



Workforce Connex

New Brunswick Forum:

Building Strong Aboriginal and
Private Sector Partnerships

Program

Networking Reception

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

7:00 – 8:30 PM

- Kelly Lendsay, President and CEO, Aboriginal Human Resource Development Council of Canada
- Chief Candace Paul, St. Mary's First Nation
- Minister Ed Doherty, Aboriginal Affairs, Government of New Brunswick
- Mayor Norm McFarlane, Saint John, New Brunswick
- Noah Augustine, Co-chair, Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs
- Chief Len Tomah, Regional Chief, Assembly of First Nations
- Cathy Martin, Filmmaker, Atlantic Aboriginal Awards Show

Forum

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

8:30 – 9:00 AM

Registration

9:00 – 9:05 AM

Welcome and Introductions

- Kelly Lendsay, President and CEO, Aboriginal Human Resource Development Council of Canada

9:05 – 9:45 AM

Opening Ceremony

- Opening Prayer - Elder - Margaret Paul, St. Mary's First Nation
- Chief Candace Paul, St. Mary's First Nation
- Claudette Bradshaw, Community Non-Profit Task Force, Province of New Brunswick
- Jeff Tapley, Regional Director, Client and Community Services, New Brunswick Region, Service Canada
- Margaret Paul, Elder, St. Mary's First Nation

9:45 – 10:15 AM

Walk in my Shoes: A Personal Connection

- Breakout Session
- Debrief

10:15 – 10:45 AM

Market Overview – Skill Shortages

- Samuel LeBreton, Senior Economist, Service Canada

10:45 – 11:00 AM

Nutrition and Networking

11:00 – 12:00 PM

Supply Side Issues Roundtable

- Overview of Aboriginal Community and Aboriginal Employment Centres (Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement holders – AHRDAs)
 - Barb Jones, Consultant, Aboriginal Programs, Service Canada
 - Alex Dedam, Co-chair, Joint Economic Development Initiative
 - Wanda Paul, Aboriginal Employment Facilitator, First Nations Human Resources Development Corporation
- Breakout Session – Supply Side Conversation

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Lunch – Keynote Speakers

- Cheryl Knockwood, Senior Policy Analyst, Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs
- Penny Polchies, Community Economic Development Advisor, Ulnooweg Development Group
- Real Life Stories – Aboriginal People in Trades -
 - Lance Francis, Plumber
 - Nicholas Metallic, Ironworker

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Demand Side Issues Roundtable

- Panel Presentation
 - Stone Bear, Community Liaison, Maritime and Northeast Pipeline
 - Tim Flood, Vice-Chair, Construction Sector Council
 - Rita Hurley, New Brunswick Power Ombudsman, NB Power
- Breakout Session – Demand Side Conversation
- Debrief

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Strategies and Commitments

- Breakout Session - Commitment and Path Forward Conversation

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Nutrition and Networking

3:15 – 4:15 PM

Strategies and Commitments

- Breakout Session - Commitment and Path Forward Conversation continued...
- Debrief

4:15 – 4:30 PM

Sustaining Connections

- Closing Remarks, Victoria Labillois, Eastern Trades Liaison, Aboriginal Human Resource Development Council of Canada
- Closing Prayer, Margaret Paul, Elder, St. Mary's First Nation