

# Skeena Wood Residue Workshop

Smithers, April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

Waste → Residue → Revenue!

“The greatest obstacle facing the industry is its own out-dated perception of residues as a waste problem, rather than as a new product development opportunity!”

Norman Brownlee. 1998. *Wood Residues...A Leap of Faith?*

## Why?

As in other regions of BC, the forest resources sector in Skeena Region is challenged with wood residue disposal issues. With continuing restrictions on open burning, the shutdown of Tier 1 beehive burners and the cost of transportation, feasible alternatives for disposal or use of wood residue are very limited.

With a global move towards the development of a more sustainable environment and economy and the current push for green energy alternatives, the timing is right to sponsor a workshop focussed on better use of our wood residue resources.

## What?

The Skeena Wood Residue Workshop will provide a venue for creating awareness among the Region’s wood residue producers of the potential uses and benefits of wood residue, and will allow attendees the chance to network and work towards realizing new product and community development opportunities.

## How?

The intention is to do this by:

- Estimating wood residue inventories and projections through the region.
- Summarizing current solutions for managing residues with benefits and limitations of each.
- Guest speaker presentations and educational materials/displays on potential alternative uses of wood residues.
- Networking and developing relationships between residue producers and potential consumers, project coordinators and funders.

## Pollution



## or Profit?



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#### **Who?**

The workshop will be open to all wood producing and/or potential wood residue consuming industries, groups or organizations within the Skeena Region.

Invited stakeholders will include:

- Regional Woodlot Association members and local Community Forests
- Regional Community Futures Development Corporations
- Regional Districts & Municipalities
- Small, medium and large sawmill operators, primary and secondary processors
- Wood workers and manufacturers generating residues
- Small-scale and salvage logging contractors
- MOF and BC Timber Sales
- Forestry management and consulting companies responsible for debris management and residue burning

#### **When?**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 – 4:30, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 – 2:00**

#### **Where?**

**Smithers, Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.**

#### **Presenters and Demonstrations**

We've already put together a great two-day line-up of guest speakers and demonstrators, covering a wide range of bio-energy and wood residue potentials, as well as agencies offering funding and feasibility assistance.

#### **Please Spread the Word!**

You are our greatest resource for contacting other interested groups and individuals. Please spread the word to any friends, colleagues, and individuals in your community that you think might benefit from attending this forum.

#### **Interested?**

If you are interested in meeting with others and learning more about wood residue opportunities in our region, please let Colin know and pre-register for this free workshop.

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