



Travel Subsidies for Community Representatives

Building Resilient Communities through Community-Based Forest Management

January 16-18, 2013

Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

NORDIK Institute, Algoma University, the Northern Ontario Sustainable Communities Partnership and the Faculty of Natural Resources Management, Lakehead University invite **participation from representatives of forest-based communities** for the first ever interdisciplinary conference on “Building Resilient Communities through Community-Based Forest Management” to be held January 16-18, 2013 at Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario with both pre- and post-conference tours. Conference participants will address the emergence of community forests and initiatives to promote them throughout Canada. The conference will provide a **forum to advance community-based forest management** as a growing model for collaborative decision-making and development, and **help establish a national community forest network** where researchers, practitioners, government representatives, community members and others can meet to explore and share relevant experiences, resources, and tools. The main focus will be on community forest initiatives in Canada, with an eye to relevant international experiences and lessons.

Representatives from Canadian communities involved in or pursuing community-based forest management are **eligible to apply for UP TO a \$1000 travel bursary** to subsidize conference participation.

The **deadline to apply is October 31th, 2012**. Successful applicants will be notified by **November 17th, 2012**.

Applications may be submitted by email or faxed to: Lynn Palmer at clpalme1@lakeheadu.ca, FAX: 343-8116.

Applications should indicate:

- Name of community representative
- Name of community
- Description of relevant community forest or initiative
- Role of community representative in the community forest or initiative
- Estimate of costs to attend the conference

For further information about the conference , contact Dr. Peggy Smith at pasmith@lakeheadu.ca or 807-343-8672, Lynn Palmer at clpalme1@lakeheadu.ca or Meghan Ableson at Meghan.Ableson@algomau.ca.

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