



Local Solutions for a Sustainable Future
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Leave from La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel	
	<i>Tours</i>	
	Fort Frances	Fort Frances: A History and Future as a Forestry Community Waterfront Tour Bio Mass Tour
	District	Agricultural Tour: From Field and Forest to Retail Market

Dress: Casual ~ Flat closed-toe shoes recommended



5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel	
	<i>Chamber of Commerce Welcome Reception and Dinner</i>	
	Roy Avis	Mayor of Fort Frances <i>Welcome</i>
	Graham Rush	Consul & Senior Trade Commissioner Consulate General of Canada in Minneapolis <i>Buy American: An Update</i>
6:30 pm	<i>Dinner on the Deck on the shores of beautiful Rainy Lake</i>	

Dress: Business Casual

Register on-line at www.rrfdc.on.ca

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

7:00 am to 8:00 am	Morning Yoga	
	Join us for morning Yoga upstairs at La Place Rendez-Vous	Moss Yoga - Jen Krag
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast	La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel
8:45 am	NOHFC Greeting	
	Tammy Laws	Northern Outreach Assistant on behalf of the Hon. Michael Gravelle , Minister of Northern Development and Mines and Forests

Dress: Business Casual

9:00 am to 10:30 am	La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel	
	Supporting Local Bio Energy	
	Adam Sherman	BERC Vermont USA
	BERC is a project-focused organization with a public benefits mission. With more than 20 years of staff expertise in the field, and extensive relationships with other experts, manufacturers, suppliers, public agencies, and consultants, BERC is the nation's leading organization involved in the assessment, development, and management of community-scale biomass energy projects.	
	Adam Sherman is BERC's fuel supply expert. In this capacity, Sherman has conducted numerous studies that quantify and characterize the biomass resources and markets within various geographic areas. He is responsible for regional assessments of biomass resources, developing new strategies to increase the sustainability of biomass fuels, and identifying new ways to accumulate and process low-grade wood and other biomass residues for community and institutional energy users.	
	Lorne Morrow	Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy
	The Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE) is a provincial initiative to transform the forest products industry in northern Ontario. They are an independent, not-for-profit research corporation that partners closely with other relevant organizations to provide support to direct and turn research results and innovative business opportunities into operational realities.	
	Lorne Morrow is the CEO of the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy. Most recently, he was the Province of Ontario's lead facilitator and negotiator for the transformation of single entity sustainable forest licenses to cooperative SFL's. Lorne has a thirty-year career in the forest sector of northern Ontario. He held various positions as a senior manager with Domtar, the Buchanan Group and Norampac Inc., including chief forester, woodlands manager and finally resident manager of the integrated linerboard mill in Red Rock, Ontario.	
	John Howard	Coronal
	The Renewable Energy Clean Air Project (RECAP) is a proposed Plasma Gasification Waste-to-Energy Project to be located in Koochiching County that will be a first of its kind for the region. The plasma gasification process using plasma torches operated by electricity is an elevated temperature conversion process. Biomass in its many forms will be converted into an energy rich syngas, heat and usable slag.	
Questions and Answers		

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10:30 am to 10:45 am	Coffee Break	La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel
10:45 am to 12:00 pm	Supporting Local Economies	
	Terry Garrett	Sustaining Technologies, Sonoma California
	<p>Sustaining Technologies is a worker-owned cooperative. They provide effective tools to harness the power of local money and the economic multiplier for communities that are building vibrant and resilient local economies.</p> <p>Sustaining Technologies have created a community web platform with an integrated rewards card that fulfills the specific needs of relocalization networks, with platform administration built into operational procedures. They are in the process of implementing a holistic community economic system, including community credit clearing and small business development with local investment capital.</p> <p>Terry Garrett has an extensive media/publishing background, and has been in the Business Alliance of Local Living Economies (BALLE) scene since the beginning, consulting with BALLE National on their early marketing campaigns. Terry has spent the last few years developing the Oasis Content Management System (CMS), which he integrated into Sustaining Technologies as the foundation for the community web platform. He also has many years of experience in organizational development, bringing to the table many tools and processes to make networks more efficient and successful. Terry is a Co-Managing Member of Sustaining Technologies, and is currently serving as the Operations Officer for the Sonoma County GoLocal Cooperative.</p>	
	Aime Dimatteo	Director General, FedNor
<p>FedNor is a federal regional development organization in Ontario that works with a variety of partners, as both a facilitator and catalyst, to help create an environment in which communities can thrive, businesses can grow and people can prosper.</p> <p>In June of 2010, Mr. Dimatteo was named Director General of FedNor. A native of Coniston, Aime Dimatteo has been working at the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry for 32 years, beginning in 1978 as a senior financial officer with the former Ministry of Northern Affairs. Most recently, he was the Executive Director of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund.</p>		
Questions and Answers		
12:00 pm to 12:45 pm	Lunch	La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel



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KEY NOTE

Thursday, September 16, 2010

12:45 pm to 2:00 pm

Chief Clarence Louie of Osoyoos

Since 1985 when first elected as Chief of the Osoyoos Indian Band, part of the Okanagan Nation in south central British Columbia, Clarence Joseph Louie has consistently emphasized economic development as a means to improve his peoples standard of living. Under his direction, the Band has become a multi-faceted corporation that owns and manages nine businesses and employs hundreds of people. In 1988 the Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation was formed to manage and provide strategic direction to the existing businesses as well as seek out new economic opportunities.

The Osoyoos Indian Bands corporate motto is:

"In Business to Preserve Our Past by Strengthening Our Future."



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

2:00 pm to 2:15 pm Break La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel

2:15 pm to 4:00 pm *Supporting Local Foods*

David Abazs | **Round River Farm, Finland, Minnesota**

David Abazs was just selected as Senior Fellow, Endowed Chair in Agricultural Systems for the University of Minnesota's College of Minnesota College of food, Agriculture and Natural Resources. His recent "Food Systems Assessment" research with UMD has thrust him from his humble farm in Finland, MN to this state wide post. David and his wife established Round River Farm in 1989 and in 2000, they received a University of MN Farm Family of the Year "New Initiative" Award for their solar and wind powered CSA vegetable and fruit operation. David Abazs installs renewable energy systems and teaches at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, North House Folk School and Split Rock Lighthouse, and he led an educational team in creating and implementing a Sustainable Food Systems Curriculum in regional schools.

Donna Lowey | **Lowey's Greenhouse and Market Gardens**

Lowey's Greenhouse and Market Garden, located in west Fort Frances, on Highway 602, began in the late 1930's by the Vanderhorst family, and sold vegetables to local grocery stores, hospitals and institutions as well as operating their own retail outlet. Presently, Blair and Donna Lowey own and operate the business. They have expanded it to include green houses, which produce bedding plants, perennials, holiday potted plants and vegetables. Donna Lowey, hailing from a retail background, has included giftwares and wedding and banquet designs. They also supply the District food box programs with local vegetables. In 2008, Lowey's Greenhouse and Market Garden received the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence for their improvements to energy efficiency and making their greenhouses even greener. Currently the greenhouse, storefront and their home are heated by using an energy efficient small biomass boiler fed by wood. These greenhouses will increase access to local vegetable growing year round.

David Dumke | **Wisconsin Farmers Market**

David Dumke has worked as a field Services Representative for Wisconsin Counties Association since 1996; his main responsibility is as project director for the statewide International Trade, Business and Economic Development Councils representing 30 of the 72 counties in the state. The four regional ITBECs are responsible for regional economic development activities including tourism and economic development.

He was elected to the Douglas County Board of Supervisors in 1984 and was elected chairperson of the Douglas County Board of Supervisors in 1988. He held that position until he resigned to take a position with the Wisconsin Counties Association.

He and his wife Sue Ann are owners of Brule River Farm, a fruit and vegetable operation with 10 acres in production. He is the president of the Douglas County Farmers Market Association, which manages two farmers markets in Superior, Wisconsin.

Questions and Answers



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Sunny Cove Camp

Local Foods Dinner

Sunny Cove Camp, Hwy 11 east, Fort Frances
Buses leave La Place Rendez-Vous at 5:15 pm and 5:30 pm for Sunny Cove Camp

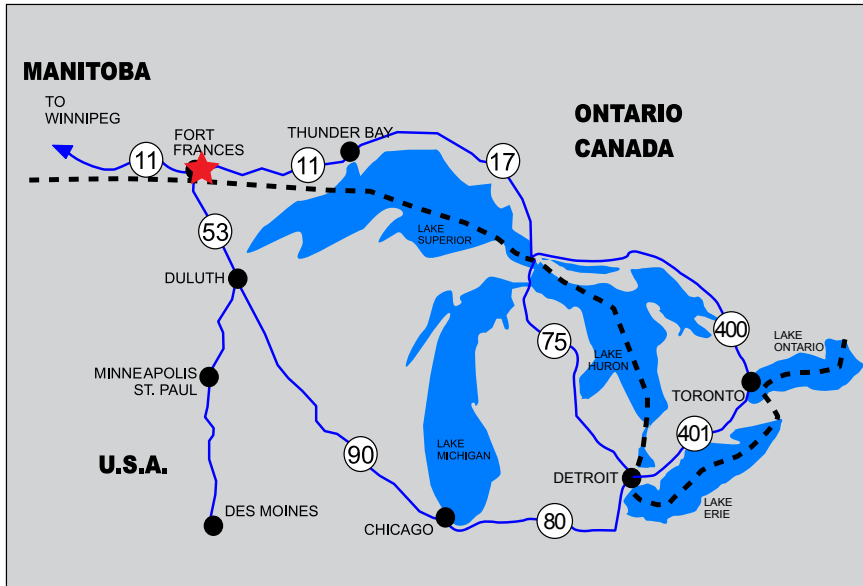
Join us for a special evening of elegantly casual dining featuring the best of locally grown delicacies and music on the shores of beautiful Rainy Lake.

Buses return from Sunny Cove at 8:00 pm and 8:30 pm

Dress: Casual ~ Bare feet optional!



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