

**“BIOENERGY FOCUS ONTARIO” FORUM
MATTAWA - MARCH 7TH AND 8TH**

Agenda - March 7 – Day One
“Developing a Network of Bioenergy Associations”

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion Leaders
9:30 am	Presentation of the BioEnergy Focus Ontario concept. <i>Purpose: Working together to overcome the barriers and move bio-energy initiatives forward</i>	Christopher Rees Dr. David DeYoe
	Presentation of the work already undertaken by CanBio	Dan Richard, FedNor Doug Bradley, CanBio
10:30 am	Round Table introductions of the mandates and bio-energy activities of organizations participating	Representatives of participating organizations
11:15 am	Questions and discussion of the BioEnergy Focus Ontario concept	All participants Facilitated by Margo Shaw, ULERN
12:00 noon	Lunch at the CEC	
1:00 pm	Define where you think BioEnergy Focus Ontario can add value to the bioenergy agenda and help expedite project development and implementation. <i>Purpose: validation and idea generation/development.</i>	Facilitated Session
2:00 pm	Identifying association partners and participants. <i>Purpose: Involvement plus roles and responsibilities</i>	Facilitated Session
2:30 pm	Health break	
2:45 pm	Determine next steps and develop a process for moving forward. <i>Purpose: develop a workplan</i>	Christopher Rees Dr. David DeYoe
3:30 pm	Adjourn	
Evening	Dinner and discussion at the CEC for those staying over or participating on March 8 th	Christopher Rees Dr. David DeYoe

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Agenda - March 8 – Day Two
“Determining the Actions the Network Will Take”

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion Leaders
9:30 am	<p>Presentation of the BioEnergy Focus Ontario concept.</p> <p>Bio-energy projects: Getting out of the rough and onto the fairway</p>	<p>Margo Shaw, ULERN</p> <p>Dr. David DeYoe</p> <p>Dan Richard, FedNor</p>
10:30 am	<p>What are the Challenges – What are Some Solutions?</p> <p><i>Purpose: Participants share “grassroots” issues and obstacles they have encountered regarding: a) regulations, b) lack of incentives/subsidies, c) financing and/or d) community preparedness, in trying to move their project forward.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Community preparedness involves biomass availability, technology awareness and local or regional markets.</i></p>	<p><i>Participants will review policy paper executive summary and provide specific and relevant examples of issues/obstacles and proposed solutions.</i></p> <p>Facilitated Session</p>
12:00 noon	Lunch at the CEC	
12:45 pm	<p>What’s doable in the short-term?</p> <p><i>Purpose: Summarize information into major categories and identify what points are most important to resolve.</i></p>	Facilitated Session
1:30 pm	<p>What actions do we take to address key challenges?</p> <p><i>Purpose: Determine strategies or tactics to resolve issues/obstacles in the key areas of: a) regulations, b) lack of incentives/subsidies, c) financing, and d) community preparedness</i></p>	Facilitated Session
2:15pm	<p>How do we design BioEnergy Focus Ontario to make this happen?</p> <p><i>Areas of focus included: Structure, Participation, Funding, Project Selection Process, etc.</i></p>	Facilitated Session
3:45 pm	Wrap-up and Adjournment	<p>Chris Rees</p> <p>Dr. David DeYoe</p>

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