



elorin Biomass for Rural Vitality Project

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1st PROJECT WORKSHOP - Thursday 15 January 2009, 1:00 PM, Tamworth Legion Hall

With funding from the Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington Community Futures Development Corporation, [ELORIN](#) is working on a project to promote the production of agricultural biomass for energy in Lennox and Addington County.

We see great potential for agricultural biomass to be grown and sold in this region as an environmentally friendly heat and energy option, as pellets and a value-add crop for farmers. We are currently investigating several crops and technologies that would provide the best model for local farmers to maximize profits and minimize risk.

We are holding an [Engagement Workshop](#) in L&A which will feature local retailers and producers. We will build the final report based, in part, on the questions, concerns and recommendations of those who attend. Anyone interested in learning more about pellets, crops and technologies is encouraged to attend.

Scheduled Speakers include:

Cam Mather - [Author and publisher of the Renewable Energy Handbook and Smart Power](#)

Brad Leonard - [Renewable Energy of Plum Hollow](#)

Kevin Gellatly - [Performance Plants](#)

Representatives from LaFarge will also be on hand to discuss their project to replace 10% of their coal using energy crops. They are looking for farmers interested in growing energy crops for Spring 2009. Potential crops include: industrial hemp, switchgrass and miscanthus.

The workshop is a real opportunity to learn about the potential in our region for agricultural biomass to be used as energy. There is already market demand in Eastern Lake Ontario for pellets and other applications for energy crops.

If you're interested in learning more or attending the workshop, please contact Julia Bryan - info@elorin.ca or 613.533.3300 x3

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