



A joint Natural Resources Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada program.

Season's Greetings!

The First Nations Forestry Program wishes you a healthy, prosperous and happy new year.

FNFP Yukon – Log Home Construction Training

In January, the first phase of a log home construction training initiative gets underway with safety training certification for First Nations workers being held in Haines Junction, Dawson, Teslin, and Carmacks. The course will be given by the Yukon College. This will be followed by “hands on” training in participating Yukon First Nation communities taught by qualified log home construction trainers.

This training program is designed to strengthen the skilled workforce in the communities, create employment for youth, and provide appropriate housing based on construction processes that can be sustained.

If you would like to know more about the log home construction program, please contact:

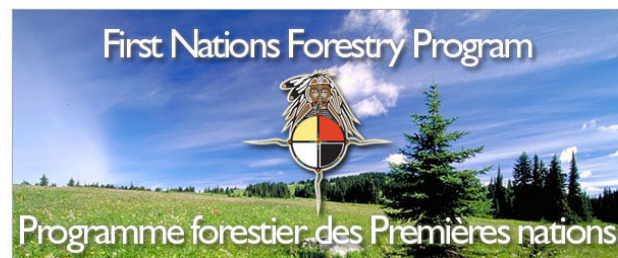
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New FNFP Website Up and Running

The First Nations Forestry Program is pleased to announce the launch of its new website <http://fnfp.gc.ca>. The website is visually sharp, easy to navigate, and has a much improved content and search engine capacity.

Dynamic features were added to search the site and view individual

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FNFP projects in communities across the country. Another new feature links the site to the Canadian Forest Service Bookstore, where users can access reports and publications relating to the program. But, the new site doesn't stop there.

Using the internet to conduct personal business and find information on any subject has become a daily routine in our lives. Many – in fact, 12% of Canadians - are disadvantaged by visual, auditory, manual or cognitive impairments that prevent them from using most internet sites. Importantly, the FNFP website is on the cutting edge, meeting accessibility standards to address these special needs. A key feature allows screen reading technology to read the pages out loud to users who are visually impaired and helps them navigate through the site without limitation. As well, special care was taken to use colours on the site that can be distinguished by tone for colour-blind users, and individuals can adjust the font size to accommodate their personal preferences.

The FNFP would like to thank the Provincial and Territorial Committee members who helped to improve and expand site content. We invite everyone to check it out!

<http://fnfp.gc.ca>

Events

National Symposium on Aboriginal Economic Development – January 23 – 25, 2007, TCU Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Excellence in Action – Best Practices in First Nations, Métis and Inuit Economic Development- Jointly hosted by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN), the Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF), and the Government of Saskatchewan, the focus of this symposium is to stimulate greater Aboriginal economic activity and labour market participation in all areas of Canada and sectors of the economy. For more information visit: www.excellenceinaction2007.ca

National Forestry Conference - Looking back, looking forward: RCAP in Review - February 27 – March 1, 2007, Marriott Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario
Assessing progress on land and resources recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP, 1996) as they pertain to First Nations. For more information and to register on-line, visit: www.nafaforestry.org