



Fraser Basin Council

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Two Fraser Basin Council Events Focus on Green Energy and Sharing Lessons Learned/Building Strong Rural Communities

GREEN ENERGY WORKSHOP: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE BC INTERIOR

Date: April 25, 2003

Location: Coast Inn of the North, Prince George, BC

Green energy, particularly biomass energy, has been identified as an opportunity to improve local air quality in the BC Interior, provide local economic opportunities and produce "climate friendly" energy. The Fraser Basin Council through its BC Climate Exchange initiative invites you to join representatives from the forest industry, energy sector and non-government organizations as well as federal, provincial, local and First Nations governments from around the province in a workshop on Green Energy. You will learn about the programs and opportunities that are available, share experiences and challenges, and discuss ways in which challenges can be overcome.

Event Sponsors: Fraser Basin Council, Environment Canada, BC Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Council of Forest Industries

Cost: \$30 (includes lunch)

Register Online: <http://www.BCClimateExchange.ca>

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SHARING LESSONS LEARNED – A FORUM FOR BUILDING STRONG RURAL COMMUNITIES

Date: May 1-4, 2003

Location: University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, BC

The "Sharing Lessons Learned" Forum brings together rural champions from across BC to share practical lessons and ideas for achieving success in building stronger local communities. The Forum promises to be information-rich and action-packed! Sessions will focus on building effective community visioning and planning, building local partnerships between aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities, building community leaders and achieving collaborative use of natural resources. There will be time for small groups to discuss priority concerns through the "Table Dialogue Sessions"... a new approach for you to get input on your issue. In addition, the North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) is holding its annual meeting April 30 to May 3 in Prince George. Our Thursday night (May 1) joint reception will enable community citizens and elected leaders to exchange ideas and solutions.

Event Sponsors: Fraser Basin Council, Rural Team BC, Government of Canada, Government of BC

Cost: \$220

Travel and registration subsidies are available for rural organizations and community representatives.

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