiative, 20 mins)
- Discussion and opportunity for sharing by community members who haven’t had a chance to formally present.
- 2:00pm Break out groups (facilitated by Alain and Anna and determined in advance): Each group of 4-5 people will brainstorm following questions: *What are burning issues for you? What regional approach might work for you? How would you do it? What are some of the barriers? What are some of the opportunities? Areas for collaboration?*
- 2:45pm HEALTH BREAK
- 3:05pm Share ideas from breakout groups. Alice and Anna to facilitate.
- 4:00pm Closing circle led by Janet: *What are your next steps?*
- 4:50pm Closing reflection by John. Adjourn.

Participants confirmed to date

Alain Branchaud	Société pour la nature et les parcs du Canada Québec (SNAP QC)
Alice de Swarte	Société pour la nature et les parcs du Canada Québec (SNAP QC)
Anastasia Lintner	Lintner Law
Anna Baggio	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) Wildlands League
Cheryl Chetkiewicz	Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Canada
James Oliver	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Janet Sumner	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) Wildlands League
Jeff Wells	Boreal Songbird Initiative (BSI)
Jennifer Wabano	Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council and Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation
John Cutfeet+	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation and Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) Wildlands League
Mel Duhamel	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) Wildlands League
Michael Barrett	Kativik Regional Government
Mike Faries	Moose Cree First Nation
Peter Croal	International Environment and Development Advisor
Peter Rasevych	Ginoogaming First Nation
Robert Prévost	Naskapi Nation
Serge Ashini Goupil	Nation Innue
Sheila Allan	Environment Canada
Sophie Gallais	Nature Québec
Suzanne Leclair	Connect Counsel
Trevor Hesselink	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) Wildlands League
Valérie Courtois+	Indigenous Leadership Initiative
Vern Cheechoo	Mushkegowuk Council
Virginia Sutherland	Mushkegowuk Council

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