



First Nations Workshop: Achieving First Nations Independence from the Grid

Wednesday, November 6th

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Regency, Vancouver

Clean Energy BC invites First Nations and the clean energy community to explore different pathways of developing renewable energy projects in BC, thereby reducing greenhouse gases. The main focuses of this full-day First Nations-led workshop will be how to create opportunities through exploring business values, how to do a solar project, and how to buy an existing project with a spotlight on the Tahltan Nation.

This session will present updates in government grants and how transformation to a low-carbon future through renewable energy can be financially supported. Preparing for climate change, severe weather events and flooding is foremost in First Nations' minds; being able to be independent of the grid is critical in order to be prepared.

This course will identify strategies that advance First Nation communities' transition off diesel towards grid independence while increasing energy sovereignty and fostering self-determination. This course is being facilitated by Dr. Judith Sayers, a member of the Hupacasath First Nation and current president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

Moderator:

Kekinsuqs Dr. Judith Sayers, President of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council & CEBC Board Member



Agenda

8:30 am — Opening Comments, First Nations Welcome, Introductions of Workshop Host

- *Kaila George Wilson*

8:45 am to 9:00 am – Industry Update with Martin Mullany, Executive Director, Clean Energy BC

9:00 am to 10:00 am — Session #1

The Landscape in BC – Industry, Market & Regulatory Update

- *First Nation Utilities with David Morton, Office of the Chair & CEO of the BCUC*
- *BC Hydro Phase 2 Review, EPA Renewals, and the changing prices of various technologies with Martin Mullany*

10:00 am to 11:00 am – Spotlight on the Tahltan Nation with Chief Chad Day

11:00 am to 11:15 am – Coffee Break & Networking

11:15 am to 12:15 pm — Session #2

Solar Projects: From Feasibility to Reality

- *Spotlight on the T̓silhqot'in Solar Farm with Dolly Kershaw, Gabe Pukacz, and Michel de Spot*

12:15 pm to 1:15 pm – Lunch

1:15 pm to 2:30 pm — Session #3

How do we use UNDRIP for clean energy?

- *Kekinusuqs Dr. Judith Sayers, President of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council*



2:30 pm to 2:45 pm – Coffee Break & Networking

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm — Session #4

Financing Your Project

- *Funding options*
- *Securing development resources*
- *Long-term viability*

Speakers:

Katya McClintock, Community Clean Energy Branch of the Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources

Cole Sayers, New Relationship Trust

3:45 pm to 4:15 pm – First Nations Roundtable Discussion

4:15 pm to 4:30 pm – Wrap-up and Closing Remarks from Workshop Host

If you have any further questions, please contact anitra.paris@cleanenergybc.org