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.

  o A word about the importance of lands and waters in the context of traditional territories (Robert Prévost, Naskapi Nation, Quebec, 15 mins)
  o A word about the importance of lands and waters in the context of traditional territories (Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, 15 mins)
  o Brief overview of ecological context and development pressures: Labrador Trough (Alice de Swarte, SNAP, 15 mins)
  o 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.

  o Legal Lay of the Land: overview of legislation, challenges & opportunities (Anastasia Lintner, Lintner Law, 20 mins)
  o Examples of how Regional Strategic Environmental Assessments have worked in Canada and abroad (Peter Croal, International Environment and Development Advisor, 20 mins)
  o Looking at carbon in regional studies (Jeff Wells, Boreal Songbird Initiative, 20 mins)
  o 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 Inninuwug’s experience in protecting its watersheds (John Cutfeet, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug 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

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