



Biomass North Development Centre

Workshop: Northern Ontario Bioeconomy Strategy – Project Planning Workshop

part of the Biomass North Forum 2017

Date: October 12, 2017

Location: Best Western Plus NorWester Hotel & Conference Centre
2080 Hwy 61
Thunder Bay, ON P7J 1B8
Room TBD

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Moderator: Dawn Lambe and Francis Gallo - Biomass North Development Centre
Colin Lachance, Wahkohtowin Development GP Inc.

Over the next two years, the Biomass North Development Centre will be leading the implementation of a Northern Ontario Bioeconomy Strategy (NO-BS). Created in partnership by the Union of Ontario Indians and the former Biomass Innovation Centre, the NO-BS was developed with extensive input from municipalities, First Nations, SME's, industry, academia and other organizations throughout northern Ontario.

The NO-BS aims to reduce policy and regulatory barriers to sustainable bioenergy projects, define a skills and training roadmap to transition our Ontario workforce into this growing sector, and develop demonstration projects in four strategic pillars – sustainable supply; bioenergy & biofuels; biocomposites & biochemicals; and traditional medicines & foods.

Each demonstration project, once a partner is selected, will have a project champion that will take the project to completion once Biomass North has helped them with the project setup. We are VERY pleased to announce that one of the 100-Mile Heat Diet project proponents is [Wahkohtowin Development GP Inc.](#)

Wahkohtowin Development GP Inc was established after 10 years of Developmental work by the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum (NSRCF) and its supporting materials. Incorporated late April in 2016 utilizing MNRF Resource Revenue Share pilot funds, the corporation has focused on maintaining service delivery on projects of the NSRCF and operationalizing key business areas in Forest Management Services, holding an equity position in the Hornepayne Sawmill/Cogen, establishing forest harvesting services – initially with trucking and partnering with a Human Resource – Recruitment and Placement Service provider; and more to come.



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Biomass North's support for this project includes the establishment of the working group, development of the project scope and high-level business model options, and the identification of potential industry partners and funding options. One of Biomass North's deliverables under the NO-BS is to develop How-To Guides for other communities to use to quick start their own community bioheat projects.

Join us to observe the first project workshop for the Wahkohtowin 100-Mile Heat Diet. We will describe the project concept, identify the right people/organizations to be members of the working group, and detail the information we need to make the project a success and where that information is held. Out of this session, we will develop the project working plan and schedule for this project, and provide useful insights for you to take back to your communities and organizations for YOUR future projects.

This workshop is a part of the Biomass North Forum 2017. While registered Forum participants will be given priority participation, the workshop is open to the public free of charge **while seating is available.**

To register please RSVP to bndc2017@biomassnorth.org.

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