

Mattawa Voyageur Country Selected for Community Energy Shift Project

Mattawa, ON, February 27, 2012 - Mattawa Voyageur Country (Bonfield, Calvin, Mattawa, Mattawan, and Papineau-Cameron) has been selected to participate in a **Community Energy Shift Project** - a series of 3 workshops being designed and delivered through the **Blue Sky Renewable Energy Initiative** (<http://blueskyenergy.ca>).

This project, being led by the Biomass Innovation Centre (www.biomassinnovation.ca) at Nipissing University and funded through the Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) (www.communityenergyprogram.ca) is intended to build awareness about renewable energy and explore opportunities for developing community renewable energy projects within the Mattawa-Bonfield Region.

The workshops are open to all residents, businesses, farms, churches, schools and other community stakeholders from the Mattawa-Bonfield Region.

“We look forward to working with the residents and stakeholders from Mattawa Voyageur Country, and hope that this project acts as a catalyst for the realization of renewable energy initiatives and local economic development”, says Mike Purcell, Project Manager with the Blue Sky Renewable Energy Initiative.

Whether you are simply interested in learning about renewable energy, or would like to explore opportunities for developing locally owned renewable energy projects, these workshops will be of interest to you.

“We are excited to have been selected by the Blue Sky Renewable Energy Initiative and to be given the opportunity for our communities within the Mattawa-Bonfield Region to explore more possibilities of developing renewable energy projects,” says Jason McMartin, Director of Economic Development with the Mattawa-Bonfield Economic Development Corporation.

The first community information session/interactive workshop will be held at the Mattawa Community Centre from 6 pm – 9:30 pm on Wednesday March 7, 2012.

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