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(NALMA)**

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NALMA Update



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NALMA MEMBERS

Regional Lands Associations:

Atlantic Region Aboriginal Lands Association (ARALA)

First Nations Lands Managers Association for Québec & Labrador (FNLMAQL)

Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association (OALA)

Manitoba Uske (MU)

Saskatchewan Aboriginal Lands Technicians (SALT)

Treaty and Aboriginal Land Stewards Association of Alberta (TALSAA)

Planning and Land Administrators of Nunavut (PLAN)



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“Bringing Lands Managers Together”

NEW AND IMPROVED NALMA.CA IS UP AND RUNNING

www.nalma.ca

After months of collaboration between NALMA staff and Nuclear Media Inc., the redesigned NALMA website is up and running. We have designed the new site to be as user friendly and informative as possible. The new layout should make it quite easy to find available resources to best suit your needs.

Secure Member Site

The general area of the site provides information about NALMA. From there, follow the links to the Regional Lands Associations and general information about Professional Development. We also have a secure site that requires members to register for a

user name and password. If you have not already registered for access to the member site, please do so. We think you will be pleasantly surprised by the wealth of information available to NALMA members.

Resource Library

The resource library includes one touch access to relevant court cases, technical updates on proposed legislation, sample by-laws and quick links to federal legislation affecting First Nation Lands Management.

Community Discussion Forums

In response to member requests, the secure member area,

also offers discussion boards where members can post messages, ask questions, or alert colleagues to important emerging issues. The NALMA Forum can be used to post general information of interest or concern to all NALMA members. If your information is more specific to your Regional Land Association, you may choose instead to post your discussion on the Regional Discussion Forum.

Questions?

If you still have questions after browsing the secure area of the site, please feel free to contact us, or the NALMA.ca Webmaster through email or phone. We want to hear from you, and we look forward to your contributions and suggestions.

RESERVE LAND DESIGNATION TOOLKIT IN DEVELOPMENT

NALMA and AANDC have partnered in the development of a Designation Toolkit. An East Focus Group met in Toronto ON on December 6th and 7th. A West Focus Group is scheduled to meet in Richmond B.C. on January 24th and 25th. Thanks to those First Nations who provided their insight and recommendations for this important project. Expected completion date is 2012 with potential for training in 2013.

ADDITIONS TO RESERVE (ATR) TRAINING

With the resource of the ATR Toolkit, NALMA is able to offer ATR training again this fiscal year to selected First Nations across Canada.

The first session was held in British Columbia in November. Twenty-nine participants attended and the training was well received.

NALMA will be offering the ATR Training en français, March 13-15, 2012 at the Delta Quebec in Quebec City. Training for Northern Ontario and Manitoba has been tentatively scheduled for Thunder Bay, March 6-8, 2012

For further information please feel free to contact the NALMA Office.

DID YOU KNOW??

NALMA members are responsible for managing 1,165,875.44 hectares or 2,897,342.34 acres of community land in Canada.

Professional Lands Management Certification Program (PLMCP)



2011-2012 Technical Two Students—Back Row L-R: Ian Bannon, Calvin Campeau, Kris Chartrand, Walter Lewis, Terri Nicholas, Sandra McGregor, Juliette Fineday, Christine Belanger, Milly Thunder, Chris Good, Shane Camille Front Row L-R: Michelle White, Brenda Seesequasis, Loretta Douglas, Debra Campbell, Darlene Goodvoice, Lanelle Big Eagle, Fred Charles.

2011-2012 PROGRAM DELIVERY:

Level One: Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Program (IPRP) - University of Saskatchewan

Level Two – Technical Training – NALMA

The PLMCP is enjoying another successful year. Pictured above are the 17 students currently enrolled in Technical Two Training.

Land Managers interested in enrolling in the 2012-2013 session should note that the deadline for applications is

February 1st, 2012. Eligibility to take the PLMCP for RLEMP/FNLM purposes is determined by AANDC.

It is important to note that should there be seats available U of Sask. and NALMA may offer openings on a cost recovery basis.

For more information please feel free to contact:

Level One- IPRMP - Candice Pete at (306) 966-4041

Level Two – Technical Training - Leona Irons at (705) 657-7660



P.L.A.N. 8th National Lands Managers Gathering 2012

Plans are underway for the 8th National Lands Managers Gathering 2012. The Gathering will be hosted by the Planning and Lands Administrators of Nunavut (PLAN), and is tentatively scheduled for July 24-26 in Iqaluit, NU. The Theme for the Gathering has yet to be finalized, but will pay particular attention to climate change, traditional land stewardship, and the role First Nation Land Managers play in managing our lands and protecting our natural resources. Add these dates to your calendar and keep an eye on www.nalma.ca for further information. This is shaping up to be another great Gathering and an opportunity to visit our colleagues in Nunavut, share ideas and develop mechanisms that will allow us to share best practices.

There are teachings that suggest that during the time of the 8th Fire, people of all colors and faiths come together and choose a path of respect, wisdom and spirituality, environmental and social upheaval can be avoided and balance restored. As Lands Managers we have a role to play in restoring that balance. It's our 8th Gathering. It is our time to share our knowledge and effect change.

AFN/AANDC JOINT WORKING GROUP - ADDITION TO RESERVE POLICY REFORM

The Assembly of First Nation and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Joint Working Group, continues to review all policy, legislative and operational options in order to bring forward comprehensive recommendations for reform to improve Additions to Reserve. NALMA participates on the Working Group as an observer and to provide technical support. Leona Irons, NALMA Executive Director currently participates as the NALMA representative. The Lands Advisory Board also attends as an observer. The Joint Working Group meets monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for Edmonton on February 9th and 10th, 2012.

NALMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS UP COMING MEETINGS

- ⇒ **NALMA Board of Directors Meeting**
Novotel Ottawa
February 14th—16th, 2012
- ⇒ **CANDO/NALMA/AANDC Meeting**
Ottawa
February 23, 2012



ONTARIO ABORIGINAL LANDS ASSOCIATION HOSTS REGIONAL GATHERING IN SAULT STE MARIE



The Ontario Regional Lands Association (OALA) hosted their 1st Regional Gathering of Lands Managers at the Delta Sault Ste Marie on October 18th, 19th and 20th, 2011.

The Theme of the Gathering was “Changes in the Wind—Our Journey to Restore Mother Earth.

Breakout Sessions included a wide range of topics including presentations on

- ⇒ Species at Risk
- ⇒ Land Use Planning
- ⇒ First Nation Market Housing Fund
- ⇒ Indian Land Registry System Upgrade Project
- ⇒ Addition to Reserve
- ⇒ Great Lakes Water Protection Act
- ⇒ Land and Economic Development Amalgamation
- ⇒ Surveys

Special thanks to Vernon Roote for his Key-note Address, and to Chris Pheasant for an excellent job as MC. Chris did a great job of keeping us on track and smiling.

Atlantic Region Aboriginal Lands Association Tour Membertou First Nation

ARALA members Joe Sabattis, Phoebe Foster, Marina Moulton Albert Marshall and Jenny Murphy prepare to tour Membertou First Nation in Nova Scotia. The tour was part of ARALA's September 2011 Regional meeting in Sydney. ARALA is currently gearing up to host a Regional Gathering in Moncton, February 8-9, 2012. The Gathering will bring Lands Managers and Economic Development Officers together to consider traditional and contemporary approaches to building sustainable communities.



MANITOBA USKE RECOGNIZES MAURICE SUTHERLAND



At their meeting in Buffalo Point in August 2011, Manitoba USKE members presented long standing member Maurice Sutherland with a plaque recognizing his tireless work in Lands Management and his contribution to Manitoba USKE Regional Lands Association. Pictured (left) is Walter Mentuck making the presentation to Maurice. NALMA's congratulations and good wishes go out to Maurice.

The August meeting was held in Buffalo Point at the Buffalo Point Resort. Thank you to Herman Green and the Council and membership of Buffalo Point for welcoming us to their territory.

As well as conducting USKE business, on Day Two, USKE members completed training in Environmental Project Management Planning.

Day three included a SkillPath Seminar on Poised and Powerful Public Speaking.



First Nations Lands Managers Association for Quebec and Labrador

Quebec and Labrador members Nick Ottawa, Amanda Simon and Michel Durand Nolett ponder the points raised by Jean Boucher, Manager of Lands and Resources for Quebec Region AANDC. (right) Mr. Boucher's presentation was titled "Designating Reserve Lands". The presentation took place in Montreal on September 13th during Quebec and Labrador's Association meeting. Also on the Agenda was two days of training on Law and Policy Development and Territorial Rights. That session was facilitated by the National Centre for First Nation Governance.



TREATY AND ABORIGINAL LAND STEWARDS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA (TALSAA)

TALSAA members consider the Readiness Assessment Criteria for RLEMP at their September 28-29th meeting. Also on the Agenda was a review of NALMA's current 5 year Work Plan, suggestions for the direction of the 2013-2018 Work Plan, and a presentation by the Province of Alberta on the new SREM Aboriginal Affairs Branch. AANDC provided an update on the Alberta Region Lands and Environment re-organization and an ILRS review, SARA and AFSAR updates were provided by Carmen Callihoo from Environment Canada. TALSAA is also planning a regional information session on FNLM January 26th, 2012 at the Marriott River Cree Resort.

Human Rights Tribunal—Section 58 (3) Leases.

On November 23rd and 24th, 2011, NALMA Executive Director Leona Irons and Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association member Wanda McGonigle participated in a meeting in Ottawa with the Lands and Environment Operational Policy Unit. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential implementation measures to address the January 2011 Human Rights Tribunal finding of discriminatory practices with respect to the issuance of s. 58.3 leases. As a result, AANDC have been directed to process all section 58(3) locate leases on the basis that individual locates have determined for themselves that a transaction is for their individual benefit. "Individual benefit" means financial compensation if any, in respect of the transaction. This directive is pending the development of a "nominal rents directive" and a thorough review of the lands management manual. A copy of the Decision, and Interim Directive can be found on our website under Resources—Lands Resource Library—Human Rights Tribunal.