

ABORIGINAL PEOPLES AND THE FUTURE OF WATER MANAGEMENT IN ALBERTA

June 10 & 11, 2010
Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton, Alberta

PROGRAMME

Thursday, June 10

8:30-9:00 Registration

Morning Session

Moderator: *Owen Saunders*, Canadian Institute of Resources Law

9:00-9:15 **Introductory Remarks**
Monique Passelac-Ross, Canadian Institute of Resources Law

Blessing: *Martha Campiou*, Elder, University of Alberta

9:15-10:15 **Panel: Setting the Context**
First Nations Perspective on Water Stewardship
Merrell-Ann Phare, Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources

A Historical Perspective on Water Law in Alberta
David Percy, University of Alberta

10:15-10:35 Break

10:35-11:25 **The Alberta Treaties: The Promise of Livelihood**
Jerome Slavik, Ackroyd LLP
Larry Innes, Canadian Boreal Initiative

11:25-12:15 **Impact of Federal Water Legislation and the *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement (NRTA)* on Water Rights**
Oliver MacLaren, Rae and Company
Clayton Leonard, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman

12:15-1:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30-2:20 **Provincial Water Allocation/Licensing and Water Agreements with FNs**
Dave McGee, Alberta Environment
Andrew Bear Robe, Siksika Nation

2:20-3:10 **Water Planning: Water for Life and Land-Use Planning (LUF/ALSA)**
Vivienne Beisel, Beisel Law Office
Lisa M. Fox, Sustainability Resources

3:10-3:30 Break

3:30-4:30 **Question Period**
Moderator: *Cindy Chiasson*, Environmental Law Centre

Friday, June 11

Morning Session

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9:00-9:45 **Transboundary Water Issues and River Basin Agreements**
J. Owen Saunders, Canadian Institute of Resources Law
Gary Bohnet, GNWT Environment and Natural Resources
Trish Merrithew-Mercredi, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

9:45-10:30 **Downstream Issues: The Mackenzie Basin, NWT, Saskatchewan**
Sam Gargan, Grand Chief, Dehcho First Nations
Don Deranger, Vice-Chief, Prince Albert Grand Council

10:30-10:50 Break

10:50-11:40 **Legal Issues on Aboriginal Safe Drinking Water**
Linda F. Duncan, NDP Environment Critic
Marie Ann Bowden, University of Saskatchewan

11:40-12:30 **Upstream Challenges: Dam Construction on the Peace River**
Chief Roland Willson, West Moberly First Nation
George Poitras, Mikisew Cree First Nation

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Afternoon Session

1:30-2:20 **Question Period**
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2:20-2:30 Break

2:30-3:20 **Panel Discussion: The Way Forward**
Panel composed of conference speakers
Moderator: *Ron Maurice*, Maurice Law

3:20-3:30 **Concluding Words**
Monique Passelac-Ross, Canadian Institute of Resources Law