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J. Michael Waldram Fellowship

Three Aboriginal post-secondary students have been selected for the 2010 J. Michael Waldram Memorial Fellowship. This year's three recipients will be presented with their awards at the Canadian Institute of Forestry's Annual General Meeting in Jasper, Alberta. For more information, please visit the following link: http://www.cif-ifc.org/uploads/Website_Assets/japser_ad.pdf.

Since 2008, the J. Michael Waldram Fellowship has been awarded to young Aboriginal people from across Canada, with career interests in natural resources management. Mr. Waldram was the general manager of the Manitoba Model Forest from its inception in 1993 until his passing in January of 2006. He was a strong proponent of Aboriginal and youth involvement in sustainable forest management.



Maxime Lépine, a 2009 recipient, draws from his Aboriginal heritage for his work in forest management. "New unprecedented technologies and management will allow for growth within the field of forestry," explains Maxime. "There are a lot of factors that we need to take into account beside economic gains. These factors are spoken amongst the Aboriginal elders and the traditional land use planners of Canada." In the future he would like to work with Aboriginal communities in the forest management field.

Fellowships are valued at \$1000 and awarded annually. The Fellowship is open to Canadian Aboriginal youth enrolled in at least their second year of a natural resource management diploma or degree program at a Canadian college or university.

Maxime Lépine takes a break while working for West Fraser Forest Timber Co. Ltd.

Application forms and details for the 2011 Fellowship will be made available through the Canadian Model Forest Network and the Canadian Institute of Forestry.

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Meeting Held in New Brunswick on Increasing Aboriginal Participation in the Forest Products Sector

In Oromocto, New Brunswick on March 23rd and 24th, 2010 the Forest Products Sector Council (FPSC-CSPF) held the first of five regional engagement workshops with the support of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC), the First Nations Forestry Program (FNFP), and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). The purpose of the workshop was to showcase, document and disseminate best practices with respect to increasing participation of Aboriginal people working in the forest products sector. The Oromocto workshop provided the opportunity to explore regional perspectives on the challenges facing the Atlantic region.

Recommendations coming out of the 2 day workshop included the need to promote a mutual cultural understanding in the workplace, encourage Aboriginal youth engagement, market the forest products sector as a viable and long-term career choice and, undertake mentorship initiatives. Some suggested actions: “Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers” in the workplace, “cultural days” for Aboriginal employees, hands-on learning opportunities for Aboriginal youth, new media technology to promote the forest products sector. The results from this workshop will help inform a larger national strategy being developed by the FPSC to increase the number of Aboriginal people working in the sector.



To obtain an electronic version of the Workshop Report, [click here](#).

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NSRCF Forestry Workshop a Big Success!

The Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum (NSRCF) held a workshop in February that sought to “find a greater balance and equity within the forestry sector”. The four day workshop, which was hosted by the Pic Mobert First Nation, featured various forestry-based presentations by speakers including Northeast Superior Forest Community (NSFC) staff, First Nations Chiefs, regional Mayors, local entrepreneurs, and a natural resources management professor from Lakehead University. Topics ranged from *A First Nations Approach to Forestry: a View from the Floor*, to *Innovative Approaches to Value-Added Forestry*.

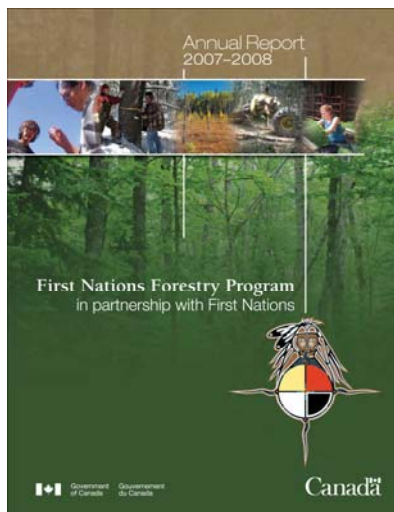
The workshop was well attended, with approximately 50 people participating each day. The final day of the workshop was dedicated to brainstorming and planning sessions to determine potential actions for the future of the region. The First Nations Forestry Program provided financial support for the workshop.

This event represents the first time that the Chiefs, Mayors of Municipalities in the Northeast Superior area, business representatives, and community members have come together to discuss forest management, economic development and planning issues since the creation of the NSRCF.

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First Nations Forestry Program's Annual Report



The First Nations Forestry Program's 2007-2008 Annual Report is now available in paper and electronic format. The report details FNFP capacity-building projects and activities undertaken across Canada in 2007-2008.

If you would like a PDF copy of the latest FNFP Annual Report, please send an email to FNFP.bulletin@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca or visit our web site at <http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/subsite/fnfp>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Assembly of First Nations 31st Annual General Assembly (AGA)

July 20th – 22nd, 2010

Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg, MB

For more information visit: <http://www.afn.ca/>

2010 Canon Envirothon

August 1st – 7th, 2010

California State University, Fresno, CA

For more information visit: <http://www.envirothon.org/>

Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers 17th Annual National Conference & Annual General Meeting

September 27th–30th, 2010

Sheraton on the Falls Hotel & Conference Centre, Niagara Falls, ON

For more information visit: <http://www.edo.ca/conference/2010>

On the Bright Side Rural Canada Works

October 14th–16th, 2010

Royal Oak Inn & Suites, Brandon, MB

For more information visit:

<http://www2.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/crrf2010english.asp>

