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## The must attend event for Indigenous Consultation in Western Canada. This year's highlights include:

- Indigenous Leaders Panel: Rights, Treaties and Priorities for Consultation
- ▶ Breakdown on Bill C69 Providing Clarity on New Regulations
- > CASE STUDY: Traditional Knowledge Meets Western Science in a Natural Resources Project
- Writing Contracts and Agreements for Communities and Companies
- > Tangible Expressions of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People

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A solid foundation for consultation, engagement and accommodation

is only possible when all parties are at the table and have an equal voice. With changes in the federal government, and provincial governments in Western Canada, there is uncertainty in consultation policies and natural resource projects. *The Canadian Institute's* **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Indigenous Consultation & Engagement** conference takes a critical look at the legal and business practices taking place in the natural resources sector — from government practices and policy to accommodation and economic development trends. Do you have the latest information to negotiate in good faith?

This event provides a non-partisan platform for making meaningful connections and getting conversations started. Make this event part of your consultation strategy by learning government process from government representatives; hear from industry experts on how major projects are affecting the natural resource sector, and engage with Indigenous leaders and reignite relationships.

I look forward to seeing you in Edmonton.

Sincerely,



Brian MacDonald
Assistant Deputy Minister
Aboriginal Relations Division
Executive Council Office
Government of Yukon

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Brian MacDonald
Assistant Deputy Minister,
Aboriginal Relations Division,
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**SPEAKERS** 



Krystal Abotossaway
President
Aboriginal Professional Association
of Canada



Amber Armstrong
Manager, Communications and
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Lisa Tchir Assistant Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Consultation Office, Indigenous Relations Government of Alberta

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Mikisew Cree First Nation

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9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

#### **WORKSHOP A**

#### Consultation 101: From Duty to Consult to Daily Operations



**Brook Arcand-Paul** Lawyer **MLT Aikins** 



**Eddy Cardinal** Consultation Policy Analyst **Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations** 

- Know the legal requirements
  - » The meaning and intent of the Duty to Consult
  - » What triggers the Duty to Consult, the types of projects, and grey areas
- Know the role of the Crown, the regulator, and other groups
  - » Calculating whether the duty has been sufficiently met
- Know your documents what to read, and what to look for, and what to do next
  - » Environmental Assessments
  - » Technical documents
  - » Filing permits
- Know your day-to-day operations and how to find efficiencies
  - » Discussing costs incurred from fulfilling the consultation process, who usually pays
  - » Tracking referrals and timelines

1:00 - 4:00 pm (Registration begins at 12:30 pm)

## WORKSHOP B

#### Writing Employment Contracts and Implementing Training Initiatives



Krystal Abotossaway

**Aboriginal Professional Association of Canada** 



Jean Dubé Indigenous Community Engagement Liaison

- Understanding what it takes to inspire and motivate millennium workers and those from underrepresented groups
- Identifying employment barriers at the community level
- Investing in education, apprenticeship and internship programs to increase employability and retention
- Evaluating different training opportunities balancing classroom and on-the-job learning
- Creating a welcoming, inclusive work place where everyone is productive



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## INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE FORUM

Your Community's Economic Path to Self-Governance

February 18, 2020

Check out pg. 6 to find out more!

## Who You Will Meet

Chiefs and Councilors, Senior Executives, Directors and Managers of: Indigenous Relations, Internal and External Affairs, Stakeholder Relations, Community Relations, Project Development, Environmental Planning, Government and Corporate Affairs, Policy Analysts, In-House Counsel and Partners

#### From:

- Indigenous Communities
- Provincial and Federal Government
- Oil and Gas
- Mining and Exploration
- Power Generation and Transmission
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Engineering and Environmental Services
- Law Firms

### **Legal Accreditation**



#### **EARN CPD** CREDITS

This program can be applied towards 4 of the 12 hours of annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD) required by the Ontario Law Society, plus 3 hours each for Workshops A & B; plus four and a half hours for attending the Indigenous Governance Forum.

The same number of hours may be applied toward your continuing legal educational requirements in British Columbia.

For Alberta lawyers, consider including this course as a CPD learning activity in your mandatory annual Continuing Professional Development Plan as required by the Law Society of Alberta.

The Law Society of Saskatchewan recognizes another province's CPD credits so long as the hours are submitted to the Director of Admissions & Education for approval.



8:45

#### **Traditional Welcome**

#### 9:00

#### **Opening Remarks from the Conference Chair**



#### Brian MacDonald

Assistant Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Relations Division, Executive Council Office

**Government of Yukon** 

#### Indigenous Leaders Panel: Rights, Treaties and Priorities for Consultation



Marlene Poitras Alberta Regional Chief **Assembly of First Nations Chiefs** 

Archie Waquan Chief **Mikisew Cree First Nation** 

An inspiring examination of the reasons why consultation is important to Indigenous people, why it should be done, what constitutes consent and why it is worth doing well.

#### 10:45 Networking Refreshment Break

#### Breakdown on Bill C69 - Providing Clarity on New Regulations

- Implications of Bill C69 and what this means for industry and project development
- · Understanding current requirements and timelines
- Application of new regulations and finding common ground; how will industry address early engagement?

#### 11:45

#### CASE STUDY: Traditional Knowledge Meets Western Science in a Natural Resources Project



Melody Lepine Director Mikisew Cree First Nation

**Indigenous Wisdom Advisory Panel** 



Mark Gustafson Principal **JFK Law** 

How Traditional Knowledge and Western Science can be applied to projects in the natural resources sector, with a look at the co-developing of a methodology used for assessing the Teck Frontier Project's impacts to the Mikisew Cree culture and rights.

- · Collaborating and engaging with Indigenous communities
- Sharing information and research and what is kept confidential
- Establishing financial arrangements and supports, setting financial priorities and understanding budgetary constraints
- Monitoring and reporting on project commitments from all parties
- Drafting agreement duration, termination and renewal
- Anticipating a dispute resolution scenario

#### 12:30 Networking Luncheon for Speakers and Delegates

## 66 Very enjoyable conference with good speakers and activities. "

Tanya Shum

#### Canada's Strategy for Indigenous Partnership

#### PANEL: Discussing the Federal Consultation Policy



Stephen Buffalo President & CEO **Indian Resource Council (IRC)** 

- · Priorities for reconciliation
- · Actualizing economic development opportunities
- Increasing accommodation agreements
- Strategies for cooperative management of land and resources

#### 3:00 Networking Refreshment Break



#### **INTERACTIVE Discussion Tables with the Natural Resource Sector**



#### Adam Levine

Team Lead - Indigenous Relations and Participant Funding Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



Amber Armstrong Manager,

Communications and Stakeholder Relations Mercer International



Jenna Strachan Indigenous Relations Superintendent

Mercer International

Learn how the consultation process differs from sector to sector. Delegates are invited to join small groups to discuss the different consultation requirements and processes for different natural resource industries, and discover efficiencies through working together.

#### **Preparing for Life After Mine Reclamation**

#### Jeff Mackey

A/Director, Contaminated Sites Branch, Northern Affairs Organization

#### **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs**

The federal government has earmarked \$2.2 billion in funding for the reclamation abandoned mine sites in Yukon and Northwest Territories, available in 2020/2021, as part of the Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program.

- · Current and upcoming reclamation projects, steps and timelines
  - » Faro Mine Remediation Project
  - » United Keno Hill Mine Remediation Project
  - » Mount Nansen Mine Project
  - » Ketza River Mine Remediation Project
  - » Clinton Creek Mine Remediation Project
  - » Giant Mine Remediation Project
  - » Cantung Mine Project
  - » Great Bear Lake Remediation Project
- Next steps and effects on current land claims

#### Closing Remarks from the Chair

Conference Adjourns





9:00

#### **Opening Remarks from the Chair**

#### **KEYNOTE:** Tangible Expressions of the UN Declaration of the **Rights of Indigenous People**

In August 2019, the Tsilhqot'in National Government, including six member First Nations, signed the Gwets'en Nilt'i Pathway Agreement with Canada and the Government of British Columbia to sustain self-determination priorities including the promotion and protection of language and culture, children and families, healthy communities, justice, education and training, lands, water and resources, and economic development.

### PANEL: Top Legal Cases and Why They are in Court



**Brook Arcand-Paul** Lawyer **MLT Aikins** 

In September 2019, the Federal Court of Appeal decided to allow six Indigenous consultation challenges to the Trans Mountain pipeline project to proceed. The challenges are from the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, Upper Nicola Band, Coldwater Indian Band, Tk'emlúps Te Secwepemc of the Secwepemc Nation, and seven Ts'elxweyegw Tribes.

10:30 Networking Refreshment Break

#### 10:45

#### **Policy Focus for Alberta**



Lisa Tchir Assistant Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Consultation Office, Indigenous Relations **Government of Alberta** 



Executive Director, Aboriginal Consultation Office, Indigenous Relations

Trish Merrithew-

Mercredi

**Government of Alberta** 

Examining priorities for the Alberta Consultation Office in advance of the newly elected provincial government's one-year anniversary.

Regional planning and renewable planning

#### 11:15

#### PANEL: Deconstructing the Provincial Consultation Policy



Laurie Buffalo Intergovernmental Policy Analyst **Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nation** 



Scott Duguid Executive Director Alberta Land Use Secretariat



Trish Merrithew-Mercredi Executive Director, Aboriginal Consultation Office, Indigenous Relations

**Government of Alberta** 



Assistant Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Consultation Office, Indigenous Relations

**Government of Alberta** 

## **66** Wide array of Indigenous presenters.

Bryan Hansen, Solaris-MCI

Experts will discuss the changing consultation policies, their impact of the ongoing review on current consultation projects and their expectations going forward. Delegates are invited to pose questions to the panelists.

- Utilizing the current provincial policies, its effectiveness and how it aligns or deviates from other consultation policies
- Discussing the meaning of consent and approaches to meaningful consent
- Common pitfalls in consultation, avoiding problems and turning consultation failures into success

12:15 Networking Luncheon for Speakers and Delegates

#### How to Be a Good Neighbour - A Look at Building Relationships and Bridges Between Mayors and Chiefs



William "Billy" Morin Chief

**Enoch Cree Nation** 

- · Establishing Working Group Terms of Reference
- Coordinating development planning and shared borders, including shared transit services
- Signing and reaffirming a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Exploring collaboration opportunities for green energy development

#### 2:15

#### **Writing Contracts and Agreements for Communities** and Companies



**Brian MacDonald** 

Assistant Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Relations Division, Executive Council Office

#### **Government of Yukon**

- Negotiating practical graduated agreements and arrangements
- Understanding how an Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) applies differently to the mining sector, forestry and green energy projects
- Optimizing a resource revenue sharing agreement to benefit your community
- Identifying options for structuring Joint Ventures

#### 3:15 Networking Refreshment Break

#### 3:30

#### What Does a Successful Procurement Look Like?



Shawn McDonald

President

**Region One Aboriginal Business Association (ROABA)** 

#### Confirmed Representative **MEG Energy**

- Engaging strategies to identify and promote local and regional economic opportunities
- Developing win-win partnerships with community owned, individually owned and joint venture owned companies
- Connecting with partners and Indigenous communities and service providers

### Closing Remarks from the Chair

Conference Concludes

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# INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE FORUM

An Interactive Focus Group to Identify Practical Legal and Economic Development Strategies to Achieve Self-Governance

## February 18, 2020



Charlene Bruno
Board Member
Aboriginal Financial
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Alberta First Nations Information Governance Centre



Hal Eagletail
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Bonnie Healy Chair of Board of Directors First Nations Information

**Governance Centre** 

Racquel Fraser
Partner
Fox Fraser Law

The 2019 Federal Budget announced \$48 million for First Nation communities to be spent on core supports and tools to govern and deliver critical programs and services. The announcement was part of a \$4.5 billion allocation focused on economic development. Is your community positioned to access funding and achieve self-determination through strong economic development?

This event will bring together chiefs, councillors and legal counsel from First Nation communities as well as government officials from across Western Canada to discuss improving Indigenous governance to discuss your community vision and spirit. Attend this one-day forum to reaffirm your community has the right focus and establish a critical path to attain self-determination goals.

Join us for in-depth discussions and explore opportunities for your community!

8:45

**Traditional Welcome** 

9:00

**Opening Comments from the Chair** 

9:15

#### **INTERACTIVE THINKTABLE #1 The Vision**

**Envisioning Your Community for the Next Seven Generations and Making Critical Decisions for Today** 

10:45

INTERACTIVE THINKTABLE #2 Sovereignty
Inherent Approaches to Asserting Sovereignty

11:45

#### **INTERACTIVE THINKTABLE #3 Effective Structures**

Developing Self-Governance Structures Through Economic Development

1:00 Networking Luncheon for Speakers and Delegates

2:30

#### **INTERACTIVE THINKTABLE #4 Rule of Law**

Legalization and Recognition of Indigenous Laws — Making the Law Work for You

5:00

Closing Remarks from the Chair

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- >> HEAR Canada's Strategy for Indigenous Partnership Plus Discuss the Federal Consultation Policy alongside a panel of experts
- >> ANALYZE the New Alberta Government's Consultation Policy - Plus Debate with an expert panel the implementation and coordination of the provincial policy
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