



## PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT (Sept. 14, 2012)

### BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT

Hosted by NORDIK Institute and the Northern Ontario Sustainable Communities Partnership

January 16-18, 2013, Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

**Objectives:** This conference is about community-based forest management (CBFM) research, practice and policy to promote resilience in forest-based communities. The conference will: 1) provide a forum for the advancement of CBFM as a new forest management model in Canada and 2) spearhead the formation of a pan-Canadian CBFM network of research, practice and knowledge mobilization.

**Intended Participants:** CBFM practitioners and researchers, students, environmental NGOs, First Nations and Métis, unions, forest industry and government representatives, and the general public with an interest in CBFM.

**Program Format:** Formal presentations by a government representative, researchers and practitioners and interactive discussions, including a “talking circle” to share experiences about CBFM. The conference will be live-streamed and electronically archived.

**Book Launch:** Jan. 16: Ryan Bullock and Kevin Hanna’s *Community Forestry: Local Values, Conflict and Forest Governance* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

**Pre-Conference Tour:** Jan. 16, Sault Ste Marie: Government forest research facilities and celebration of Shingwauk, Anishinaabe Chief and signatory to the 1850 Robinson-Huron Treaty.

**Travel Subsidies:** Available for a limited number of community representatives. Please inquire about applying.

**Graduate Student Funding:** Available for eligible graduate students undertaking research related to community-based forest management, based on application that includes abstract of poster. Please inquire about applying.

**Partners:** B.C. Community Forest Association, the Canadian Environmental Network, Northwatch, the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum, the Northeast Superior Forest Community, the Towns of Atikokan and Nipigon and the Hearst Economic Development Corporation, University of Saskatchewan.

**Sponsors:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Algoma University, Lakehead University Faculty of Natural Resources Management. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact the organizers. Your sponsorship can support student and community delegate travel, host a meal or provide subsidies for a planned field trip. All sponsors will be acknowledged in the final program.

Registration Opens Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. Registration Fee: \$120 (*meals and banquet included*)

**More details to come soon. Check NOSCP website for updates <http://noscp.ca/>**

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