

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES BIOMASS WEEK

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Jan. 29–Feb. 2, 2024

Moderators: Noonee Sanspariel, Program Coordinator & Michelle Leger, Program Coordinator

Day 1: Mon., Jan. 29

Theme: The Benefits of Biomass for Canada's North

8:45	Welcome from the NWT and Arctic Energy Alliance (AEA)	Mark Heyck <i>Executive Director, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>
8:55	Welcome from the Government Northwest Territories (GNWT), 2030 Energy Strategy	Robert Sexton <i>Director of Energy, GNWT Dept. of Infrastructure President of the Board of Directors, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>
9:05	Welcome from Canadian Federal Government	Hon. Dan Vandal <i>Minister of Northern Affairs</i>
9:10	Welcome From Natural Resources Canada	Monique Frison <i>Director General, Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service</i>
9:20	The Shift to Mainstream: Advancing Wood Pellet Heating Systems in Canada	Gordon Murray <i>Executive Director, Wood Pellet Association of Canada</i>
10:15	BREAK	

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10:30	GNWT Biomass: Past, Present and Looking Forward	Mark Peer <i>Manager, Facilities, GNWT Dept. of Infrastructure</i> Tylor Bradbury <i>GNWT Dept. of Infrastructure</i>
11:15	Biomass in Motion Pictures: Maritime Bioheat Video	Gordon Murray <i>Executive Director, Wood Pellet Association of Canada</i>
11:30	Wrap up <i>with game/prize and Q&A</i>	Noonee Sanspariel <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>

Day 2: Tues., Jan. 30

Theme: The Case for Biomass: Existing and New Residential Construction

8:45	Financial Incentives: Energy Efficiency Incentive Program (EEIP)	Taylor Arsenault <i>Arctic Energy Alliance</i>
9:00	Lessons learned: Installing a Pellet Boiler in the NWT	Steve Outlet <i>Homeowner</i>
9:15	Keeping it Safe with Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT) Certified Wood & Pellet Stoves	Derek Erasmus <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i> Henry Nagtegaal <i>Owner, Winnipeg Chimney Service Ltd.</i>
10:00	BREAK	
10:30	Pellet Shipping & Storage in the NWT	Jan Larsson <i>Energy North</i>

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11:00	Burn It Smart Workshop: Storing and Burning Wood Safely and Efficiently	Derek Erasmus <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i> Henry Nagtegaal <i>Owner, Winnipeg Chimney Service Ltd.</i>
11:30	Wrap up <i>with game/prize and Q&A</i>	Noonee Sanspariel <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>

Day 3: Wed., Jan 31

Theme: The Case for Biomass: Institutional, Industrial and Commercial Buildings

8:45	NWT Biomass Funding & Coordination and NWT Project Highlight	Derek Erasmus <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>
9:05	GNWT GHG Funding Program and NWT Project Highlight	Eric Chalker <i>Senior Coordinator, Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, GNWT</i>
9:20	NRCAN Funding Program	Jeff Knapp <i>Senior Program officer, Clean Energy in Indigenous, Rural and Remote Communities Program - Bioheat Stream</i>
9:40	NWT Housing Biomass Projects	Mischa Malakoe <i>Manager, Energy Planning and Projects Housing NWT</i>
10:00	BREAK	
10:15	WPAC Quebec Pellet Tour Highlights	Joanne Turnell <i>Bruks Siwertell Group</i>
10:35	The Indigenous Leadership Fund in Action with Evergreen Bioheat and Hargassner	Jeff Thrasher <i>Evergreen Bioheat</i>
10:55	Panel Discussion: Success Stories in NWT Business and Residential Biomass Installations	Panel Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joel Schwartz, <i>Hay River Homeowner</i> • Bryce Maher, <i>Maher's Plumbing & Heating Ltd.</i>

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11:30	Wrap up <i>with game/prize and Q&A</i>	Noonee Sanspariel <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>
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Day 4: Thurs., Feb. 1

Theme: ICI—Getting Down to Basics: Installing, Maintaining and Exploring Biomass Systems

8:45	Welcome and virtual tour of the Fort Simpson, NWT District Heating	Derek Erasmus <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>
9:00	Looking at the Big Picture: Sizing and Operating Biomass Boilers	Jonathan Levesque <i>General Manager, Biomass Solutions Biomasse</i>
9:20	Exploring Firewood Boiler Systems	Vince Rutter <i>Partner, Biothermic</i>
9:40	Feel Good Heat: Modern Wood Heating	Kendall Gray <i>Program Assistant, Northern Forest</i> Kelsey Seeker <i>Marketing Director, Northern Forest</i>
10:00	BREAK	
10:15	Let's Get Started: An Intro to Boiler Installation and Regulations	Dave Dubois <i>Manager of Business Development for Fink Machine Inc.</i>
10:45	Keeping the System Going: Biomass Maintenance	Dave Dubois <i>Manager of Business Development for Fink Machine Inc.</i>
11:30	Wrap up <i>with game/prize and Q&A</i>	Noonee Sanspariel <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>

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Day 5: Fri., Feb. 2

Theme: Pellets and District Heating: From Concept to Reality

8:45	Welcome: -NWT Biomass Week in Review -Inspirational Biomass Videos	Noonee Sanspariel <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>
9:00	Panel Discussion: Success with District Heating	Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Hatto, GNWT • Kevin Butt, GNWT • Scott Ward, Teslin Tlingit Council
9:30	The Art of Promoting and Selling District Heat	Dave Dubois <i>Manager of Business Development for Fink Machine Inc.</i>
10:00	BREAK	
10:15	Forest Thinnings and Inwoods Chipping: Scandinavian Forestry Model Accelerates the Local use of Biomass	Joanne Turnell <i>Bruks Siwertell Group</i>
11:00	Wekweètì Building for Net-Zero: Biomass Community Update	Fred Behrens <i>SAO, Community Government of Wekweètì</i> Reg Renner <i>Biomass Energy Consultant, Renner Consulting</i>
11:15	Proposed District Heating System in Downtown of Hay River	Patrick Bergen <i>ASAO, Town of Hay River</i>
11:30	Wrap up <i>with game/prize and Q&A</i>	Noonee Sanspariel <i>Project Coordinator, Arctic Energy Alliance</i>