



Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference

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CONFERENCE HANDBOOK

Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2014

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Please note that we encourage all delegates to take advantage of the shuttle bus that will be made available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to take people to and from the Victoria Inn and the Best Western Nor'Wester Hotel and Conference Centre. The times are as follows for each day:

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 am – 9:30 am

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 01

7:30 am – 9:30 am

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

THURSDAY OCTOBER 02

7:30 am - 9:30 am

3:00 pm – 6:30 pm



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WELCOME!

Boozhoo!

And welcome to the 5th Annual Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference (NOFNEC) 2014: Prepare, Protect, and Prosper. The success of this event has led to the growth of this conference from a single Tribal Council to the current audience, consisting of 10 Tribal Councils and representatives from 60 First Nations Communities. This conference will provide opportunities for all involved to experience and learn a variety of ways to ensure that traditional lands are being stewarded with best practices in mind.

NOFNEC will be host to First Nations professionals that deal in all areas impacting environmental and community issues including land management, renewable energy, landfill and solid waste management, invasive species, mineral development, fuel system management, and other related topics. Government officials, industry, land use planning and environmental professionals, Tribal Council representatives, Chiefs and Members of First Nations Communities will all be in attendance at this year's conference to collaborate with the goal of advancing environmental initiatives in Northern communities.

As a delegate at this year's conference you are involved in the preservation of traditional lands and the environmental issues facing the First Nations Communities of Northern Ontario. We hope that the information and networking opportunities that this conference presents will be brought back to your community and help create a positive change that will lead to a sustainable future.

We look forward to having you at the 5th Annual Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference and we encourage you to take the time to meet and share your thoughts with us as we Prepare, Protect, and Prosper for the continued health of our communities and lands.

Enjoy!
Kitchi Meegwetch

MEET & GREET



MON, SEPT 29th
5:15 - 8:00 pm
Amethyst

WORKSHOPS



ATTENTION DELEGATES:

Please visit www.nofnec.ca after the conference to view or download any of the presentations featured at the Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference.

Below is a list of all of the workshops, categorized by field of study, presented at this year's Northern Ontario First Nations Environment Conference. Included is a short synopsis of each of the events, detailing the contents of the workshop.

OPENING CEREMONIES & PRESENTATIONS BY SPONSORS

TUESDAY - 9:00 TO 10:15 - KAMANISTIQUIA

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC HEALTH

TUESDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - MCGILLIVRAY

AMY MONTGOMERY, HEALTH CANADA

The goal of the Environmental Public Health (EPH) Program is to contribute to improved health status of First Nation individuals, families and communities through the delivery of programming. The Environmental Public Health Program works with First Nations communities and other agencies to prevent or mitigate environmental public health risks that may arise. Solid waste can be a public health hazard if it is not managed properly. The EPH Program works with the community and other agencies to help limit public health risks posed by solid waste disposal.



ON-RESERVE LANDFILL COMPLIANCE & REGULATIONS

TUESDAY - 1:15 TO 2:45 & 3:15 TO 4:30

MCGILLIVRAY

CHRIS PRICE, BIMOSE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Get informed and join us in open discussions with key

provincial and federal agencies on On-Reserve Landfill Compliance & Regulations.

LANDFILL AGREEMENTS & LAND ISSUES

THURSDAY - 9:00 TO 10:15 - AMETHYST

CHRIS PRICE, BIMOSE TRIBAL COUNCIL

This session will provide examples, procedures on how to obtain and key points on joint municipal, federal or provincial landfill type agreements.

WASTE DIVERSION

THURSDAY - 1:15 TO 2:45 - MCGILLIVRAY

STEPHANIE ALLEN, OFNTSC

Tying into the theme of "Prepare, Protect and Prosper", this workshop will focus on the environmental benefits and economic opportunities for waste diversion. Diverting waste can extend the life span of the landfill site and can protect our lands from harmful chemicals. Through sharing of success stories, this workshop will focus on ways that waste can be diverted and provide examples on how waste diversion can be used to offset operation and maintenance costs or bring in revenue to the community.

ENERGY USAGE

RENEWABLE ENERGY: INTRO TO RETScreen TOOL

TUESDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - POINTE DU MEURON (50 MIN)

CHRIS PRICE, BIMOSE TRIBAL COUNCIL, LAURA SAYERS, SHIBOGAMA FIRST NATIONS COUNCIL

"RETScreen is an Excel-based clean energy project analysis software tool that helps decision makers quickly and inexpensively determine the technical and financial viability of potential renewable energy, energy efficiency and cogeneration projects (Natural Resources Canada RETScreen website: www.retscreen.net)."

This workshop will introduce the software and provide delegates with an understanding of the RETScreen tool so that they can read RETScreen reports and understand the key information that will help with renewable energy project development.

ecoENERGY PROGRAM**TUESDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - POINTE DU MEURON (15 MIN)****BARBARA GRAY, AANDC**

This presentation will focus on presenting a description of the types of projects the ecoENERGY program supports, describing what makes an application to the ecoENERGY program strong, and providing some concrete examples of funded renewable energy projects in Ontario.

OPA'S ENERGY PROGRAMS**TUESDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - POINTE DU MEURON (25 MIN)****CHERYL MCINTOSH & FRASER DAMOFF, ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY**

Two of the OPA's Program Analysts will be delivering a presentation on the OPA's Funding Support programs. The Aboriginal Renewable Energy Fund, the Aboriginal Community Energy Plan Program, the Aboriginal Transmission Fund and the Education and Capacity Building Program will all be covered in this presentation.

RENEWABLE ENERGY: INTRODUCTION TO TECHNOLOGIES, CHALLENGES AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**TUESDAY - 1:15 TO 2:45 - POINTE DU MEURON****KOSTAS KARANASIOS, MARIANO ARRIAGA & DOUG FYFE, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO, MITCH DIABO, KASABONIKA LAKE FIRST NATION, (45MIN)**

Using the knowledge gained through the ecoEnergy II Research Project presently being conducted by the University of Waterloo and partners, including the Kasabonika Lake First Nation, the presentation describes the socio-economic situation of First Nations in remote communities where the provision of electric power is constrained and increasingly expensive to produce. Discussion includes community participation and long-term employment opportunities, existing electrical generation & dispatch, and proposed renewable energy integration with its free sources of energy (sun, wind, water), and the practical aspects of implementation.

KAREN BIRD, BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION RENEWABLE ENERGY DEPARTMENT (45MIN)

This presentation will discuss the renewable energy projects within our the Batchewana First Nation traditional territory. At present there are 2 wind projects and 2 solar projects. Within the presentation Karen will

discuss partnership for the largest project – building the relationship, negotiating, structure, ownership, financing and other matters relating to finalizing the deal. The other 3 projects will be discussed in less detail.

RENEWABLE ENERGY**BREAKOUT SESSION "OFF GRID REMOTES"****TUESDAY - 3:15 TO 4:30 - POINTE DU MEURON****BREAKOUT SESSION "ON GRID"****TUESDAY - 3:15 TO 4:30 - MCKENZIE A**

Following the workshops on "Renewable Energy: Intro to Technologies, Challenges, and Project Development" delegates will split into one of two breakout sessions "Off-Grid Remote" or "On-Grid". The facilitated "Breakout Sessions" will allow for small group discussions, review of case studies, and provide further opportunity to share experiences with communities' facing similar challenges and opportunities with respect to renewable energy initiatives.

LANDS MANAGEMENT**INVASIVE SPECIES****TUESDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - AMETHYST****DR. TAYLOR SCARR, MNR & FORESTRY****Forest Insects: Look Who's Eating Now**

The presentation will provide an overview of the major forest insects that are feeding on our trees, with an emphasis on invasive species that threaten the natural forests. Highlights include the forest tent caterpillar outbreak in northwestern Ontario, the beginnings of a spruce budworm outbreak, and threats posed by mountain pine beetle, emerald ash borer, and Asian long-horned beetle.

DAVID COPPLESTONE, MNR & FORESTRY**Aquatic Invaders**

The presentation will provide an overview of aquatic invasive species in Ontario including four species of concern: Round Goby, Phragmites, Bythotrephes, and Asian Carps. David will also share some tips on how to prevent their spread, and describe invasive species reporting tools that are available to help people report sightings in their communities.



EMERALD ASH BORER: RAISING AWARENESS IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

TUESDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - AMETHYST

SHELLEY VESCIO, CITY OF THUNDER BAY, MARY BEA KENNY, IFNA

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a wood-boring beetle native to Asia, was first discovered in the Great Lakes region in 2002. Attacking and killing all species of native ash, EAB has killed tens of millions of trees in Ontario, Quebec and the United States. The major pathway for movement of this insect appears to be the transport of firewood from infested to non-infested areas. The Emerald Ash Borer Task Force for Northwestern Ontario was formed in 2011 to help build awareness of the destructiveness of this pest in order to help prevent its spread into our region or slow its spread, if it was introduced.

LANDS MANAGEMENT AND DATA COLLECTION PANEL DISCUSSION

TUESDAY - 1:15 TO 2:45 - AMETHYST

BERTHA SUTHERLAND, CHARLENE NEEGAN & ROGER WESLEY, CONSTANCE LAKE FIRST NATION, WILFRED WESLEY & JOSIE OOMBASH, CAT LAKE FIRST NATION, TOMMY YELLOWHEAD, NIBINAMIK FIRST NATION

The importance of land management, surveying and land use planning is known to all the First Nation Communities. For some, this is the difference between protected areas, traditions and areas of interest. These plans are put in place to establish goals for cultural, social, and environmental issues and economic growth. What happens after the land management and surveying has been completed by your community? This workshop will help give you an insight on best practices, the struggles before and after your community land use plan has been completed and next steps. You will learn different ways to keep

your community engaged.

FAR NORTH LAND USE STRATEGY

WEDNESDAY 10:30 TO 12:00 PM – POINTE DU MEURON

E. HARDY – MNR & FORESTRY

The presentation will explain the work that MNRF is doing with First Nations to prepare a Far North Land Use Strategy. The Far North Land Use Strategy is a document that will help guide communities across the Far North as they work with Ontario to prepare community based land use plans. In addition to the presentation two videos will be shown. The videos explain the community based land use planning process under the Far North Act, and how the Far North Land Use Strategy can help with planning.

SPECIES AT RISK, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION OF INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

THURSDAY - 1:15 TO 2:45 - POINTE DU MEURON

BERTHA SUTHERLAND, CONSTANCE LAKE FIRST NATION & CAROLYN WHITTAKER, THE FIRELIGHT GROUP

For indigenous communities species at risk provide unique opportunities to leverage environmental management and decision-making power where there are species important to the practice of rights or where a community has developed a plan to maintain biodiversity. Well-designed traditional knowledge studies can use an evidence-based approach to provide a historical baseline providing a picture of current status of species trends over time. When combined with other forms of knowledge including western science and expertise of local knowledge holders these studies make the science more robust. Through knowledge and species at risk, communities who equip themselves well can have greater power over what development happens on their lands and what accommodations are provided for impacts to rights and interests. Constance

Lake First Nation provides an example of how caribou is being used as part of a land-use planning process to determine which areas are historically important for hunting, trapping and the practice of rights.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PROGRAM (LEDSP)

**WEDNESDAY - 3:15 TO 4:30 - POINTE DU MEURON
CHEYENNE LOON, AANDC**

AANDC's LEDSP program, newly launched in 2014, provides targeted funding to support the economic development, land and environmental capacity of Aboriginal communities. This presentation will focus on how applicants can apply to LEDSP to support their environmental initiatives.

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**THURSDAY - 1:15 TO 2:45 - POINTE DU MEURON
CHIEF ISADORE DAY, SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION**

There has much work that has been done in regards to sustainable development within the region. Primarily in relationship building, Serpent River First Nation has engaged the start of many regional efforts that are vital to regional success. Some factors that have been discussed are to identify our watersheds, headlands, and broader Treaty Territory/Crown Lands need a new perspective in planning; one that focuses on "sustainability."

Additionally the traditional value systems are the primary focus of protection and preservation about how development should occur. This would include the implementation of the environmental review process.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

SUSTAINABLE STURGEON CULTURE - THE BUSINESS OF SUSTAINABILITY

**TUESDAY - 3:15 TO 4:30 - AMETHYST
JOE HUNTER, RAINY RIVER FIRST NATION**

Although the word 'sustainability' is a fairly recent term used in the management of the natural resources,

its meaning has always been the way of life for the Anishinabe.

Since its prehistoric existence, the Lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) has continued to live on despite environmental and anthropogenic influences. The Rainy River/Lake of the Woods Lake sturgeon fishery was once considered one of the largest of its kind in the world. This fishery was a source of life and livelihood for the Anishinabe who paid homage to the sturgeon through the practice of taking only what they needed to survive and carry them through harsh winters; sustainability in its earliest form.

Joe will discuss how, in the present day, technology and business have been incorporated into those early customs, without sacrificing respect for the life-giving force that the Rainy River and Lake sturgeon hold.

INTRO TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PART I: PRE TENDER

**THURSDAY - 9:00 TO 10:15 - POINTE DU MEURON
JIM TAYLOR, OFNTSC**

This session will provide an introduction to project management at the First Nations level, including a review of roles and responsibilities in planning and initiation of a project, construction activities, timeframes and strategies for maximizing benefits and First Nation content.

INTRO TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PART II: POST TENDER PROCESSES

**THURSDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - POINTE DU MEURON
JIM TAYLOR, OFNTSC**

This session will focus on the project management activities required to keep a project, "On Time and On Budget". The session will provide an outline of the steps involved in the tendering process, evaluation

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10:15 - 10:30 am		Break <i>Kaministiquia</i>				
10:30 - 12:00 pm		Solid Waste & Public Health A. Montgomery, Health Canada <i>McGillivray</i>	Renewable Energy: Intro to RETScreen Tool C. Price, Bimose L. Sayers, Shibogama (50 minutes) ecoENERGY Program B. Gray, AANDC (15 minutes) OPA's Energy Programs C. McIntosh & F. Damoff, Ontario Power Authority (25 minutes) <i>Pointe Du Meuron</i>	Invasive Species Dr. T. Scarr & D. Coplestone, MNR & Forestry <i>Amethyst</i> Emerald Ash Borer: Raising Awareness in Northwestern Ontario S. Vescio, City of Thunder Bay, M. Kenny, IFNA <i>Amethyst</i>	T	
12:00 - 1:15 pm		Lunch <i>Kaministiquia</i>				
1:15 - 2:45 pm		On-Reserve Landfill Compliance & Regulations C. Price, Bimose <i>McGillivray</i>	Renewable Energy : Introduction to Technologies, Challenges and Project Development K. Karanasios, M. Arriaga & D. Fyfe, University of Waterloo M. Diabo, Kasabonika Lake FN (45 minutes) K. Bird, Batchewana FN Renewable Energy Department (45 minutes) <i>Pointe Du Meuron</i>	Lands Management and Data Collection Panel Discussion B. Sutherland, C. Neegan & R. Wesley, Constance Lake FN W. Wesley & J. Oombash, Cat Lake FN T. Yellowhead, Nibinamik FN <i>Amethyst</i>	T	
2:45 - 3:15 pm		Break <i>Kaministiquia</i>				
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Registration <i>Hotel Lobby</i>	On-Reserve Landfill Compliance & Regulations C. Price, Bimose <i>McGillivray</i>	Renewable Energy (con't) Breakout Session "Off Grid Remotes" <i>Pointe Du Meuron</i>	Renewable Energy (con't) Breakout Session "On Grid" <i>McKenzie A</i>	Sustainable Sturgeon Culture - The Business of Sustainability J. Hunter, Rainy River FN <i>Amethyst</i>	T
5:15 - 8:00 pm	Meet & Greet <i>Amethyst</i>	BBQ <i>Tent</i>				
8:00 pm		Bonfire & Entertainment/Karaoke Music By Nick Sherman <i>Fire Pit / Pond</i>				

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and selection of professional services, contract documentation, administration and reporting, along with how to deal with claims and dispute resolution measures.

MINING

MODERNIZATION OF THE MINING ACT PHASE #3

THURSDAY - 9:00 TO 10:15 - MCGILLIVRAY

MIKE GRANT, MNM

An information session (update) presented by MNM staff, followed with a question and answer period.

MNM has been notifying the region of Phase III of the Mining Act Modernization (MAM), which will include an on-line data and staking system. Seven other Canadian provinces have already adopted similar systems to make claim staking easier and less invasive; it will also allow for assessment dollars to be spent on ground work rather than on mobilization costs for staking.

While the system is in transition, existing claim boundaries may be updated using GPS tools, which provides opportunities for claim holders and local land users. To date, there have been some information sessions delivered regionally, which have generated feedback and questions for MNM to consider.

The NOFNEC event will provide an ideal forum to continue the dialogue between the Ministry and the FN communities on what the system can incorporate, to work beneficially for all.

PLANNING FOR EXPLORATION

THURSDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - MCGILLIVRAY

**MELANIE MATHIESON, MNM,
NATALIE POPOVIC, WINDIGO
FIRST NATIONS COUNCIL**

The session will focus on the preparation of agreements for early exploration projects, emphasising when, where and how to fit in early considerations and what should be discussed pre MOU and IBA to still

recognize the need to protect and monitor the land while establishing positive relationships with industry proponents.

Discussions will include the requirement for environmental assurances at early stages of exploration and how to build agreements to include environmental sustainability prior to undertaking full environmental assessments.

Presentation to be followed by a delegate workbook planning session

FUEL MANAGEMENT

FUEL - SMALL TANK SYSTEMS & SPILL RESPONSE

THURSDAY - 10:30 TO 12:00 - AMETHYST

DOUG STUART, OFNTSC

This session will focus on general specifications and best management practices for the installation and operation and maintenance of small fuel tank systems used for home heating. The objective of the session is to provide information to participants on applicable standards and regulations, roles and responsibilities and spill reporting. Participants will watch videos on home heating tanks and spill response. Use of a spill kit will be demonstrated providing hands on training. Spill reporting will also be part of this training module along with health and safety and use of Personal Protective Equipment which should be worn when cleaning up a fuel spill.

FUEL - SAFETY AT THE PUMPS VIDEO

THURSDAY - 1:15 TO 2:45 - AMETHYST

DOUG STUART, OFNTSC

A video will be shown on safety measures and Gas Bar requirements in regards to Environment Canada legislation. Then a short video on the Do's and Don'ts at the pump. Record keeping, site visual inspections, grounding and bonding, and safety equipment that is required at the Gas Bar.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

THURSDAY - 3:15 TO 4:30 - KAMANISTQUIA

Passport to Prizes, Thank You's, Dignitary Addresses, Funder Addresses.



TRADESHOW



WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

KAMANISTIQUIA ROOM

Come and visit the vendor exhibits in the Kamanistiquia Room between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. In addition, there will be ongoing programming taking place in the Tent and Field outside of the hotel during this time.

TRADESHOW VENDORS

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WSP CANADA INC.

DEMO & CHALLENGES

WEDNESDAY

DRILL RIG DEMONSTRATION



9:00 TO 10:15 - TENT
Presented by RPM Drilling Inc.

This demonstration will feature:

- A full demonstration of how a drill rig operates
- A brief comparison of different types/sizes of drills available
- Drill bit types and purposes
- Examples of when drilling would be needed for the following areas: soil contamination/investigations, geotechnical, mineral exploration etc and the difference between drills for each of these purposes
- Safety around drill rigs
- Training requirements/qualification for drill rig operator

SOIL LOGGING/GRAIN SIZE ANALYSIS DEMONSTRATION

10:45 TO 12:00 - TENT

This demonstration will feature:

- Different ways soil samples are taken (for log/grain size) in the field
- How soil logging is done in the field
- Examples of soil log sheets – field and final copies that would be included in a report
- How to tell the difference between soil types in the field
- What grain size analysis is, and how is it done in the lab (sieves)
- What the purpose and uses of logging soil are

GPS/GEOCACHE DEMONSTRATION & CHALLENGE



1:15 TO 2:45 - TENT /FIELD
NATALIE POPOVIC, WINIDGO FIRST NATIONS COUNCIL

Participants will have the opportunity to learn the basic operation of a Garmin GPS unit including entering a waypoint, marking and finding a coordinate. With a cheat (command review) sheet in hand, participants will set out, in teams, to find 5 GPS coordinated in a hidden cache. Each cache found will provide the next set of coordinates.

A prize will be awarded to the team who completes the challenge in the best time.

Participants should strategize to find coordinates in a manner that will not give away the information to another team. GPS are usual good to with 10 meters so a team effort is required to find the actual cache location.

Grand prize of a Garmin GPSMAP64S donated by KBM Resources Group.

**PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE.
PLEASE SIGN UP AT REGISTRATION.**

DOTMOCRACY

Also this year we are implementing a dotmocracy system at the conference and we ask you all to participate as often as you can. A dotmocracy is a simple method for recognizing points of agreement among a large number of people.

Throughout the conference you will find dotmocracy boards with questions on them. Under each question you will find a list of possible answers to the specific question. All you have to do is choose the answer you agree with the most and place one of the dot stickers you have been provided beside it.

By using a dotmocracy we can ensure that everyone's opinion is voiced and recognized. We will also be able to determine which of the answers is truly the most popular based on the opinions of the dozens of attendees here this week.

BE SURE TO GET YOUR DOTS UP ON THE BOARDS.



PLANT ID TRAINING & COMPETITION

3:15 TO 4:30 - TENT /FIELD
MARY BEA KENNY, IFNA

There will be a short, walk-about, plant identification session and then a team competition in the field of collecting and identifying plants from the training session. This knowledge will assist with filling out Environmental Review Project Descriptions required for your on-reserve project funding and FNIIP reporting.

**PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLE.
PLEASE SIGN UP AT REGISTRATION.**

EVENING EVENTS

Once the workshops are done each day, NOFNEC is happy to feature exciting evening activities for all delegates. On Tuesday evening, please join us for our opening BBQ in the tent. Afterwards, stay to enjoy a bonfire and the talented Nick Sherman, singer-songwriter from Sioux Lookout, followed by karaoke. Wednesday evening will feature Bingo after dinner with many great prizes to be won. We look forward to seeing you there!

BARBEQUE

TUESDAY 5:15 - 8:00 PM - TENT

BONFIRE & ENTERTAINMENT/KARAOKE

TUESDAY 8:00 PM ONWARDS - FIRE PIT/POND

MUSIC BY NICK SHERMAN

Nick Sherman's songs are characterized by an uneasy, yet always fluid transition between unabashed joy and sorrow. This tension between major and minor is rooted in Nick's distant memories of his grandfather strumming a guitar in a cabin on the trapline or back at home in the community—the comfort of revisiting these moments are intertwined with the knowledge that they will never happen again

Hailing from Northwestern Ontario, Nick spent his childhood traveling between his birthplace of Sioux Lookout and the remote, First Nation community of Weagamow Lake and North Caribou Lake trapline. After spending 14 years listening to his family play their favourite songs, Nick bought his first guitar and taught himself how to play—to this day he has never taken formal lessons in guitar or singing.

Nick released his full-length, debut album, 'Drag Your Words Through', on January 20, 2012. Nick's earnest and thoughtful lyrics are carried by a contemporary-folk. Although he is more likely to be found these days playing in urban coffee houses and cultural centres across Canada, Nick still sings the boreal forest blues.

Look for Nick Sherman on the road in 2014.

WWW.NICKSHERMAN.CA



BINGO

WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM ONWARDS - TENT

GAME 1:

1 line or 4 corners - \$10 Tim Horton's gift card
Full card - \$25 Walmart gift card

GAME 2:

2 lines - \$10 Tim Horton's gift card
Full card - \$25 Walmart gift card

GAME 3:

Crazy kite - \$10 Tim Horton's gift card
Full card - \$25 Walmart gift card

GAME 4:

Layer cake - \$10 Tim Horton's gift card
Full card - \$25 Walmart gift card

GAME 5:

Letter "I" - \$15 Tim Horton's gift card
Full card - \$50 Canadian Tire gift card

GAME 6:

Postage stamps - \$15 Tim Horton's gift card
Full card - \$50 Canadian Tire gift card

GAME 7:

Inside frame - \$50 Canadian Tire gift card
Outside frame - \$100 Intercity gift card
Full card - \$200 Intercity gift card



PLANNING COMMITTEE

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CONFERENCE SERVICES

Beginning with registration and throughout the conference the Conference Services Desk/Office will be accessible to all conference delegates to answer delegates' questions and assist in any way possible to make your conference experience enjoyable. The desk/office will be staffed throughout the programmed conference schedule and is located in McKenzie Room B. It will be attended by the staff of The Ad/venture Group (TAG), who is the conference coordinator for this event. All queries, comments and questions should be directed to the centre and the TAG staff will be more than happy to assist you.

PASSPORT TO PRIZES

Many organizations have contributed significantly to our Passport to Prizes attendance draw. These prizes will be on display throughout the conference for delegates to view. In order to win, simply bring your Passport to all of the workshops and conference events you attend and fill in your Conference Survey. Someone will be available at each event to punch your Passport as you move between workshops. At the end of the conference, simply fill out your name and contact information on the back of the card and deposit it into the Ballot Box. Be in the Kaministiquia Room during the Closing Ceremonies on Thursday October 2nd where all of the Passport to Prizes draws will be made.

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