

Dear Community members

We need your input!

The Centre for Aboriginal Health Research at the University of Victoria is hosting the Consensus Conference on Small Water Systems Management for the Promotion of Indigenous Health. Timed to coincide with UN's World Water Day, this **FREE** conference will bring together participants from Canada and abroad for presentations and panel discussions. The purpose of the conference is to bring together people with different perspectives on and experiences with water so that they can have the opportunity to develop a broader frame of reference on the topic. **A key perspective that been overlooked in the past is the local knowledge of aboriginal people**.

The conference will discuss the issues surrounding safe drinking water from three perspectives: research and public health; community and traditional knowledge; and, governance and policy. Each of the three perspectives will be addressed with multiple presentations and its own discussion panel. For more details about the conference, please consult the attached preliminary agenda.

What issues and concerns do you have for the waters of your lands?

What values do you hold that can guide the solutions to water issues?

How are your waters affecting your health?

To register for this **FREE** event, please fill out the attached registration form and contact Rachel Link at rlink@uvic.ca or 250-853-3115.

To submit a poster for consideration, please contact Danielle Perron at dperron@uvic.ca or 250-853-3115.