



Biomass North Development Centre

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Delivered on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Biomass North Development Centre is leading a workshop focused on biomass heating for rural and remote communities.

EVENT: Bioheat Opportunities for Remote and Rural Communities Workshop

DATE: April 19th, 2016

TIME: 8:30am to 4:30pm

LOCATION: Valhalla Inn - Scandia Room
Thunder Bay, Ontario

ADMISSION: \$20.00

WEBSITE: www.biomassnorth.org/bioheatworkshop.html

The **Bioheat Opportunities for Remote and Rural Communities Workshop** will bring expertise, tools, and lessons-learned in bioheat project development, and give participants the connections and support they need to make informed decisions and develop their own projects. A mix of expert speakers, workshop exercises, and panels will provide a full scope of possibilities and insights regarding heating with solid biofuels.

As many Canadian provinces and other countries have realized some time ago, there are strong economic, environmental and social opportunities tied to bioenergy development. This is especially true for remote and rural communities looking for ways to reduce their energy costs by using regional and dependable forms of renewable heat. This workshop will provide participants with meaningful information to allow for enhanced decision-making regarding bioheat, with an emphasis on:

- Community energy planning with bioheat
- Technology applications and fuel types
- Legislations and regulations for heating with biofuels in Ontario
- Lessons learned from past and current biofuel heating installations

Registration is required as space is limited. Tickets can be purchased in advance, or at the door while space is available. Ticket includes entry to the workshop, lunch and refreshments.

While in Thunder Bay, don't miss the **2016 Forestry Expo** happening April 20-21st at the Valhalla Inn. Hosted by the Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund, this year's event has expanded to 54 exhibitors and is packed with a range of expert speakers. For details visit nadfevents.org/events/forestry-expo.

For more information on the Bioheat Opportunities for Remote and Rural Communities workshop, please contact Francis Gallo at francisg@biomassnorth.org or (705) 206-7687.

About Us:

The Biomass North Development Centre supports the development of a robust bioeconomy in Ontario. As a member-based sector association, Biomass North builds strategic alliances between all participants of the value chain - from small municipalities to large industry and all points in between. By performing cutting edge market and technical research, through knowledge transfer and implementing best practices, and by driving innovation in new products and business models, Biomass North aspires to make Ontario a global leader in the emerging bioeconomy.