



POPLAR COUNCIL OF CANADA

-Poplars & Willows on the Prairies- Traditional Practices meet Innovative Applications

Third Announcement and Registration

International Conference & Field Tours of the Poplar Council of Canada,
International Poplar Commission - Environmental Applications
Working Party and the Poplar Council of the United States

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
September 18 – 22, 2011

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September 23-24, 2011
Post conference field tour to Fort McMurray Oil Sands in northern Alberta

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The Poplar Council of Canada (PCC) is hosting a Conference on the theme of 'Poplars and Willows on the Prairies' in conjunction with the Poplar Council of the United States (PCUS) and the Environmental Applications Working Party of the International Poplar Commission (IPC WP6). PCC works together with representatives from all sectors, public and private, to support the wise use, conservation and sustainable management of Canada's private and public poplar and willow resources. PCUS has a similar role in the United States. IPC WP6 works to better share knowledge and technology world-wide on the implementation of cost-effective environmental applications of poplars and willows to contribute to sustainable livelihoods and rural development.

The Conference in Edmonton, Alberta in Western Canada will show, through [technical sessions](#) and [field tours](#), how traditional practices involving poplars and willows meet innovative applications. The themes for the technical sessions are:

- Poplar and willow breeding
- Genomics
- Environmental applications of poplars and willows
- Other general topics on poplars and willows

Field tours on days before and after the core technical sessions will visit poplar and willow plantations with a range of objectives and ages, but with an emphasis on ecosystem services and soil rehabilitation/restoration as well as fibre production. See preliminary program. [Activities](#) will be available for accompanying persons.

Call for Abstracts

The call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations is now closed. Program details are being updated regularly on this website.

Venue and Accommodation

The conference technical sessions take place at the Fantasyland Hotel in the heart of the West Edmonton Mall, the world's largest shopping and entertainment complex. Alternate accommodation is available in the nearby West Edmonton Mall Inn. For more information and to book now, [click here](#).

Registration

Full registration (including all sessions and in-conference tours) is \$450CA, with reduced fees for students and accompanying persons. Partial registration (Sep 21-22 only) also available. Optional tour to Fort McMurray is \$500CA all-inclusive (meals, hotel, bus).

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Conference Agenda Outline ([Details](#)) September 18 – 24, 2011

Sunday evening, Sept 18th	Registration and social gathering
Monday, September 19th	<u>Field Tour</u> (west of Edmonton) – outline on next page. Details
Tuesday, September 20th	<u>Plenary Session - Poplar and willow breeding</u>
Morning and Afternoon	Keynote speakers: Richard Hall , <i>Iowa State University</i> , Brian Stanton , <i>Greenwood Resources</i> & Pierre Perinet , <i>Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources</i> Steve DiFazio , <i>West Virginia University</i> Includes Genome Canada project launch
Evening	<u>Banquet</u> University of Alberta Faculty Club
Wednesday, September 21st	<u>Plenary Session - Environmental applications</u>
Morning and Afternoon	Keynote speakers: Alistair McCracken , <i>AFBI, Northern Ireland</i> Michel Labrecque , <i>Montreal Botanic Garden</i>
Late Afternoon	Parallel Sessions IPC WP6 business meeting PCC business meeting
Thursday, September 22nd	<u>Field Tour</u> (east of Edmonton) – outline on next page. Details
Friday, September 23rd	<u>Optional Post Conference Field Tour</u> to Fort McMurray oilsands development (additional fee) – see next page for details
Saturday, September 24th	Complete the tour – see next page for details. Return to Edmonton by 7:30 p.m.



Field Tour Information

Monday September 19th Conference field tour west of Edmonton

Visits include SRIC willow and poplar irrigation and biosolids application trial, Weyerhaeuser tree improvement facility, and aspen, poplar and willow use in comprehensive land use framework of Genesee coal-fired generation station and mine site. [View details.](#)

Thursday September 22nd Conference field tour east of Edmonton

Visits include CFS technical development site for high yield afforestation, concentrated biomass and hybrid afforestation/biomass SRWC plantation designs, Smoky Lake Forest Nursery, and Al-Pac pulp mill site research and operational program (hybrid poplar breeding selections and plantings, balsam and hybrid poplar clonal trials, native aspen, hybrid aspen, operational equipment demonstration). [View details.](#)

Return to Edmonton by 7:30 p.m. for those not continuing to Fort McMurray.

Fri/Sat September 23rd-24th Optional field tour to Fort McMurray oilsands development (additional fee)

September 23rd

Visit Syncrude open-pit mine site, lunch at a picnic area and possible walk around an area which has received a reclamation certificate. Travel to a reclamation site with different depths of soil deposited and planted and then a reclaimed lake.

September 24th

Visit Suncor open-pit mining operation and see a reclaimed tailings pond, and an older reclaimed area. Possible additional stops. Visit well-pad reclamation site south of Fort McMurray on way back to Edmonton.





Accommodation

The conference venue is the Fantasyland Hotel in the heart of the West Edmonton Mall, the world's largest shopping and entertainment complex. Rooms are available at the conference group rate of \$154.00CA+tax. Alternate accommodation is available in the nearby West Edmonton Mall Inn at \$119.00CA+tax.

Phone 1-800-RESERVE (1-800-737-3783) to book at either hotel.

Rooms can also be booked online:

[Fantasyland Hotel](#) - Group Code: 11000065953;
Online booking code: 476411

[West Edmonton Mall Inn](#) - Group Code: 33000008907
Group Name: Poplar Council of Canada

Group Dates: September 18-23, 2011. (Group booking rates are not available outside of these dates.)

For participants returning from the Fort McMurray post-conference tour, rooms can be booked for the night of Sept. 24th at the [Best Western Cedar Park Inn](#) at \$99.99CA+tax. This rate includes full breakfast. Free shuttle to Edmonton International Airport is available. This hotel is on the south side of the city, much closer to the airport than hotels in the West Edmonton Mall area or downtown.

Useful Links for Edmonton

Edmonton Sky Shuttle (www.edmontonskyshuttle.com):

Adults - \$18 one way, Round trip - \$30, Extra bags \$6 – Price includes GST

West Edmonton Mall (www.wem.ca) – world's largest shopping and entertainment centre

Fort Edmonton Park (www.fortedmontonpark.ca):

Adults \$15.75, Youth \$11.75, Child \$11.75, Family \$55

Open 10-4 Saturday and Sundays in September, Closing September 25th.

Provincial Museum of Alberta (www.pma.edmonton.ab.ca):

Adults \$10, Youth \$5, Children under 6 – Free,

Family (2 adults and children \$28.00) Price includes GST

Whyte Avenue (www.whyteavenue.com) – historic dining, shopping and entertainment district

City of Edmonton (www.edmonton.ca)

University of Alberta (www.ualberta.ca)



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Important Notes

- Registration is not complete until payment has been received. Please note that all registration fees are in Canadian funds and include 5% GST.
- EACH PERSON, INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING PERSONS, MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY ONLINE, or complete a separate PDF registration form. That's the only way we can receive details for each individual. Any questions? contact Deb Brenton (see below).
- Space is limited on field tours since local conditions may only allow us 2 buses on the field tours on Sept 19 and 22.

Special Notes for Fort McMurray Post Conference Tour

- Participation is strictly limited to 1 bus – 45 registrants.
- Registration deadline (EXTENDED) July 10, 2011. BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment.
- All tour participants must travel on the bus to Fort McMurray. Private vehicles will not be permitted to enter secure mine sites.
- All participants must be on the Field tour on September 22nd in order to continue on to the Fort McMurray tour as the bus will not return to Edmonton until after the tour is over on Saturday night September 24th.
- Participants should not book flights out of Edmonton for Saturday evening September 24th since we cannot guarantee when the bus will reach Edmonton. Rooms may be booked for that night at the Best Western Cedar Park Inn on Gateway Boulevard which is in easy reach of the airport and has a free shuttle service.
- All participants must be over the age of 12.

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To Register

Use the [secure PayPal system for online payment](#) by credit card.

OR

Complete the [PDF registration form](#) and send it to the Poplar Council of Canada with payment by cheque or money order (made out to 'Poplar Council of Canada' in Canadian funds). We can also accept payment by bank transfer. For details contact Deb Brenton (Phone: +1-780-430-3843, E-mail: poplar@poplar.ca).



REGISTRATION FORM

Title Name

Address

City

Province/State

Country..... Postal Code

Telephone Fax

E-mail

Dietary restrictions

Food allergies

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICES:

Full registration – Poplar Council Canada member	September 18-22	\$425CAD
Full registration – non-member	September 18-22	\$450CAD
Student registration	September 18-22	\$250CAD
Accompanying person registration	September 18-22	\$250CAD
Partial registration	September 21-22	\$150CAD
Fort McMurray tour (all inclusive)	September 23-24	\$500CAD
Additional banquet ticket	September 20	\$ 50CAD

NOTE: All prices include 5% GST.

PAYMENT:

Please enclose a cheque or money order in Canadian funds payable to ‘Poplar Council of Canada’ and send the completed form to the address below. We regret that we can only accept credit card payment through the secure online PayPal system. To register online, [click here](#). We can also accept payment by direct bank transfer. Contact Deb Brenton for details:
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