



“OUR FORESTS: A FOUNDATION FOR SHARED PROSPERITY”

# Aboriginal Forestry Forum

February 28th & 29th, 2012 | The Sutton Place Hotel | Toronto, ON



“More and more, First Nations in Canada are taking their rightful place as leaders and active participants in the economy in ways that benefit our peoples, communities and collective future. Opportunities in resource development, including the forestry sector, are key to unlocking the full potential of Indigenous peoples in Canada and around the globe. We have an opportunity to change the thinking from the ‘Indigenous problem’ to ‘Indigenous potential’, and through new and innovative approaches our peoples are doing just that. First Nations want to drive the economic solutions that see many of our citizens and communities thriving based on our own plans for success and sustainability, and we want to work together with governments and industry to achieve effective partnerships here in Canada and internationally.”

- National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, Assembly of First Nations

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## LOCATION

The Aboriginal Forestry Forum hosted by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) will be held **February 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012** at the Sutton Place Hotel in Toronto, Ontario.

## CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The Aboriginal Forestry Forum hosted by AFN will bring together Community leaders, Aboriginal forestry technicians, key stakeholders, and professional staff from Aboriginal forest sector organizations and enterprises with the goal of developing a knowledge base and policy support that is necessary for sustainable growth. The Aboriginal Forestry Forum will address a broad range of issues relating to preeminent opportunities, trends, and issues relating to local, national, and international forest-based development in order to build the foundations for collaborative success.

The Aboriginal Forestry Forum aims to:

1. Provide a forum to discuss; Aboriginal engagement in forest sector growth and improvement; the development of leadership options and requirements; new productive partnerships between diverse forest experts and Aboriginal forest practitioners; and strengthened communication links between Aboriginal forest practitioners at all levels.
2. To promote knowledge sharing on emerging topics of interest to governments, industry, and aboriginal peoples.
3. To generate conversation about the current state of the Aboriginal Forest Sector in Canada;
4. To identify opportunities to advance Aboriginal Forest Sector development and forest management;
5. To introduce emerging ideas and propose effective mechanisms related to ecosystem based management, ecosystem approaches to development, and interdisciplinary approaches to forest management in the context of First Nation Forest Land Stewardship;
6. To encourage dialogue on issues related to improving economic access for Aboriginal Peoples in the Forest Sector;
7. To identify gaps in capacity and programming and identify strategies to address those gaps;
8. To identify critical prerequisites to Aboriginal forest-based development, i.e. product and market development.



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## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Sutton Place Hotel

955 Bay Street, Toronto, ON

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Tel: (416) 924-9221

Fax: (416) 924-1778

Hotel Rate - \$130/night plus applicable taxes

For hotel reservations, please contact The Sutton Place Hotel Reservations at 1-866-378-8866 and indicate that you are attending the AFN Aboriginal Forestry Forum.

**Please note that due to budget constraints, this event will be held at each participant's own expense.**

## Meals

Breakfast and lunch will be provided to registered participants on Forum dates only (Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>).

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For information on the various sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Lawrence Norwegian at [lnorwegian@afn.ca](mailto:lnorwegian@afn.ca) or (613) 241-6789, ext. 265.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please print:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Nation/Organization/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Territory/State: Postal Code/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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To register please forward the completed Delegate Registration Form to **Suzanne Campeau** at [scampeau@afn.ca](mailto:scampeau@afn.ca) or facsimile (613) 241 – 5808.