

Agenda: Day 1 - Wednesday, March 26, 2014

- 8:00 am Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 am Opening Ceremonies
Grand Entry with Wastaya Dancers and Drum Group: Horse Thunder (Sweetpea Starr)
Opening Prayer - *Elder Elmer Courchene, Sagkeeng First Nation*
Opening and Introductory Remarks - *Karl Zadnick, Chair of the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce, Emcee*
- 9:30 am Inherent and Treaty Rights as Economic Rights
- *Grand Chief Derek Nepinak, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs*
- 10:15 am Treaty Partnerships and Business Opportunities
- *Ovide Mecredi, Former National Chief*
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am Importance of Governments Honouring Treaty Obligations and Laws Outlined in the Canadian Constitution to Ensure the Realization of Economic Sovereignty for Indigenous People of Canada
- **Keynote: Honourable Thomas Mulcair, NDP Leader of the Opposition**
- 11:30 am Q & A with Thomas Mulcair
- 12:00 pm Buffet Lunch - Sponsored by: Indigenous Management Group (Stan Bear CEO)
Environment and Natural Resource Analysis
- *Greg Miles, Masters in Economics*
- 1:00 pm What Can Be Learned From Economic History? Trade, Treaties, Land, Labour and Property
- **Key Note: Frank Tough, Professor at the University of Alberta**
- 1:45 pm Free, Prior and Informed Consent of Indigenous People
- *Janice Makokis*
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:30 pm Re-Enforcing Your Jurisdiction; Taking Control of Your Territory
- *Chief Donny Morris, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI)*
- 3:00 pm Urban Reserves Represents Financial Independence
- *Grand Chief Terry Nelson, Southern Chiefs Organization*
- 3:30 pm Resource Equity: Potential Economic Sovereignty and Opportunities
- *Jack Blacksmith, Former President/CEO CreeCo*
- 4:30 pm Closing
- 6:00 - 11:00 pm Banquet - *Kyra Wilson, Emcee*
- **Key Note: Honourable Bob Rae, Former Ontario Liberal Premier and Former Leader of the Liberal Party**



Agenda: Day 2 - Thursday, March 27, 2014

- 9:00 am Opening Remarks and Recap
- 9:15 am Participatory Economic Sovereignty: Building Local Economies through Active Community Engagement
- **Keynote: Chief Clarence Louie, Osoyoos Indian Band**
- 10:00 am Reliance on Fundamental Truths: Doing a Treaty Audit
- *Rarihokwats*
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Resource Rulers: The Rise of First Nation Empowerment
- *Bill Gallagher, Author and Lawyer*
- 11:30 am Honouring the Foundations of our Treaties through Indigenous Led Relationships, Land Management, and Legal Traditions - *Crystal Lameman, LLB Alberta*
- 12:00 pm Buffet Lunch
Presentation: Developing Local Green Economies
- *Chief Glen Hudson, Pequis First Nation*
- *Darcy Wood, Executive Director, Aki Energy Inc.*
- 1:00 pm The Next Bubble: Leveraging the First Nations Market
- *Rebecca Adamson, Founder and President of First Peoples Worldwide*
- 1:30 pm Exercising Sovereignty in Communications Technology
- *Chief Morris Shannacappo, Rolling River First Nation*
- *Sikander Mahomed, United Nations Representative*
- 2:00 pm *Arthur Manuel, Indigenous Network on Economies, Trade and Commerce*
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Panel Discussion: Inherent and Treaty Rights: Engaging and Implementing for Economic Sovereignty
- *Panel Members: Bill Gallagher, Crystal Lameman, Rarihokwats, and Frank Tough*
- 4:30 pm Closing Remarks and Ceremonies



Jennifer Wood - Conference Organizer

Jennifer Wood, an Ojibway from Chippewas of Nawash Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation, is the Intergovernmental Liaison for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs for the Grand Chiefs Office. Prior to joining AMC in 2006 Jennifer was the Principle of her own company; 'Wood Events Planning' organizing and planning for conferences and various types of events.

Prior to establishing her own company, Jennifer worked as a provincial legislative assistant then as the parliamentary assistant for Mr. Elijah Harper when he was the Member of Parliament for the Federal riding of Churchill. Jennifer Wood is an experienced and effective individual with a vast amount of knowledge in working with Aboriginal organizations of any magnitude. She is best known for her professional communication and planning skills that always produce high quality gatherings.