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Subject: FW: 2010 BC Rural Summit

We are planning our 6th BC Rural Communities Summit for March 16-18, 2009 (<http://www.bcruralsummit.ca/>). I have included a Workshop Proposal info, Workshop proposal form, sponsorship levels doc and a Summit prospectus for your review. [Please share.](#)

Summit Overview: The 6th BC Rural Communities Summit will bring together rural stakeholders from across BC to learn firsthand about effective and practical approaches to empowering rural communities in the challenges and opportunities presented to them by a climate of change for rural BC. Building on the success of previous Summits, this event will engage participants through a variety of information sessions, interactive workshops, skills development, and dialogue. ***Transforming Rural Economies: Change and Innovation*** offers participants the opportunity to explore today's most innovative strategies in building a sustainable rural economy.

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6th BC Rural Communities Summit
**"Transforming Rural Economies:
 Change and Innovation"**
 A joint conference of the
 BC Rural Network, District of Port Hardy and Rural Team BC
 March 16-18, 2010
 Port Hardy, BC



In March 2010, the BC Rural Network, in partnership with the District of Port Hardy and Rural Team BC, will host the 6th BC Rural Communities Summit in Port Hardy, BC.

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The Goals for the Summit are:

- To create and enhance awareness around issues of importance to rural and remote communities across all regions of BC.
- To provide participants with practical tools and strategies that can be translated into actions in their communities.
- To offer valuable opportunities to network with and learn from rural colleagues.

Audience

Transforming Rural Economies: Change and Innovation, is expected to attract 150 delegates from a cross-section of rural communities in BC. Participants will be representatives of rural, remote and northern communities, private, public and non-profit organizational sectors, educational institutions, youth, and all levels of government (Federal, Provincial, Municipal and First Nations).

Background

The 1st BC Rural Communities Summit was held in June 2003 in the community of Clearwater. Recognizing that Clearwater's struggles as a rural community were not unique in BC, community leaders decided to host a Summit where concerned rural citizens from across the province could enter into a dialogue around key issues affecting rural communities. Subsequent BC Rural Summits have been held in Rossland (2004), Merritt (2005), Osoyoos (2006) and 100 Mile House (2008).

The BC Rural Network, as a province- wide organization with a mandate to...

"Act as a catalyst to build linkages between communities, rural organizations, and policy-makers who work on issues of importance to rural and remote communities in British Columbia"

...assumes responsibility for choosing host communities for this biennial event, and partners with the host communities to hold the Summit. The Annual General Meeting of the BC Rural Network will also be held in conjunction with the Summit.

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Conference workshop and presentations are being planned within three streams (please note that these are working titles):

Community Sustainability Tools & Resources

- Sustainability planning
- Green infrastructure for rural communities
- Broadband & technology
- Food Security

Community Capacity Building

- Economic diversification
- Leadership development
- Social well-being (housing, safety, health)
- Aboriginal engagement & relationship building

Sharing Lessons Learned from Rural Communities

Case studies, panels, and examples that tie into our larger theme of Building Community Together:

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE & SUPPORT

We are seeking financial support to cover conference costs. Ways to contribute include:

Travel subsidies – Conference planners are committed to ensuring a broad representation of rural residents from across all regions of BC. The purpose of providing a travel subsidy is to ensure a diverse representation of participants from:

- geographical regions, and
- members of interest groups (individuals or representatives of organizations) who may be economically marginalized, and otherwise not able to attend.

Event sponsors – Sponsor a conference event or activity i.e.

- banquet,
- lunches,
- youth forum,
- meet & greet reception on the first night,
- shuttle costs from the airport to the conference location

Other ways to contribute

- conference kits
- speaker costs

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW (Please note that this is a working agenda)

DAY ONE: Tuesday March 16, 2010

- Arrival, Registration, Meet & Greet Reception

DAY TWO: Wednesday March 17, 2010

- Registration, Breakfast
- AM Plenary: Keynote speaker: TBA
- Concurrent workshops (2h in length)
- Lunch
- Concurrent workshops (2h in length)
- PM Plenary: TBA
- Banquet

DAY THREE: Thursday, March 18, 2010

- Breakfast /concurrent BC Rural Network AGM & Breakfast, for those who wish to attend
- AM Plenary: youth panel presentation
- Concurrent presentations (2 h in length)
- Lunch
- Concurrent presentations (2 h in length)
- PM Plenary: Next Steps & wrap up

For further information, contact:

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS FOR THE RURAL SUMMIT
PORT HARDY, BC
MARCH 16-18, 2010

Gold Sponsor \$10,000

Benefits include:

- Promotional display space for duration of conference, including trade show booth
- Welcome guests at start of program and Opportunity to Speak about your Organization
- Table tents indicating gold sponsor
- Corporate identity in Conference Program and all advertising materials including website
- 2 Registrations for Conference

Silver Sponsor \$5,000

Benefits include:

- Promotional display space for duration of conference, including trade show booth
- Introduction of Keynote speaker
- Table tents indicating silver sponsor
- Corporate identity in Conference Program and all advertising materials including website
- 2 Registrations for Conference

Bronze Sponsor \$2,500

Benefits include:

- Promotional display space for duration of conference, including trade show booth
- Introduction of a workshop
- Table tents indicating bronze sponsor
- Corporate identity in Conference Program and all advertising materials including website
- 1 Registration for Conference

General Sponsor \$500 - \$1,000

Benefits include:

- Table tents indicating sponsorship
- Corporate identity in Conference Program
- 1 Registration for Conference

Workshop Proposal Form

March 16 – 18, 2010

Port Hardy, BC

Instructions: Please complete the questions below with as much detail as possible. The selection of sessions will be primarily based on the information you provide here, and on the techniques you will use to enhance participation in your session. If you have any questions, please contact us at

summit@bcruralnetwork.ca

Please submit the workshop proposal form no later than October 26, 2009, to

summit@bcruralnetwork.ca

1. Presenters (workshop should be limited to two presenters)

Presenter 1.

Name _____

Job Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Business Telephone _____

Email _____

Presenter 2.

Name _____

Job Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Business Telephone _____

Email _____

2. Proposed Title of Workshop:

3. Brief description of the Workshop (this description will be used for the program – 75 words maximum)

4. Preferred Workshop date/time

Wed, March 17 10:00am - 12:00pm

Wed, March 17 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Thurs March 18 10:00am - 12:00pm

Thurs March 18 1:30pm - 3:30pm

5. Identify the workshop theme your session belongs to:

- Community Sustainability Tools & Resources
- Community Capacity Building
- Sharing Lessons Learned

6. Briefly describe the participatory learning techniques/methods you would use to conduct the session (use the back of this page or more sheets if necessary):

7. Have you previously given a similar presentation?

If yes, please provide the following information on the organization to which you presented the session:

Contact Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone: _____
Organization/Event: _____
Date of Session: _____

8. Financial arrangements: If you are only attending the Summit to deliver your session, the registration fee will be waived; however, if you plan to attend the Summit and participate in other workshops, meals, and events, you will be asked to register and pay the full conference fee. Please note that presenters from government organizations are **NOT** eligible for fees or costs.

Are you requesting any of the following, and if so, for what amount?

Travel Reimbursement \$ _____
Accommodation \$ _____
Other (please specify) \$ _____
Details:

Submissions are due no later than October 26, 2009.

A joint conference of the
BC Rural Network, Rural Team BC, and the District of Port Hardy
 Port Hardy Civic Centre
 March 16 - 18, 2010

Call for Workshop Proposals - *You are invited to submit a workshop proposal*

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Overview of the BC Rural Network

Founded in 2004, the BC Rural Network is a coalition of organizations, communities, and individuals who share a commitment to enhance the capacity of British Columbia to develop responses to rural and remote community issues. The BCRN is a non-profit organization whose members and Board of Directors come from all regions of British Columbia.

Overview of Rural Team BC

The Team is part of the Canadian Rural Partnership and is an active group of Federal and Provincial Government and non-governmental representatives that is working to better connect government to rural communities and to enhance support for rural issues.

Overview of the District of Port Hardy

Port Hardy, a community of just under 5,000 people, is located at the northern end of Vancouver Island. As the southern terminal for the Port Hardy to Prince Rupert ferry and the Discovery Passage ferry to Bella Bella, Shearwater, Klemtu and Bella Coola, Port Hardy is strategically located at the crossroads of air, ferry, highway and marine transportation networks. Port Hardy is the largest business north of Campbell River on Vancouver Island and serves the North Island and the growing Mid Coast region.

Workshop Proposals

Concurrent sessions at the BC Rural Communities Summit must fall under the following general themes:

Community Sustainability

Tools & Resources

- Economic diversification
- Communities in transition
- Rural health & social service issues and opportunities
- Green infrastructure for rural communities
- Broadband & technology
- Food Security

Community Capacity Building

- Leadership development
- Community learning
- Broadband and technology infrastructure
- Rural youth engagement
- aboriginal engagement & relationship building,

Sharing Lessons Learned

Case studies examples and panels that tie into our larger theme of *Transforming Rural Economies: Change & Innovation* i.e. green economy opportunities, economic diversification, interjurisdictional collaboration.

Proposals must clearly demonstrate:

- Success stories/case studies that can be shared
- Tools (i.e. practical information with realistic applications)
- The learning outcomes (i.e. specific knowledge and/or skills that will be achieved by workshop participants)

Concurrent Sessions Workshops will take place (2 hour sessions)*:

Wed March 17 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Thurs March 18 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**please note that the agenda and scheduling is under development. While exact starting and ending times may change slightly, the length of time for the sessions will not.*

Submission Guidelines

Please complete the enclosed workshop proposal template. The Workshop proposal form is available for download as a PDF file on the BC Rural Network and BC Rural Summit websites (Word (doc.) files are also available). Please note that presenters will be asked to provide an electronic copy of their presentation and materials for posting on the BCRN website following the Summit.

Submissions are due no later than October 26, 2009 (This date has been extended to November 20, 2009).

We greatly appreciate all submissions. All submissions will be acknowledged. Workshop proposals will be evaluated by a committee based on relevance of the proposal to the broader conference theme and to the conference audience. You will be notified of the status of your application during the week of Nov. 16, 2009.

Should you have any questions or require assistance regarding submission please contact Maureen LeBourdais, BC Rural Network at 250-392-1400 or Bev Parnham, Mayor of Port Hardy at 250-949-6059.