

Speaker Biographies

(in order of appearance)

Day 1: March 3rd, 2010

Cameron Stonestreet

Business Development Associate
Pacific Carbon Trust

Responsibilities: Sourcing carbon offsets, market and policy analysis and client relations.



Cameron brings extensive experience in policy and market analysis from his work as a contractor in the Natural Resource sectors and the Pacific Forestry Centre, where he was responsible for socio-economic analysis related to British Columbia's forest epidemic.

Natural resource and sustainability issues informed much of Cameron's most recent work with the BC Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources as a Senior Analyst/Regulatory Economics for the Electricity Sector. While there, Cameron provided much of electricity sector economic analysis, developed regulations for remote community electrification and led files related to international treaties and negotiations.

Cameron has a Master's of Economics from the University of Victoria specializing in Labour and Natural Resource Management. In his spare time, Cameron travels extensively, downhill skis and hikes

Sandy Ferguson

Director of Marketing
BC Bioenergy Network



Sandy Ferguson has held senior business development, marketing, and strategic partnership positions in corporate, not for profit, and government organizations in Canada and the UK, including the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, MacDonald Dettwiler, and Manufacturers and Exporters Canada. She holds a BComm from the University of Alberta and an MBA from UBC's Sauder School of Business. Most recently she has provided strategic and business opportunity services to BC organizations involved in sustainability, technology, and the 2010 Winter Games.

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Don Gosnell

Manager, Bioenergy Initiatives
Resource Tenures Branch,
Ministry of Forests and Range

Current files: Forest bioenergy (all aspects) and forest carbon tenures.



Work history: 32 years in the BC forest sector, all areas of the province, with industry, as a consultant with the Provincial Government including stints with MOE, MSRM and MFR. Scope of duties ranged from timber development to road construction to forest inventory, regional and provincial program development & management and now provincial policy development with a focus on bioenergy and carbon sequestration.

Near term goals are to help find the keys to developing the sustainable and viable forest bioenergy potential in BC.

Shana Manson

Commissioner
BC Treaty Commission

Lahalawuts'aat, Shana Manson was elected to a first term as commissioner at the First Nations Summit in November 2009. She is a member of the L'vackson First Nation.



Manson was treaty negotiator for the Hupacasath First Nation for the past two years, where she was also responsible for nation building and constitutional development. As treaty negotiator she participated in the Common Table negotiations and served as technical support during the negotiations on governance and shared decision making.

Manson was employed by the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group for six years as Communications Director and Senior Negotiations Support.

She has a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and a Masters Degree in Indigenous Governance, both from the University of Victoria. Her graduate studies included Dispute Resolution with Gord Sloan and Cross Cultural Mediation with Michelle LeBaron. Manson is also a sessional instructor for the First Nations Studies Department at Vancouver Island University.

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Mark Henry

Energy Coordinator
City of Yellowknife



Mark started his career in trade financing with a concentrate in the traditional energy sector, but remained interested in the sustainable energy field. In 2005, upon returning home to Yellowknife, he joined the Arctic Energy Alliance where he was introduced to Community Energy Planning (CEP). The experience opened the door to his present position at the City of Yellowknife where a Community Energy Plan was recently developed. Under the guidance of the Plan the City has passed aggressive residential and commercial energy efficiency standards, is developing a LEED compliant sports facility and has completed a number of building retrofits, including an ice plant heat recovery system and a number of biomass conversions.

Fred Spinola

General Manager
DelTech Manufacturing Ltd.



Fred joined Deltech Manufacturing Inc. in January 2009 as V.P. of Sales and promoted to the position of General Manager in October 2009. Fred has been involved in the Energy, Biomass and wood products industry in BC for over 18 years, with a total of 28 years of Mechanical Engineering, Project Development, Project Management and Business Management experience in the Sawmilling, Pulp & Paper, Mining, Energy and Oil & Gas industries in Canada, USA, South Africa, China, Korea and Australia.

Fred was educated in Johannesburg South Africa in business management, mechanical engineering and manufacturing management.

Fred has extensive experience in Engineering, Project and business management and business development.

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David Dubois

Project Coordinator
Green Heat Initiative



David Dubois was hired as project coordinator for the Northern Rural and Remote Communities Green Heat Initiative in October of 2009. David grew up in the small northern Alberta town of High Level, where he lived for 18 years. He attended the University of Alberta in Edmonton and received a degree in Chemical Engineering, in 1995. His first job involved research into the bio-filtration of ambient air. David transitioned into the finance industry and was an auditor for GE Commercial Distribution Finance, followed by sales and marketing in the transportation industry. David's broad experience in research, finance, transportation, and technical training; coupled with living in a small isolated community has provided him perspective around the needs of rural and remote communities and the many challenges they face.

Mel Rothenburger

Editor
Kamloops Daily News

Mel Rothenburger is editor of the Kamloops Daily News who took a six-year leave of absence from the paper to serve as mayor of Kamloops from 1999-2005. He is also a former chairman of the Kamloops School Board, a former director of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, former chair of the Thompson-Nicola Film Commission, and has served on many other community boards. He's currently a director of the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce, Kamloops Graffiti Task Force, and Kamloops Tangalle Friendship Committee. He's married with five grown children, six grandchildren, and is looking forward to becoming a great-grandfather later this year.

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Peter Robinson

Community Energy Planner
Community Energy Association



Peter is a Community Energy Planner with the Community Energy Association in BC. Peter has considerable prior UK work experience in sustainable energy, particularly in bioenergy, and a Master of Science degree in Renewable Energy and the Environment from the University of Reading (UK) with a Distinction and an award for best presentation in the year group. In addition to his energy and sustainability work in the UK, he has worked with a number of BC municipalities on sustainable energy, including district energy prefeasibility studies for the City of Kelowna and the Township of Langley.

Janice Larson

Director,
Renewable Energy Development Branch
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum

Janice Larson is the Director of the Renewable Energy Development Branch in the BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in Victoria, where she and her colleagues work on policies and initiatives to advance the development of bioenergy, biofuels and renewable energy resources and technologies for domestic and international markets.

Janice holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Lethbridge, degrees in Education and Law from the University of British Columbia, and she is a non-practicing member of the British Columbia Bar Association.

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Harvey Campbell

Chairman - IPPBC
Executive Vice President,
Strategy & Development - Pristine Power
Pristine Power Inc.



Mr. Campbell is a founder of Pristine Power Inc. and is Executive Vice President and a Director of Pristine Power Inc. Having spent over 30 years in the energy business, he has extensive experience in project development and mergers and acquisitions.

Mr. Campbell joined Westcoast Energy in 1984 as a financial analyst and economist, assuming successively more senior roles in planning, development and financial analysis before joining Westcoast Power in 1992. In 2001, Mr. Campbell was appointed Vice President, Business Development. He has played lead roles in the development of a number of power and international infrastructure projects including the Taylor NGL project, the Fort Nelson Transmission Project, the McMahon, Lake Superior Power, Whitby, Puncakjaya, Island Cogeneration, Frederickson, East Windsor, Savona and 150 Mile House Power Projects. Mr. Campbell is Chairman and past president of the Independent Power Producers Association of B.C.

Mr. Campbell holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Alberta and a Master of Arts in Economics from Simon Fraser University.

Chief Joe Alphonse

Tl'etinqox-tin First Nation

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Day 2: March 4th, 2010

Albert Nussbaum

Acting Director
Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch
BC Ministry of Forests and Range

Albert studied at the University of British Columbia (UBC) graduating with a Forestry degree in 1984. Upon graduation he landed a job at UBC working for the Forest Management Department while continuing his studies taking grad courses in growth and yield and statistics. In 1990 he stated working for Research Branch, Ministry of Forests where he worked on numerous growth and yield research projects and developing tools for use in Timber Supply Analysis. In 1998 he started work with Forest Analysis Branch doing forest analysis in support the Chief Forester's Allowable Annual Cut determinations and policy development. He has continued to assist the Chief Forester in meeting his *Forest Act* responsibilities in several positions since then, most recently as Acting Director of Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch.

Rick Sommer

Manager, Timber Sales- Stuart Nechako
BC Timber Sales
Ministry of Forests & Range

Rick Sommer is the Timber Sales Manager for the BC Timber Sales program in the Stuart Nechako Business Area located in Vanderhoof BC. With over 40 years of experience in the forest industry, he leads a team of professionals who plan, develop and auction over 1.8 million m³ of timber per year from the heart of the Mountain Pine Beetle affected areas on the Nechako Plateau. As a graduate of UBC both in the science and forestry programs and as a professional forester Rick has worked throughout the province of BC over his career starting on the north coast in Kitimat however spending most of his time in the BC interior both north and south.

Born in Victoria and raised in Kitimat he started his career as a young forester in Fort St. James with Takla Logging Company (Canfor) where he developed his skills in timber planning and development and silviculture before moving into harvest operations. A shift south to Adams Lake took him into the management ranks as woodlands manager for Holding Lumber Company Ltd. (Interfor) followed by a lengthy tenure with Tolko Industries Ltd. at their Louis Creek operation in the North Thomson as a woods manager until the fire of 2003. Circumstances dictated a career shift into Government and a return north. With the slow deteriorate of fibre quality experienced in the interior forests due to the impacts of the Mountain Pine beetle Rick has been promoting alternate uses of wood fibre for products other than sawlogs. Mr. Sommer will be speaking to the BCTS initiatives intended to support the emerging alternate use of wood fibre under the BCTS program.

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Natasha Letchford

Director of Corporate Services,
Village of Burns Lake

Natasha Letchford graduated from UNBC in 2008 with an honours degree in Political Science and International Studies and is pursuing a Certificate in Urban Design from SFU.

She is currently the Director of Corporate Services for the VBL – and has brought a focus on sustainability and energy efficiency in corporate operations. Her work and the Village of Burns Lake are highlighted on the BC Climate Action Toolkit website.

Natasha truly enjoys all the outdoor adventures Burns Lake offer – snowshoeing, trail running, mountain biking, and swimming.

Ken Day

Manager
Alex Fraser Research Forest, UBC

Ken Day, RPF, is the Manager of the Alex Fraser Research Forest in Williams Lake, B.C. Ken came to UBC in 1987, after working for various consultants and sawmills in the Okanagan Valley.

Ken received his Honours Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and has been a Registered Professional Forester since 1982. In 1998 he received his Masters of Forestry from UBC, focusing on the management of uneven-aged Douglas-fir in the IDF.

Ken is married, and has two children.

Chief Geronimo Squinas

Lhtako Dene Nation

*No biography available

Denis Pelletier

National Choice Bio-Fuels

*No biography available

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Jim Savage

Savage and Associates

Jim Savage is the principal of Savage & Associates, a community economic consulting firm with a focus on green development. From 2000 to 2009, Jim was executive director of the Quesnel Community and Economic Development Corporation (QCEDC), a subsidiary of the City of Quesnel. QCEDC pursued bio-economy and green energy developments during Jim's tenure, and he continues to manage development work for the combined heat and power project that is partly the focus of his presentation. Prior to his work with QCEDC, Jim did development work for government economic agencies, co-owned a small hotel for 13 years, and worked for an environmental NGO. He has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo and a Certificate in Conflict Resolution from the Justice Institute.

Dr. Fernando Preto

CANMET Energy Technology Centre
Natural Resources Canada

Fernando Preto received his B.A.Sc. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toronto and his Ph.D. from Queen's University at Kingston. His graduate studies focused on mathematical modeling of fluidized bed combustion. Following graduation, he joined the Canadian Combustion Research Laboratory to pursue research on flue gas condensing systems. He followed this up with research projects on reducing emissions from combustion systems, fluidized bed combustion of biomass and waste fuels, small scale power generation from difficult fuels and dioxin and furans emissions from salt-laden hog fuel. He is currently Group Leader for Biomass Conversion in Natural Resources Canada's CANMET Energy Technology Centre in Ottawa

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Reg Renner

Atticus Financial Group

Reg Renner worked in the BC greenhouse industry for 33 years as a grower, superintendent and manager of four different forest seedling nurseries. Producing over 10 million seedlings/year, his clients were the leading forest companies of Western Canada and the US Pacific Northwest.

In April 2004, he joined Atticus Financial as an equipment leasing specialist and in the first month was introduced to the concept of lease financing biomass heated, hot water boilers to the greenhouse industry. As his experience grew, he learned that you need a supply of biomass feedstock in order to ensure that the equipment project would move forward. The combination of a forestry background and greenhouse experience has allowed Reg to build on these early introductions into the biomass thermal industry and he continues to work with a diverse group of clients across North America. At present, he is in close contact with numerous equipment suppliers, engineers, government officials, consultants, financial investors and of course, project developers.

The following presentation is a practical look at possible market opportunities in your local community, based on current, first-hand experience with the daily challenges of financing bio-energy projects.

Paul Bouman

Key Account Manager

BC Hydro ~ Sustainable Communities



Paul Bouman has been working at BC Hydro for 3 years helping to develop and deliver their Sustainable Communities Program within Power Smart. The goal of the program is to help communities achieve breakthrough reductions in energy use and GHG emissions through long term community energy planning and through the development of alternatively fuelled district energy systems. Paul's professional history includes sales, sales training and product marketing in the pharmaceutical and advertising industries.

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Dale Tomma

Community Futures
Central Interior First Nations

*No biography available

Paul Donald

All Nations Trust Company

*No biography available

Kathi Scouten

Vice President
Initiatives Prince George

Kathie has been employed with Initiative Prince George as Vice President, Economic Development since 2003 supporting the city's economic development agency with strategic planning, board and shareholder communications. She has also been involved with specific projects to increase economic growth especially in the transportation sector, working with the Prince George Airport Authority and more recently in the development of partnerships around inland container processing from the Port of Prince Rupert. Kathie came to Prince George in 1993 from Manitoba where she previously worked in agriculture marketing and development. After coming to Prince George she worked for 9 years as a consultant in the ag-biotech industry for Fortune 500 companies, and was also a sessional instructor for 7 years in the Business Department of UNBC. Kathie holds an MBA and BSc(Hons) from the University of Manitoba, volunteers with two Boards in Prince George, and is kept most busy raising 3 very active boys.