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Mapping Canada's Bioeconomy:
Drivers, Roadblocks and Bridges

October 16-18

Valhalla Inn
Thunder Bay, Ontario

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That's a wrap - with another successful <u>Biomass North Forum</u> in the books, we would like to thank everyone who was able to contribute to this event! A very special thank you to the City of Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation, for being such gracious hosts and welcoming us to Robinson-Superior Treaty territory.

Not able to attend? Please visit the #BNDC2018 website for event highlights - including speaker presentations, award winner profiles, and other event content!

Visit #BNDC2018 Website

With this year's theme of *Mapping Canada's Bioeconomy: Drivers, Roadblocks and Bridges*, #BNDC2018 showcased how government, industry, academia and communities throughout the country are navigating towards a sustainable bioeconomy future.

Participants interacted with leading voices in the sector on key regional and national themes, networked with future partners and customers, and built the collaborations vital to the success of their projects. **This year's Forum consisted of:**

- Over 30 expert speakers and 12 unique panels
- Two interactive pre-conference workshops
- 3rd annual Awards Gala (see below)
- · Trade show and exhibition
- B2B meetings and networking

View #BNDC2018 Program

We look forward to seeing you next year at Biomass North Forum 2019 - or hopefully sooner during one of our upcoming workshops, webinars, tours or project collaborations!

With any questions or requests please contact us at info@biomassnorth.org

3rd Annual Awards Ceremony



As part of Biomass North Forum 2018, our 3rd annual Awards Ceremony took place the evening of October 17th at the Valhalla in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Here we recognized and congratulated leaders in Canada's bioeconomy for their hard-earned achievements in the field.

Congratulations to this year's nominees and award winners:



Municipal Leadership in the Bioeconomy City of Prince George

Indigenous Leadership in the Bioeconomy
Nishnawbe Aski Nation

Government Leadership in the Bioeconomy
Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)

Industry Leadership in the Bioeconomy
Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE)

Champion in the Bioeconomy
Walter Manitowabi

Find out more about our Awards Winners!

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Ontario Consultation on NEW Climate Change Plan + Provincial Forestry Strategy

Made-in-Ontario Climate Change Plan

As Ontario continues to move towards the cancellation of it's previous Cap and Trade program, which is reported to cost Ontarian's \$3 billion over 4 years (see report), Ontario has announced it will release a new plan that will "identify specific areas of focus to help us tackle and be more resilient to climate change."

Later this fall, the proposed plan will include the following areas of focus:

- Creating an understanding of the effects that climate change is having on our households, businesses, communities and public infrastructure to better prepare and strengthen our resiliency.
- Ensuring polluters are held accountable and creating dedicated measures that will efficiently reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Improving Ontario's business climate by unlocking the power of the private sector to finance and drive innovative climate solutions. This will include an emissionsreduction fund to invest in technologybased and other solutions to reduce emissions in Ontario.
- Finding a balanced solution that puts people first, makes life more affordable for families, and takes Ontario's role in fighting climate change seriously.

Submit your comments - to ensure opportunities in renewable biomass are addressed in the new Plan, including the positive impacts on remote, rural and northern communities/economies, benefits to Ontario's forest sector, and replacing fossil fuels with viable biomass alternatives - now is the time to share what YOU think about the Plan's areas of focus, and the most effective actions to achieve Ontario's climate goals.

The consultation deadline is November 16, 2018. Please click the link below to submit your comments:

https://www.ontario.ca/form/tell-us-your-ideasclimate-change ...meanwhile in Canada...

Clean Energy for Rural and Remote
Communities Program Update

NRCAN's Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities (CERRC) program is undertaking a second round of funding and hereby invites project proposals according to the following submission deadlines:

Thursday, December 4, 2018
23:59ET - to be eligible for a 30 minute
discussion of your submission with
program officers before the final
submission date.

Thursday, January 15, 2019 23:59ET - final deadline to be eligible for the second round evaluation review.

Proposals received by January 15th, 2019 will be considered for the second round of CERRC funding.

Find out more: https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/reducingdiesel

First CERRC-Funded Project Announced!

For the first project announced under the Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities Program, over \$686,000 will be funded for an Indigenous bioheat project in Hazelton, British Columbia.

Under the lead of Gitxsan Energy Inc., an Indigenous-owned business of the Gitxsan Nation, the funding will support the adoption of forest-based biomass heating for the Upper Skeena Recreational Centre.

Under the project, forest-based biomass will replace propane as the heating fuel, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 255 tonnes a year in the recreation complex. The project will also create two full-time biomass harvesting jobs and 12 temporary construction jobs in the local Gitxsan community.

Find out more!

Ontario Developing Provincial Forestry Strategy

Ontario is developing a provincial forestry strategy that is intended to reduce barriers, create jobs, promote economic growth and make Ontario open for business.

Stakeholders will be invited to regional round table sessions to advise on key elements of the strategy.

Proposed locations (subject to change) for the round table sessions include:

- 1. November 15, 2018 Sault Ste. Marie
- 2. January 22, 2019 Kitchener
- 3. February 5, 2019 Kenora
- 4. February 6, 2019 Kapuskasing
- 5. March 1, 2019 North Bay
- 6. March 22, 2019 Thunder Bay
- 7. April 16, 2019 Pembroke
- 8. May 3, 2019 Timmins
- 9. May 17, 2019 Hearst

To share your comments, or to get involved and help develop Ontario's new forestry strategy, please contact forestrystrategy@ontario.ca

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