

Canadian Society for Civil Engineering
Evening Lecture Presentation
"Successfully Engaging Resource Companies and First Nations"

Speaker: Dave Kennedy, President - Strategic Aboriginal Consulting Inc.

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2006

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NL, Canada

Place: Faculty Lounge (EN #4000) - S.J. Carew (Engineering) Building

All are welcome! This is open to the general public, and there is no admission fee. Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

Outline of Presentation:

- Who are the aboriginal people?
- What rights and title do they hold?
- How do aboriginal rights and titles affect resource development activities?
- The British Columbia experience;
- The Australia and New Zealand experiences;
- What are the most effective strategies for balancing First Nation interests with economic viability?
- What are some of the missteps made by project proponents?

Dave Kennedy, B.A. (Political Science):

In his 20 years of involvement in aboriginal issues, Dave has been a senior official for the Newfoundland and British Columbia governments in roles including Chief Negotiator for Treaty Cost-Sharing, Chief Negotiator for Aboriginal Child and Family Services, Chief Negotiator for federal/provincial agreements for aboriginal services, Assistant Chief Negotiator for Land Claims and Director and Executive Director of Aboriginal Policy. From 1998 to 2000 Dave was the Executive Director of the BC Treaty Commission. Dave has worked on a wide variety of projects including Central Coast land use planning, the Manitoba Justice Implementation Commission, aboriginal child and family services, Métis matters, First Nation capacity-building and First Nation consultation and accommodation.

Businesses are coming to recognize that their activities take place on lands and waters that are part of traditional territories of aboriginal people or that are in areas where treaties and land claims have been settled or are about to be settled. Doing business in these territories is complex as aboriginal people often hold rights and titles that may seem incompatible with the objectives of the resource development companies.

Dave is President of Strategic Aboriginal Consulting Inc., a Vancouver-based firm providing professional services in Negotiation, Facilitation, Strategy Development and Mentoring in relation to Aboriginal Affairs (ref: <http://www.aboriginalstrategies.com>), and is also an affiliate of Newfoundland and Labrador's Global PLT Alliance (ref: <http://www.globalplt.ca>).

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