

OAIA 2007

Duty to Consult: From Theory to Practice

November 6 and
7, 2007

Royal Botanical
Gardens
680 Plains Road
West
Burlington,
Ontario

*“Aboriginal
Consultation
in
Environmental
Assessment”*

The Ontario Association of Impact Assessment is pleased to invite you to the 2007 Conference and Annual General Meeting on Aboriginal Consultation in Environmental Assessment. Plan to attend and learn more about aboriginal decision-making and government expectations.

At the end of this conference you will have:

- an understanding of who the Aboriginal communities are in Ontario and why they have an interest in environmental assessments
- an understanding of the legal reasons for consulting with Aboriginals and the expectations of provincial and federal agencies
- heard from the Aboriginal community about their experience with Environmental Assessments
- been provided with case studies to show practitioners different ways of approaching Aboriginal Consultation
- shared information about your experiences with aboriginal consultation
- developed a role for OAIA in continuing the dialogue of improving EA and consultation practices associated with the Aboriginal community

Who will be interested in this conference?

- Private and public sector proponents of municipal, provincial and federal environmental assessments
- Municipal, provincial and federal government agencies who work with environmental assessments and Aboriginal communities
- Aboriginal organizations involved in environmental assessments
- Consultants who manage environmental assessments and consultation processes

Confirmed Speakers:

- Paul General, Manager, Six Nations EcoCentre
- Rick Hill, Cultural/Ecological Coordinator, Haudenosaunee
- Luc Laine – Cultural Liaison Representative for Ontario, Huronne Wendat Nation, Quebec
- Henry Lickers, Director, Department of the Environment, Mohawk Council of Akwasasne / Haudenosaunee
- Chief Kris Nahrgang, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- T. Murray Rankin, QC, Heenan Blaikie LLP, Victoria, B.C.
- Stephen Collins, Manger, Engineering Roads, Capital Delivery, Transportation and Works Dept. York Region
- Merv McLeod, Director, McLeod Wood Associates Inc.
- Chris Murray, former Acting Director, Red Hill Valley Project, City of Hamilton
- Ron Williamson, Chief Archaeologist and Managing Partner, Archaeological Services Inc.



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The conference is aspiring to be environment-friendly and culturally aware, introducing diverse communities to one another for their mutual benefit and that of the environment.

A registration form is attached. Register early as space is limited.

More information and further details available at: www.oai.on.ca

Accommodation

OAI has booked 30 rooms at each of the following two hotels in Burlington. You must book them at least a month in advance for Monday, November 5th and/or Tuesday, November 6th.

Please book these separately from the registration for the conference.

Burlington On The Lake Travelodge Hotel

\$115 including full continental breakfast

2020 Lakeshore Road

Burlington

Ontario

Canada

L7R 4G8

905-681-0762

Admiral Inn Burlington

\$72.95 plus tax

3500 Billings Court

Burlington

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L7N 3N6

905-639-4780



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AGENDA Day 1

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Tuesday – November 6th WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

Topic

Registration

Traditional Opening Ceremony

OAIA Welcome and review agenda

1. **History of Aboriginals in southern Ontario** – what practitioners need to know about who to consult and why

Break

2. **Duty to Consult** - The legal mandate for crown duty to consult

Lunch using aboriginal recipes

Speaker – to be announced

3. **Guidance from Agencies: What are the expectations of agencies?**
Federal and provincial agencies will provide their expectations on consulting with Aboriginals when preparing environmental assessments

Break

4. **Aboriginals approach and experience with Duty to Consult**
 - What’s happening and what would Aboriginals like to see happen?
 - How are Aboriginals dealing with the requests for information?
 - How should proponents approach Aboriginals about an EA?
 - What should EA Practitioners know about consulting with First Nations?
 - Issue of Territories

Break/networking

4:30-5:00

RECEPTION

Featuring: Akwesasne Women Singers & others

This is an opportunity to network with your colleagues. Our Education Liaison Committee is featuring a networking session and career table with students.

5:00-7:00



AGENDA Day 2

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Wednesday – November 7th CASE STUDIES

Topic

Case studies will provide examples of how proponents and consultants have worked with Aboriginals and First Nations on EAs to get to a conclusion – How to carry out effective consultation on EAs. In this session we will explore:

- What worked?
- What were the challenges?
- What were the outcomes?
- What are recommendations for others?

Welcome

1. Consultation to harmonize the Akwesasne, federal and provincial processes for the Three Nations Bridge.
2. Northern examples - Ontario Power Generation
3. Windmills - TBA.
4. Red Hill Stewardship Agreements
5. Reburial of an Ossuary - Teston Road

Lunch

6. Practitioners Toolkit
 - What do we know and what do we need to know more about? Practitioners session on questions, issues, guidance needed – brainstorming
7. Closing
 - Where do we go from here?
 - Do we have a better idea of what we need to know?
 - What can OAIA do to assist practitioners?
 - What are the messages to government agencies?
 - Thanksgiving
8. Annual General Meeting



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I. DELEGATE INFORMATION

Please fill out form completely. Type or print neatly in BLOCK letters. Be sure to include your name and organization exactly as you would like that information to appear on your delegate badge.

Form fields for delegate information including: Mr Ms Title, First Name, Last (family) name, Organization, Address, City, Province, Postal Code, Daytime telephone number, E-mail.

II. REGISTRATION FEES

Advance Registrations will be accepted until October 23, 2007.

- OAIA Member: \$120.00
Non OAIA Member (registration includes a one year OAIA membership):
Advance Registrants: \$120.00 (if payment received by October 23, 2007)
On-site Registrants: \$150.00 (if payment received after October 23, 2007)
Students: \$75.00 (proof of student status required)

There is limited capacity so we recommend that you register early!!!!

III. SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Please send Registration Form and cheque (payable to Ontario Association for Impact Assessment) by mail to: Ontario Association for Impact Assessment, c/o Sue Ruggero, 87 Irondale Drive, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M9L 2S6. Phone: 647-428-9865, Fax: 416-743-3737, email: plan@rogers.com

Thank You!