



Open House

Sat., Oct. 21, 2023
9:00am to 5:00pm

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Open House Program

9:00

Opening Address

9:30

Plenty Canada CampUs: Green Building Project

Larry McDermott and Garrett Johnson

For almost 40 years, Plenty Canada's office has served as an important gathering place for cross-cultural work. Over the past two years this remote rural headquarters has been transformed into the Plenty Canada CampUs, a site that features significant solar energy generation, environmentally sustainable windows and siding, new sustainable heating and water systems, newly furnished rooms for classes and lodgings, and much more.

10:00

Carbon Negative: The Sun is Our Source

Larry McDermott

Recent testing has revealed that Plenty Canada nailed its net zero qualifying numbers, with a reduction from 9 to .75! (a lower number indicates a greater degree of air tightness). With the addition

of 72 more solar panels the goal is to inspire other organizations and individuals to do their part to mitigate climate change while demonstrating to other not-for-profits, businesses, and even individuals, that achieving carbon neutrality or even negative carbon status is possible.

10:30

Healing and Legacy Places

Emily Morris, Tim Johnson, and Michael McDonald

The name "The Healing Place" speaks to its role in the process of Truth and Reconciliation. These Indigenous legacy sites, that Plenty Canada is developing in partnership with other organizations, provide safe ethical spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to gather for common activities and civil discourse.

11:00

Land-Based Learning: Youth Circle for Mother Earth

Joanna Jack

Youth programming has long been a priority for Plenty Canada. We look forward to sharing what we already have underway and discussing future possibilities!

11:30

Indigenous International: Cuba and Guatemala

Jose Barreiro

Cuba Indigeneity works with the legacy people of Indigenous culture in the eastern region and focuses on the areas of cultural preservation and practice of natural world traditions, healing arts, and medicinal plant use.

Plenty Canada's Maya-Guatemala project involves the preservation of cultural values and traditional knowledge. Elder women, traditional weavers, are teaming up with young women to revalue and safeguard the ancestral knowledge of the Maya Q'eqchi' people, uniting in defense of their beliefs and values that have roots in our Mother Earth, the Mountains and the Cosmos.

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Lunch



1:00

The Great Niagara Escarpment Indigenous Cultural Map | Greenbelt

Tim Johnson and Amanda Harwood

The Great Niagara Escarpment Indigenous Cultural Map is a multimedia online resource containing stunning photography, captivating video, and contextual information that identifies important Indigenous historic, cultural, and natural world locations along more than 750 kilometres from Niagara Falls to the western region of Manitoulin Island.

1:30

Community Based Governance of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere

Norm Raetlie, NEBN Board Member

The Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network has been co-developed with Indigenous peoples with the intent of everyone working in balance in a good way and with a good heart. The organization, which is the official convener of the UNESCO Niagara Escarpment Biosphere, is advancing reconciliation by using ethical space and sharing

knowledge to protect the land, water, air, and spirit of the Niagara Escarpment, or G'chi Bimadinaa in Anishinaabemowin (The Great Cliff That Runs Along).

2:00

Indigenous Perspectives on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Rosie Kerr

This project aims to gather Indigenous peoples' stories, perspectives, and approaches to sustainable development and hold-up Indigenous approaches which are already contributing to United Nations Sustainable Development goals by cultivating wellbeing, food security, sustainable consumption, and adaptation to climate change.

2:30

Language Preservation

Alyssa General

Speaking as a Mohawk Nation Turtle Clan language specialist, and an artist, educator, and language revivalist, Alyssa General will address how "we need to relearn the language to relearn to love nature and each other."

3:00

Two Eyed Seeing To Share Knowledge of Ontario's Breeding Birds

Sharon Kimberley and Emily Morris

The Two-Eyed Seeing Bird Atlas project has a "Community First" approach, supporting Indigenous community initiatives that increase the protection and recovery of birds at risk, and culturally significant birds.

3:30

The Future of the Plenty Canada CampUs

Larry McDermott

With its renovated facilities opening for programming and operations, the conversation turns toward identifying the full range of possibilities and opportunities that are emerging for Plenty Canada and its partners. This carbon negative Indigenous organization is showing what it means to implement Indigenous and Western values and knowledge.

4:00

Networking