



Pacific NorthWest Economic Region



2018 PNWER ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM

November 13 -15, 2018 | Whitehorse, Yukon



I am pleased to welcome you to Whitehorse for the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's 2018 Economic Leadership Forum. We are honoured to host you and look forward to showcasing Yukon's unique economy and discussing issues concerning the North.

The economic and fiscal outlook for Yukon is strong and unemployment remains at a record low. Despite the positive forecast, however, this is no time for complacency. Through collaboration and cross-pollination with United States and Canadian public and private sector leaders, we can look at new ideas for diversifying and delivering sustainable economic growth in an environmentally responsible way.

This meeting presents an opportunity to explore the impact of recent congressional and state elections, share examples of First Nations' economic development, leadership and governance, and explore creative energy solutions for the North. It will also provide a forum for timely discussions on the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement and other trade issues, and the impacts of tariffs on the Pacific Northwest regional economy. Trade and investment with our neighbours is important to Yukon; in 2017, the total value of the territory's exports to the United States was \$103,156,000 and imports were worth more than \$74,600,000.

Capitalizing on economic opportunities and competitive advantages North of 60 depends on strong partnerships. Through the 2018 Economic Leadership Forum we can strengthen relationships, share information, learn from each other and work towards mutually beneficial policy goals.

I wish all delegates a productive and inspiring Forum.

Sandy Silver
Premier of Yukon



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A Message from the Premier of Saskatchewan

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the 2019 Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, from July 21–25, 2019.

Saskatchewan has one of the most diverse economies in North America and our mining industry, agriculture sector and resource economy have positioned our province for continued success. These industries represent billions of dollars of activity and investment for our province and its people and also support many of our most innovative and competitive businesses. We will be thrilled to share more about the growth and strength of our economy with you at next year's PNWER Summit.

Saskatchewan is also one of the most export-oriented provinces in Canada. In 2017, 55 per cent of our total exports went to our largest buyer, the United States. Seventeen per cent of these exports were destined for PNWER states. With 85 per cent of imports to Saskatchewan coming from the United States, the relationship is both integrated and mutually beneficial.

PNWER has been an important forum for Saskatchewan to manage and advance its trade, energy and other interests in the United States. Being part of PNWER allows us the opportunity to build relationships with each other, address shared challenges and find opportunities for economic growth and development that will benefit us all. The Annual Summit and discussions are a good way to represent our regional interests and learn how we can help each other strengthen our economies and better the lives of our citizens.

I look forward to the valuable discussions and collaboration that will take place at the 2019 PNWER Annual Summit in Saskatoon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Scott Moe
Premier



2018 Pacific NorthWest Economic Region Economic Leadership Forum

November 13 - 15, 2018 | Westmark Whitehorse Hotel | Whitehorse, Yukon

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10:00am— 7:00pm	Registration - <i>Westmark Whitehorse Hotel Foyer</i>
2:30pm—5:30pm	Innovation Policy Tour — <i>NorthLight Innovation operated by Yukonstruct Society</i> The NorthLight Innovation is a new 24,000 sq. ft. facility, operated by Yukonstruct Society, that provides a centralized location and brings together business, industry, government and higher education in support of Yukon’s entrepreneurs. This integrated facility supports innovation and entrepreneurship through the provision of workspace, tools and equipment, high-speed internet, business assistance, networking and mentorship opportunities. These underpinnings foster a culture of entrepreneurship that will result in the successful incubation, commercialization, and export of Yukon-made innovative products. <i>Meet at the registration desk.</i>
2:30pm—5:30pm	Executive Committee Meeting — <i>Conference Room 5</i> PNWER prioritization for upcoming year and strategy planning. Open to all participants.
6:00pm—8:00pm	Opening Reception at MacBride Museum of Yukon History Featuring Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Economic Development and Energy, Mines, and Resources Yukon legislators and local community are invited to attend. <i>Hosted by Government of Yukon and the Canadian Engineering & Geoscience Regulators</i>
8:00pm— 10:00pm	Hospitality Suite — <i>Room 215, Westmark Whitehorse Hotel</i>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00am—5:00pm	Registration - <i>Westmark Whitehorse Hotel Foyer</i>
8:00am—9:00am	Breakfast Keynote Plenary — Featuring Hon. Sandy Silver, Premier of Yukon - <i>Conference Room 1</i> Welcoming remarks by Chief Kristina Kane, Chief of the Ta’an Kwäch’än and Councillor Jessie Dawson on behalf of Kwanlin Dün First Nation Opening by PNWER President Larry Doke, MLA, Saskatchewan

9:00am—

10:00am

Working Group Plenary Session #1—Impact of Recent Elections– *Conference Room 1*

In the context of PNWER, what are the implications of recent congressional and state elections? What are the key legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session? How will they impact the region? How have recent and upcoming elections in Canada impacted the Canadian political landscape?

Keith Halliday, Director, BCG Centre for Canada's Future**Sen. Arnie Roblan**, Oregon**Rep. DeLena Johnson**, Alaska

10:00am—

10:15am

Coffee Break

10:15am—

11:00am

Working Group Plenary Session #2— Armchair Discussion on United States —Canadian Relationship— *Conference Room 2*

The Northwest's consuls general will provide an overview of successes stories in the United States —Canada relationship.

Consul General Katherine Dhanani, Consulate of the U.S. in Vancouver**Consul General Brandon Lee**, Consulate of Canada in Seattle**Consul General Lucia Piazza**, Consulate of the U.S. in Calgary

11:15am—

12:30pm

Working Group Plenary Session #3—First Nations Economic Development and Aboriginal Tourism Initiatives— *Conference Room 2*

Panel participants will describe the role of their Development Corporations in First Nation Governments and benefits for citizens. What are the investment strategies for Development Corporations in Yukon? How do investments meet the needs of the shareholders? How do you measure success?

Moderated by **Albert Drapeau**, Executive Director, Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce

McGarry Selbee, CEO, Chief Isaac Group of Companies**Alex Doepel**, General Manager, Dakwakada Development Corporation**Marilyn Jensen**, Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association (YFNCT)**Greg Finnegan**, CEO, Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation (NNDDC)

12:30pm—

2:00pm

Luncheon Keynote Plenary— Featuring Grand Chief Peter Johnston, Council of Yukon First Nations *Conference Room 1*

2:15pm—3:45pm

Working Group Plenary Session #4—First Nations Leadership and Governance— *Conference Room 2*

Panel participants will explore the meaning of self-government for their First Nation. As a self-governing First Nation, participants will discuss how their government has influenced policy & legislation. The panel will discuss visions of future success.

Moderated by **Shirley Adamson**, Yukon Vice-Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

Chief Doris Bill, Kwanlin Dün First Nation

Chief Steve Smith, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

Chuck Greene, Economic Development Director, Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska (by phone)

3:45pm—5:00pm

Working Group Plenary Session #5—Energy Solutions in the North— *Conference Room 2*

The North offers unique challenges and creative solutions in meeting energy needs for consumers and industry. Each panel participant will showcase the benefits of their project and address the technical, financing, and workforce challenges faced. The session will explore the potential of micro-grids and how private companies can plug into small-scale energy solutions. Participants will discuss the best practices in energy efficiency and resiliency. Participants will discuss the lessons learned for the rest of the PNWER jurisdictions.

Co-Chairs: **Rep. Deb Boone**, Oregon Legislature and **Paul Manson**, CEO, DC Grid Development Corporation

Moderated by **Michael Ross**, Industrial Research Chair in Northern Energy Innovation, The Yukon College

Rosa Brown, Lands Manager, Vuntut Gwitchin Government

The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, in partnership with ATCO Electric Yukon, is building an innovative, high-penetration solar-diesel-storage project in the fly-in community of Old Crow, Yukon. The Old Crow Solar Project consists of 940 kW of solar generation installed in an east/west orientation to maximize the long daylight hours and wide arc of the Arctic summer sun. This project demonstrates the viability of First Nation owned, high-penetration solar projects in Canada's North. The Old Crow Solar Project will generate reliable, long-term discretionary income for the First Nation, improve the quality of life for residents of Old Crow, and action the community's concerns with a changing climate.

J.P. Pinard, Consulting Engineer, Pinard Consulting

Piloting a wind to heat storage demonstration project and developing an energy champion training program in Whitehorse.

Malek Tawashy, Director, Northern Energy Capital

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Open Time	Visit Whitehorse <i>Suggestions: Main Street Gallery, Bean North Coffee Shop, Transportation Museum, Yukon Beringia Interpretative Centre. Information at the registration desk.</i>
5:30pm – 6:30pm <i>Optional Event</i>	Entrepreneurship Video Launch – Yukon: The Life You Never Imagined <i>North of Ordinary Experience Centre, located at 4201 4th Avenue</i> PNWER Delegates are invited to join the Government of Yukon’s launch of a series of short, entrepreneurship focused videos. The event will release the videos publicly and, more importantly, celebrate those Yukoners who stepped forward to share their stories.
6:30pm— 8:30pm	Reception at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre Featuring Hon. Jeanie Dendys , Minister of Tourism and Culture. Welcome from Michelle Kolla , President, YFNCC. Yukon legislators and local community invited to attend. <i>Hosted by Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce</i>
9:00pm– 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite— Room 215, Westmark Whitehorse Hotel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00am - 3:00pm	Registration - Westmark Whitehorse Hotel
8:00am—9:15am	Breakfast Keynote Plenary — Innovative Infrastructure—Conference Rm 1 The Future of Autonomous, Connected, Electric Shared Vehicles Bruce Agnew , Director, Cascadia Center, will address the future of autonomous, connected, electric shared vehicles in our region. An ACES world promises to catalyze a new transportation future that reduces congestion, limits traffic accidents, cleans up our air and water, and enhances social equity by reducing the costs of personal mobility. ACES will also revolutionize the supply chain logistics world of marine, surface and air transportation while electrification offers new business opportunities for our bi-national region’s utilities. The Next Wave of Innovation in Canadian Infrastructure Mark Romoff , President and CEO of The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships, will discuss a number of innovative initiatives occurring in the Canadian infrastructure sector right now. Innovation will be key to keeping Canada as a world leader in public-private partnerships and opening up new opportunities in the North and for First Nations. Specific highlights will include the Canada Infrastructure Bank, the work of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition, and the proposal of a First Nations Infrastructure Institute.

<p>8:00am—9:15am</p>	<p>Breakfast Keynote Plenary — Continued—<i>Conference Room 1</i></p> <p>Invitation to the 2019 PNWR Annual Summit in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan July 21-25 from Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Central Services, Government of Saskatchewan.</p>
<p>9:15am—10:00am</p>	<p>Working Group Plenary Session #6—PNWER’s Role in Combating Tariffs—<i>Conference Room 1</i></p> <p>Expert overview of tariffs Keith Halliday, Director, BCG Centre for Canada’s Future</p> <p>Impact of tariffs on businesses in the region Rob Roe, Western Trailer from Idaho Gavin Semple, President of Brandt Industries Ltd from Saskatchewan</p>
<p>10:00am-11:30am</p>	<p>Working Group Plenary Session #7—New Opportunities in Infrastructure and Transportation—<i>Conference Room 2</i></p> <p>Looking ahead to PNWER’s Infrastructure and Transportation Initiatives PNWER continues to focus on permit reform; oil to tidewater issues; safety in the Salish Sea; market access; innovative infrastructure finance; and automated, connected, electric shared vehicles. Bruce Agnew, Transportation & Infrastructure Co-Chair; Director, Cascadia Center</p> <p>Developing infrastructure and transportation priorities The minister will address climate change adaptation research projects under the Northern Transportation Adaptation Initiative as well as collaboration between the Yukon and Alaska governments to request funding for the Shakwak Project. Hon. Richard Mostyn, Minister of Highways and Public Works, Yukon Government</p> <p>Workforce needs for infrastructure projects Rod Savoie, FEC, P.Eng, Past President, Engineers Yukon</p> <p>Bringing energy to remote communities and businesses Andrew Hall, President and CEO, Yukon Energy</p> <p>Moving energy to the north, partnerships with First Nations, and LNG as a transportation fuel David Bennett, Director, Communications and External Relations, FortisBC</p>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10:00am-11:30am	<p>Working Group Plenary Session #7—New Opportunities in Infrastructure and Transportation Continued - <i>Conference Room 2</i></p> <p>Transport Canada’s National Trade Corridor Fund (NTCF) Trevor Heryet, Executive Regional Director, Issues and Program Management, Transport Canada</p> <p>Arctic Ports and Corridors Kells Boland, Principal Consultant, PROLOG Canada</p>
11:30pm-12:15pm	<p>Luncheon Keynote Plenary—Bridging the Digital Divide – <i>Conference Room 1</i></p> <p>Mariah Shuman, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Americas, OneWeb</p>
12:15pm	<p><i>Break to collect belongings for policy tour. Meet at Registration desk at 12:30pm to walk to the Legislative Building.</i></p>
12:30pm—2:00pm	<p>Question Period at Legislative Assembly</p>
2:00pm– 5:00pm	<p>Policy Tour of Air North and Yukon Brewing</p> <p>Air North is Yukon’s Airline and was founded in 1977 to offer charter flights to the mining industry and flight training services. Air North has grown into the commercial service fleet that operates today. The airline is deeply connected and integral to the Yukon’s economy. Air North is one of the largest employers in the Yukon Territory, with over 250 full and part-time employees, and one in fifteen Yukoners hold an equity or employment stake in the airline.</p> <p>Following the Air North tour, attendees will then experience another key part of the Yukon economy- Yukon Brewing. Participants will be given a guided tour of the brewery operations and opportunity to sample some of the product.</p>
5:30pm	<p>Dinner on your own in Whitehorse</p>

6:30pm– 8:30pm

Takhini Hot Springs—Meet at the registration desk at 6:20pm.

The Takhini Hot Springs have a long history in the Yukon. Used by the First Nations people for centuries, the site was known for natural hot water flowing from the ground. In 1907, the site was commercially promoted for its therapeutic value.

The Hot Springs’ natural and mineral-rich water comes from intersecting faults in the earth. Rainwater and snow from the mountains go deep into the earth, where the water is heated and the minerals dissolve. It is said to take 60 years for the water to come from the ground into the source. The spring pools are a relaxing 36 and 42 degrees Celsius (97 and 107 degrees Fahrenheit).

Attendees will be picked up from the hotel at 6:30pm. Entry and towel are provided. Suits are available for rent. The group will return before 9:00pm.

6:30pm—Pick up participants and travel to Takhini Hot Springs

7:00pm—Takhini Hot Springs

8:30pm– Return to Westmark Hotel

9:30pm—2:00am

Aurora Viewing Tour (Additional Cost). Meet at the registration desk at 9:15pm.

Don’t miss the opportunity to check seeing the northern lights off of your bucket list! Visiting the Yukon in the winter is the perfect opportunity to view the bright dancing lights of the aurora, one of the most beautiful natural phenomena that one can experience.

This guided tour will pick you up from the hotel at 9:30pm on Thursday, November 15 and take you to a rustic yurt located 20 minutes outside of town in open fields with no artificial lights around, providing the perfect viewing conditions. While at the site, you will be served hot drinks, a light snack, and the guide will share some of the folklore surrounding the Aurora with you. While it is cold and crisp outside, the cabin will keep you warm and cozy. By 2:00am, you will be back at your hotel still captured by the beauty of the Northern Lights.



Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

2017-2018 Accomplishments

PNWER brings together key business and government leaders from the Pacific Northwest and Western Canadian provinces and territories to address the important issues of our bi-national regional economy. The group includes Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Yukon, and Northwest Territories.

PNWER has consistently been recognized as a leader in the region, bringing together the public and private sectors to tackle our common challenges and share innovative best practices for growing our regional economy. More information on PNWER can be found at www.pnwer.org.

THE COMING YEAR

2019 Annual Summit

July 21 - 25 | Saskatoon, SK



Join more than 550 legislators, business leaders, academics and local government representatives in Saskatoon for four days of in-depth work sessions, high-level networking and enlightening keynote speeches.

The PNWER Annual Summit addresses challenges to growth, trade and environmental stewardship across 10 jurisdictions in the Pacific Northwest U.S. and Western Canada. Network with leaders from the Northwest states, provinces and territories and explore the beauty and innovative practices of Washington on guided policy tours.

Visit pnwer.org/2019-summit for more

This past year our NAFTA modernization task force pushed for 10 recommendations, most of which made it into the final USMC Agreement, and we have also pushed to end the steel and aluminum tariffs between the US and Canada, which is an ongoing challenge today. We also focused on the Columbia River Treaty, transportation infrastructure, invasive species, and other high priority issues facing the region. In 2018 we have led a number of initiatives focused on advancing the regional economy including:

2018 ANNUAL SUMMIT

Over 600 regional legislators, business leaders, academics, and policy makers gathered in Spokane, WA on July 22-26. With 27 working group sessions, 6 keynote plenary sessions, and 7 policy tours, attendees had the opportunity to engage in dialogue, strengthen regional relationships, and address the various challenges that affect the region. Videos, media reports, and the work plan to guide PNWER over the next year are available at www.pnwer.org/2018summit.

TRADE

PNWER encouraged the U.S. and Canadian Federal Governments to strive towards a modernized NAFTA that builds upon its current success to further enhance trade and investment in North America. PNWER has communicated with the White House, Department of Commerce, and United States Trade Representative, and presented to the Canadian Parliament on the importance of a tri-lateral NAFTA agreement, Canadian exemption for steel and aluminum tariffs, and the repeal of the tariff on Canadian newsprint. Communications with the White House, the NAFTA Resolution, and Modernization Task Force materials are available at <http://www.pnwer.org/nafta-modernization.html>.

COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY

Another key priority for PNWER this year has been the Columbia River Treaty. One highlight of the Annual Summit included the first and only joint session with stakeholders with both Lead negotiators from the US and Canada; Sylvain Fabi, Executive Director, U.S. Transboundary Affairs, Global Affairs Canada and Jim Smail, Columbia River Treaty Negotiator, U.S. Department of State. Stakeholders shared the benefits and impacts of the treaty focusing on areas including ecosystems, tribal concerns, power generation, tourism, agriculture, irrigation, recreation, transportation and more. PNWER also organized a two-day trip to interior B.C. for 50 leaders to learn from Canadian officials and communities about the impacts of the treaty in Canada, as well as an additional tour to Grand Coulee Dam in Washington State.

CAPITOLS COMPETING FOR CAPITAL

25 state legislators and executive branch officials spent two days in Silicon Valley examining the latest technologies, their application, and policy implications of 5G telecom infrastructure. The small, hands-on, intensive program provided policymakers a greater understanding of where the industry is going, and how policies may affect infrastructure investments in our region.

INFRASTRUCTURE

PNWER continues to showcase Canadian expertise in public-private partnerships and is working with the Administration and the U.S. Congress to develop a regional accelerator promote public/private partnerships for regional infrastructure.

ARCTIC DEVELOPMENT

PNWER hosted the 6th annual North American Arctic Leaders Roundtable held in the US Capital, led by US Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, and Rep. Don Young. Representatives from the U.S., Canada and Greenland, as well as many experts in the Arctic region discussed collaboration on a North American Arctic strategy.

ENERGY

The Legislative Energy Horizon Institute, PNWER's annual 60-hour certificate program in energy policy, has graduated over 240 state legislators, and Canadian MLAs to date. 40 legislators, including MLAs from BC and Saskatchewan, participated in the Institute in Richland, Washington, and will meet in Washington DC in November for the second 3-day intensive course. The Annual Summit featured 5 energy sessions covering grid reliability, battery storage, infrastructure resiliency, and permit reform.

EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY

PNWER hosted an Exercise on post-earthquake disaster recovery efforts in Seattle. 125 + energy, transportation, healthcare, education and other sector leaders attended to discuss planning for the post response - long term recovery process.

WILDFIRES

PNWER supported recent federal action to increase wildfire funding. In the past, PNWER has worked with our Congressional leaders, and organized working group sessions focused on healthy forest management policies.

INVASIVE SPECIES

PNWER was instrumental in securing \$21 million in federal funds for the fight against invasive species for Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana over the past 4 years. These mussels would have a devastating impact on the agriculture and hydropower sectors. PNWER has pushed Canadian federal agencies to support provincial efforts and is collaborating with the provinces on an Invasive Mussel Prevention Framework for Western Canada.

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS)

PNWER won a national competition and was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to develop new technologies to utilize drones to quickly assess earthquake damage to critical infrastructure, including roads and bridges following an earthquake. The project is a joint effort between PNWER and Northeastern University in Boston.

TRANSPORTATION

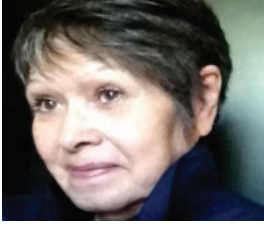
PNWER has long worked with our partners to establish Harbour to Harbor floatplane service between Seattle and Vancouver, BC and helped develop a pilot program with CBSA and CBP for bi-national clearance. The one-hour flight is a major boost to tourism and business travelers and the pilot program began in Spring 2018.

CYBERSECURITY

PNWER's Center for Regional Disaster Resilience procured independent funding from DHS to develop a cyber resilience assessment tool and also a cyber response planning guide for businesses and local governments in the region. If you are interested in these products, please contact the PNWER office, we would be happy to share them with you.

MINING

Binational legislators were educated on innovative and sustainable mining practices at the Spokane Annual Summit. Mining will be a significant focus at the 2019 Annual Summit in Saskatoon.



Shirley Adamson

Yukon Vice-Chief | Assembly of First Nations

Ms. Shirley Adamson is a member of the Wolf Clan and citizen of the Ta'an Kwach'an of the Tagish Kwan. Some of her elected and appointed positions include Chairperson of the Ta'an Kwach'an Council (TKC); Yukon Vice-Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN); Grand Chief of Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN), she served as the CEO of Northern Native Broadcasting, Yukon (NNBY) and Chair of the Board of the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN).

Currently Ms. Adamson is a Director with Northern Vision Development, a Trustee with the Yukon Hospital Corporation; Chair of the Lanalxh Prosperity Trust, Chair of the Yukon First Nations Languages Trust; is the CEO of Keyah Productions Inc. and is apprenticing as a Southern Tutchone language and cultural instructor under the guidance of her elder brother who is a master speaker.



Bruce Agnew

Director | Cascadia Center

Since 1993, Bruce Agnew has been the Policy Director of Seattle-based Discovery Institute's Cascadia Center. The Cascadia Center is a strategic alliance from Vancouver, BC, to Eugene, Oregon, promoting high speed passenger rail, Interstate-5 freight mobility, seamless border crossings, bi-national and bi-state tourism marketing, and sustainable community development. From 1987-93, Bruce was Chief of Staff for U.S. Representative John Miller from Washington state's first district. Before his congressional service, Bruce was elected to two terms on the Snohomish County Council, and served as President of the Puget Sound Regional Council in 1985. He is a former member of the Citizen Oversight Panel for Sound Transit, and is a member of the Regional Freight Mobility Roundtable.



David Bennett

Director of Communications & External Relations | FortisBC

David Bennett is Director, Communications and External Relations, for FortisBC. He is responsible for all corporate and customer communications, government, municipal and aboriginal relations. David has been involved in the oil and gas industry for over 20 years, holding positions with Shell Canada, West coast Energy, Central Gas BC and most recently, FortisBC. During that time, his roles have included work in marketing and customer service, business development, strategic planning, managing energy product and service development activities, product management for natural gas product lines and energy efficiency and conservation programs, communications, risk management and gas supply. David holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Victoria with a double major in economics and computer science.

Chief Doris Bill



Chief | Kwanlin Dün Council

Chief Doris Bill is a member of the Wolf Clan. Her priorities for the Kwanlin Dün Government in her second term, are to ensure continuity and stability for the Nation moving forward. This includes the implementation of the KDFN Final and Self-Government Agreements; improved programming and services for the citizens; homeless and poverty reduction; an increased focus on youth initiatives; and, community safety. “I will continue to work hard to represent all citizens to ensure fairness and honesty as we move forward building our vision for the future together,” said Doris.

Kells Boland



Founding Principal | PROLOG

Kells Boland is the founding principal of PROLOG and manages the PROLOG Office in Whitehorse, Yukon. He has many years of experience completing logistics strategy, infrastructure planning and transportation policy assignments. Kells has been project manager for a number of northern transportation studies, including the Alaska-Canada Rail Link Feasibility Assessment jointly undertaken by the State of Alaska and the Government of Yukon. His consulting career includes PROLOG projects spanning the Canadian North, Alaska and Western Siberia. His previous experience includes logistics planning positions on several northern pipeline projects, military transportation officer at a number of Pacific ports, and in-house executive department consultant for a major railway. Mr. Boland holds an M.B.A. degree, a degree in economics and has been fully certified by the American Association of Cost Engineers.

Deborah Boone



State Representative | Oregon

Representative Deb Boone has served on most House committees throughout her 15 year tenure, focusing on issues that concern her constituents and many Oregonians. Some of the bills that she has sponsored include ocean policy & fisheries issues such as HB4068 (2012) the ByCatch bill that allows non-targeted species to be processed and distributed through the food banks; HJM 3, Seafood Marketing Initiative (2013) which promoted our coastal fisheries, and several more. Perhaps the most far-reaching and critical is HR3, Oregon Resilience Plan, which took a 170 person statewide committee a year to draft. Rep. Boone also focused on the Resilience Plan to develop local renewable energy infrastructure so that power services can be sustained after the Cascadia event, floods and big storms, etc. Rep. Boone is proud to have served on the House Committee on Veterans Affairs for most of her time in the legislature. She has represented Oregon on Pacific NW Economic Region, PNWER, for her entire service as well as Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force, PFLTF, and 10 years on Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission, OSSPAC.



Rosa Brown

Lands Manager | Vuntut Gwitchin Government

Rosa Brown is the Lands Manager in the Natural Resources and Heritage Department of the Vuntut Gwitchin Government. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation is a self-governing First Nation located in the northern Yukon. As a graduate of the University of Guelph's B.Sc. program, with a Specialized Honours in Wildlife Biology, the vast wilderness of the Yukon attracted Rosa to the North, where she has lived for over 20 years. In her capacity as Lands Manager, Rosa has a wide range of responsibilities including land and resource management, protected area planning, environmental assessment and climate change. Rosa is part of a collaborative team working to build a utility sized solar-diesel-storage project for the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation community of Old Crow.



Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff

Minister of Central Services | Government of Saskatchewan
Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission and Provincial Capital Commission

Ken was first elected MLA for Saskatoon Silver Springs in 2003. He was re-elected in the 2007 and 2011 provincial elections. With the changes in provincial boundaries, he was re-elected in 2016 as the MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove. On February 2, 2018, Ken was appointed Minister of Central Services and Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission and the Provincial Capital Commission. Since the Saskatchewan Party formed government, Ken has been responsible for various other portfolios including time as Minister of Crown Corporations, Minister of Enterprise, Minister responsible for SaskEnergy, and Minister responsible for Trade.

Ken has served Saskatchewan as Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission, Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations, Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation, and Minister responsible for Northern Affairs. He has also been Minister of Environment, Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

Jessie Dawson



Councillor | Kwanlin Dün Council

Councillor Jessie Dawson is a member of the Wolf Clan. Jessie makes history as the longest running Council member at KDFN. She is a proud mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Jessie often talks about the importance of education and asking for help when needed. "There is much good to be learned in books, but the most important thing to learn is to be open to learning – open to exploring your potential," said Jessie.

Hon. Jeanie Dendys



Minister of Tourism and Culture | Government of Yukon
Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate
Minister responsible for the Yukon Workers Compensation Health and Safety Board

Hon. Jeanie Dendys was first elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in the general election for the 34th Legislative Assembly on November 7, 2016.

Hon. Ms. Dendys was appointed to the Executive Council of Yukon (cabinet) on December 3, 2016. She is currently Minister of Tourism and Culture, Minister responsible for Women's Directorate and Minister Responsible for Yukon Workers Compensation Health and Safety Board.

Hon. Ms. Dendys is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees. Hon. Ms. Dendys was appointed to the committee by order of the House on January 12, 2017.

Katherine Dhanani



Consul General | Consulate of the U.S. in Vancouver

Katherine S. Dhanani is a career Foreign Service Officer. Her most recent assignments were in the State Department's Bureau of Human Resources and in the Bureau of African Affairs' Office of Regional and Security Affairs. Before returning to Washington in 2013, she served as Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Hyderabad, India.

Ms. Dhanani began her career working on western hemisphere issues, with tours as an Economic Officer in Georgetown, Guyana, on the Mexico desk, and in Mexico City, as well as in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere.

She also has served five assignments to Embassies in central and southern Africa, including tours as Deputy Chief of Mission in Harare, Zimbabwe, and Libreville, Gabon, and as section chief in Lusaka, Zambia, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo and Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

Ms. Dhanani trained as an Economist at Kenyon College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and taught economics at Grinnell College before joining the Foreign Service.

Alex Doepel



General Manager | Dakwada Development Corporation

Alex Doepel has 25 years of progressive management experience and diverse experiences in making positive contributions and advancements within the oil and gas, food and beverage, natural products, retail and feed agriculture industries. He has a diverse background having held management roles within Finance, Operations, Business Development, Technology, Logistics, Manufacturing and General Management.

In addition to his diverse experience he holds a Masters in Business Administration Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the Australian Institute of Business and is a member of the PMI Institute.



Larry Doke

Member of the Legislative Assembly | Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly
PNWER President

Since 2011, Larry has served as MLA for the Saskatchewan riding of Cut Knife – Turtleford. He has previously served Saskatchewan as Member of the Treasury and Investment Board; Member of Economy Standing Committee and Vice Chair of Economy Caucus Policy Committee; Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure; board member to the Crown Investment Corporation of Saskatchewan; Deputy Chair for the Standing Committee of Public Accounts, and Minister of Government Relations and First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs.

Along with his duties as MLA, Larry currently is serving as Member of the Human Services Committee; Member of SaskBuilds Corporation Board, and Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Government Relations and First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs.

Albert Drapeau

Executive Director | Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce



Albert Drapeau, has over 20 years' experience in the public sector. Mr. Drapeau joined the municipality, Village of Mayo, in 1989 and moved up to the position as Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Drapeau then earned his Bachelor of Management with Distinction from the University of Lethbridge in 2000.

He returned to his community and joined the Na Cho Nyak Dun Development Corporation. Mr. Drapeau joined Federal Government, the Territorial Government and the Selkirk First Nation. For the past year and a half, Mr. Drapeau accepted the role of Executive Director with the Yukon First Nation Chamber of Commerce, providing new experiences in the business sector. He works to contribute to the well-being of his people and Yukon First Nations.

Greg Finnegan

Chief Executive Officer | The Nä- Cho Nyak Dun Development Corporation



Greg Finnegan has over thirty years of professional experience in socio-economic and environmental analysis and in business and project management. He has worked in the private and public sectors with experience in land development and environmental technology assessment, in statistical and environmental research and analysis as well as public facilitation, consultation, and communications. Greg has extensive project design and management experience as well as university teaching and research expertise. He holds a Ph.D. in Geography from York University and has taught in universities across Canada.



Chuck Greene

Economic Development Director | Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska

Prior to his role as Economic Development Director for the Northwest Arctic Borough, Greene served as Vice President of Community and Government Affairs for NANA in 2000 following thirteen years of service in the NANA region as the mayor of the Northwest Arctic Borough. Prior to his mayoral terms, he worked for the Maniilaq Association, the regional non-profit corporation serving the NANA region. During his eight-year tenure, he helped establish the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program at a time when high-tech resources were just becoming available. After serving as EMS Program Coordinator, he became Health Director and finally Senior Center Director with Maniilaq Association. Greene also served as Special Assistant to Governor Sheffield during the early 1980s, linking the Governors office in Juneau to people in rural Alaska.

Andrew Hall

President and Chief Executive Officer | Yukon Energy

Andrew joined Yukon Energy in 2014, and has 20 years of experience in the mining and renewable energy industries in South Africa, Canada, and China. He is the former Vice President of Sales and Marketing for BioteQ Environmental Technologies Inc, a water treatment company that applies innovative technologies to recover metals from mining wastewater. He spent more than two years in Shanghai, China as V.P. of Asia Pacific Operations for Xebec Adsorption, a global provider of clean energy solutions. Andrew holds a masters in Chemical Engineering from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from London Business School.



Keith Halliday

Director | BCG Centre for Canada's Future

Keith Halliday is the director of The Boston Consulting Group's Centre for Canada's Future. He joined BCG in 1997 and is a core member of the Global Public Sector and Financial Institutions practices. Prior to his current role, Keith was Global Segment Manager for the Corporate Banking Segment of BCG's Financial Institutions practice. He advised clients in North America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific, managed BCG's industry-leading CB Performance Benchmarking program, and led the CB Knowledge Team in London, Frankfurt, Chicago, and Delhi.

Before joining BCG, Keith was a Foreign Service Officer and served at the Mission of Canada to the European Union in Brussels. He has also served as Executive Assistant to the Premier of the Yukon and has chaired a number of non-profit boards in Whitehorse.

Keith holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and is a graduate of the University of Victoria and F.H. Collins in Whitehorse. He is the author of the MacBride Museum Yukon Kids Series of youth historical adventure novels. He and his wife Stacy have four children and live in Whitehorse.





Trevor Heryet

Executive Regional Director, Issues and Program Management | Transport Canada

Trevor Heryet is currently the Executive Regional Director Issues and Program Management, Pacific Region for Transport Canada. In this capacity, Trevor is responsible to ensure that horizontal files, as well as cross-cutting program and modal issues are managed, while maintaining a continuous presence in the region to oversee day-to-day operations; all focused on the achievement of the Department's vision of a transportation system that is safe and secure, efficient and environmentally responsible.

Trevor started his commercial flying career on the west coast of British Columbia in 1983 flying floatplanes. In 1986 he transitioned to commanding various types of jet aircraft and holds an Airline Transport Pilots Licence. In 1996, Trevor commenced his public service career when he joined Transport Canada as an Air Carrier Inspector. He has occupied progressively more responsible positions in Transport Canada Pacific Region, including Regional Superintendent Fixed Wing Operations, Regional Manager Aerodrome Safety, Air Navigation Services and Airspace, Regional Manager Commercial and Business Aviation, Regional Director Surface and most recently as the Regional Director Civil Aviation.



Marilyn Jensen

President | Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association

Yadultin & Dūsts'ādle, is Inland Tlingit/Tagish Khwáan from the Carcross/Tagish First Nation; belonging to the Dakhl'aweidí Clan under the Tagish Keét Hít (Killerwhale House) in the Southern Yukon Territory. She presently serves as President of the Yukon First Nation Culture and Tourism Association and recently as a Board Member of Indigenous Tourism Canada. She has taught First Nation Governance at Yukon College and works closely with many Indigenous communities as a consultant focusing on Indigenous self-determination. She continues to teach engaging workshops for Government on Indigenous history, land claims, self-government for 20 years and for numerous First Nation Governments and organizations. She leads a traditional dance group; the Dakhká Khwáan Dancers, recipients of the National Indigenous Tourism Award and nominated for an Indigenous Music Award in 2018. Marilyn was honoured by the Governor General of Canada as a recipient of the Polar Medal for Cultural Reclamation. She

DeLena Johnson



State Representative | Alaska

Representative DeLena Johnson moved to Alaska with her family in 1967 when she was just 3 years old. DeLena grew up in Talkeetna and after graduating from Susitna Valley High School married her husband, Steve. This was before Rep. Johnson attended the University of Alaska and was graduated with a Mathematics degree. She later successfully pursued an Associate's Degree of Electronics from Mat-Su College.

DeLena served as Palmer's mayor for two terms, is the owner of Ethos LLC, worked to preserve our State's history as the Executive Director of the Palmer Museum & Visitor Center, and took to bringing Palmer's interests to the State Level as President of Alaska Conference of Mayors from 2008 to 2010.

Representative DeLena Johnson currently sits on Natural Resources, State Affairs, and Energy Committees; and is an alternate to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.



Grand Chief Peter Johnston

Grand Chief | Council of Yukon First Nations

Peter Johnston was elected Grand Chief of the Council of Yukon First Nations in June, 2016. Peter is a member of the Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) and a member of the Yanyedi clan. Peter's 12 years of service in Teslin Tlingit Council Government has provided him opportunities to sit in many capacities ranging from Education, Investments to Economic Development.

He has several years of proven leadership abilities at the highest levels of First Nations Governance. Peter is passionate about passing on his cultural teachings to his four children. He enjoys playing hockey, hunting, fishing and living a traditional lifestyle.



Chief Kristina Kane

Chief | Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

Chief Kristina Kane was born and raised in Whitehorse and comes from the Chief Jim Boss Family of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. She is now serving in her third term as Chief after being re-elected on October 15, 2018. She was first elected in 2012, after serving as Councilor for her First Nation for three years. In 1902, Chief Kane's great-grandfather, Chief Jim Boss wrote to England and the Commonwealth to articulate the need for First Nations government to be respected. His message was clear: protect the rights of citizens and the power of the Ta'an Kwäch'än self-government. Chief Kane strives to honour her ancestors and the important work that they did, as well as working towards a bright future for Ta'an Kwäch'än citizens and the whole of the Yukon through effective collaboration.



Michelle Kolla

President | Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce

Michelle Kolla is a lifelong Yukoner, Member of the Selkirk First Nation and great granddaughter of the late Ira and Eliza VanBibber. Michelle and her husband Rob raised their two sons Justin and Ryan Kolla living a northern life style that included spending time traveling throughout the Yukon. Together they own and operate Snap on Tools and Porter Creek Self Storage.

She has worked with non-profits for 15 years including the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre and Council of Yukon First Nations as their Executive Director. During her time with the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre, the centre created an after-school tutoring program, established the Youth Emergency Shelter and the Youth Employment Centre.

Currently, she is a Director on the Selkirk First Nation Development Corporation, member of the Yukon Government Gas Tax Review Committee and has been recently acclaimed as the President of the Yukon First Nation Chamber of Commerce. Michelle is an Alumni of the Governor General of Canada's Leadership Conference.

Brandon Lee



Consul General | Consulate of Canada in Seattle

Brandon Lee was appointed as Consul General of Canada in Seattle in 2017, with accreditation for Washington State, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. Brandon joined the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFATD) in 2004. He has a background leading management and innovation, and he has held several executive and management positions within the department.

From 2007 to 2011, he oversaw reform activities to strengthen Canada's international presence and became the Department's first Director of Innovation. From 2012 to 2014, Mr. Lee held senior positions at the World Trade Organization and the International Committee of the Red Cross (both in Geneva), spearheading major organizational and international reform initiatives. From 2015-2017, Mr. Lee was Consul General of Canada in San Francisco, with accreditation for Northern California and Hawaii.

Paul Manson



Chief Executive Officer | DC Grid Development Corporation

Since 1988, Paul Manson has held executive management positions with several development companies in the natural resource industries, and currently serves as CEO of Vancouver-based DC Grid Development Corporation. Paul is the former President of Sea Breeze Power Corp. and founder of Sea Breeze Energy Inc., a wind development firm that he co-founded in 2001. Sea Breeze Energy Inc. became the first company in British Columbia to pursue wind energy as a commercial opportunity, and became the first company in British Columbia to achieve a full environmental permit for a wind farm.

Paul also serves as chairman of the Clean Technology Community Gateway, a federally incorporated non-profit corporation dedicated to assisting off-grid communities develop strategies for adopting more energy efficient housing options and transitioning to locally available renewable energy resources.

Hon. Richard Mostyn



Minister of Highways and Public Works | Yukon Government

Richard Mostyn, arrived in the Yukon in June 1989 to work as a journalist. Mostyn wrote for the Yukon News, covering small business, politics, health, energy, technology, mining, the environment, the arts, the Yukon Quest and all manner of news stories, including award-winning supplements on drug addiction and the Yukon housing crisis. Mostyn has interviewed all Yukon premiers since 1989 and also Prime Ministers Paul Martin, Jean Chretien and Joe Clark and opposition leaders Stockwell Day, Preston Manning and Audrey McLaughlin. He regularly met with the US Consul General and other visiting dignitaries. In the course of his career, he's been published in the Globe and Mail, National Post, Vancouver Sun and Up Here Magazine and has appeared on CBC Radio and TV and the BBC World Service. His reporting has been recognized through international, national and regional awards. Once or twice, people threatened to shoot him.

After leaving journalism in 2011, Mostyn worked for the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, as well as the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board. Mostyn was elected into the Yukon Legislative Assembly on November 7, 2016, and was appointed Minister of Highways and Public Works and Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission on December 3, 2016.

He's coached soccer and helped build the neighbourhood park in his local community on Finch Crescent. He's married and has two sons.

Lucia Piazza



Consul General | Consulate of the U.S. in Calgary

Lucia Piazza is the U.S. Consul General to Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories. Most recently, Lucia served as the director of Crisis Management and Strategy in the Office of the Secretary of State. A career Foreign Service Officer, since joining the State Department in 2001 Lucia has represented the US government as a diplomat in countries throughout Africa and Near East Asia. Lucia received a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College, National Defense University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of New Hampshire.

She is the recipient of multiple awards including two Superior Honor Awards for her leadership during the 2012 attack on Embassy Tunis and a Superior Honor Award in 2017 for her leadership of the State Department's response to Hurricanes Irma, Jose, and Maria.

Hon. Ranj Pillai



Deputy Premier | Government of Yukon Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources | Minister of Economic Development Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation

Hon. Ranj Pillai was first elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in 2016. Mr. Pillai previously sat as a Whitehorse City Councillor from 2009 to 2012. While on council he helped bring Scotiabank Hockey Dan in Canada to Whitehorse and was awarded the 2011 Yukon Tourism Champion Award for his efforts.. Pillai is a trusted decision-maker and tireless community advocate who has contributed to the success of Yukon businesses, governments, schools, and not-for-profits. He has coached sports at Porter Creek Secondary over the last 15 years, negotiated resource deals with First Nations, and helped build many small businesses in Yukon.

Mr. Pillai was previously executive director of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Government, has held senior roles with Northern Vision Development and Yukon College, and is a former member of the Governor General's Leadership Conference. He has also held previous roles with numerous First Nation Development Corporations and junior mining companies.

J.P. Pinard

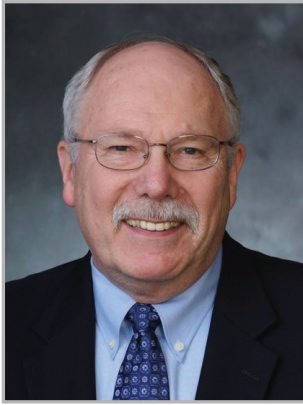


Consulting Engineer | Pinard Consulting

JP Pinard is a professional engineer (BSc. mech. eng. at U of Waterloo, 1991) with a PhD (U of Alberta, 2008) on the wind climate of the mountainous Yukon. Since 1996 he has measured, analysed, and reported on the viability of wind energy in dozens of communities across Northern Canada. JP was involved in the initiation of solar and wind energy developments at Kluane Lake and Old Crow, and is currently collaborating with the communities of Paulatuk, Ulukhaktok to initiate a program to build their skills capacity, and with Sanikiluaq and Kugluktuk to measure their wind potential. JP is a member of the energy committees for the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, and Yukon Conservation Society, is a member of the Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce and Yukoners Concerned, he is a board member of the Yukon Science Institute, and President of the board for the Women's Transition Home.

JP's primary focus is to help build a renewable energy economy for the Yukon and Canada's remote communities. Based in Whitehorse, Yukon, JP is collaborating with several experts and organizations to pilot a program to help homes and businesses owners replace fossil fuels in electricity, space heating, and transportation with wind and other renewables through the integration of electricity management and energy storage technologies.

JP's objective is to bring together a consortium of communities and other stakeholders to participate in a program to train their community members. Community apprentices will learn how to implement energy efficiency measures, renewable energy and storage technologies in their communities. JP's first proposal is to pilot a wind to heat demonstration project in Whitehorse and develop the training program alongside.



Arnie Roblan

State Senator | Oregon

Senator Roblan represents the central Oregon coast comprising the 5th Senate District. Previously Senator Roblan served 4 terms as Representative for House District 9, two terms as Co-Speaker. During his tenure as the Co-Speaker -- in a House divided between 30 Democrats and Republicans -- for the 2011-12 legislative sessions, Senator Roblan became the driving force behind legislation that would help move Oregon forward on important issues. At the conclusion of the 2012 Legislative Session, he was able to complete his work on issues that benefited all Oregonians and particular those in his rural and coastal region.

A former math teacher and principal of Marshfield High School in Coos Bay, Oregon, Senator Roblan earned his B.A. degree from the University of Washington in 1971 and his M.A. degree from the University of Oregon in 1983.



Mark Romoff

President | The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

Mark Romoff is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP). Previously, Mark was founding President and CEO of the Ontario Centres of Excellence, Canada's leading innovation, technology commercialization and entrepreneurship development organization.

Over his twenty five year career with the government of Canada, Mark served as Executive Director in the Department of Industry and as a senior diplomat in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, serving in Nigeria, Mexico, Malaysia, Japan and the United States.

He earned a Bachelor of Science from McGill University, a Masters in Applied Science from the University of Waterloo, and is a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives Program and the Directors Education Program of the Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors and holds the ICD.D designation. Mark is also a recipient of the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.



Michael Ross

Research Chair in Northern Energy Innovation | The Yukon College

Dr. Michael Ross is the NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Northern Energy Innovation at the Yukon Research Centre, Yukon College. His applied research program addresses the needs of the northern energy industry through academic partnerships with all three colleges in the territories, and through industry-driven direction and support from all four territorial electric power utilities. The pertinent engineering research areas for the program focus on integrating a high penetration of renewable generation in remote communities, diesel efficiencies, demand-side management, and residential-utility partnership, among others.

Dr. Ross received his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering at McGill University, focusing on microgrid control and multi-objective optimization, and his Bachelor's of Applied Science at the University of Toronto focusing on electric power systems. He is a registered Professional Engineer with Engineers Yukon, a member of the IEEE Power and Energy Society, a member of CIGRE Canada, the President and Director of the Yukon Science Institute, and is a Level 1 electrician apprentice.

Rod Savoie



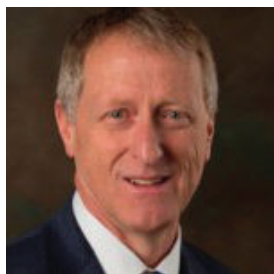
Past President | Engineers Yukon

In 1987 Rod moved to the Northwest Territories for a one-year work commitment; over 30 years later he still lives in the north, currently residing in Whitehorse, Yukon. His work as a professional engineer with Stantec has taken him to almost every community in all three of Canada's territories, as well as numerous locations in northern and eastern Russia.

Rod held various positions with the northern-based firm, FSC Architects & Engineers, serving as its CEO for the year before the firm became part of Stantec in 2011. Until his retirement in mid-2018, he was responsible for the professional services provided by Stantec in Canada's three northern territories. From the territorial capitals, Stantec offers services in engineering, architecture, environmental sciences, planning, heritage services, traditional knowledge and more in support of the development of northern infrastructure.

Rod currently volunteers as the Past President of Engineers Yukon, is the Chair of its Continuing Professional Development Committee and is a former President of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies (ACEC)-Yukon, and continues to represent this organization to the Government of Yukon's Procurement Centre.

McGarry Selbee



Director | Chief Isaac Group of Companies

McGarry Selbee has extensive experience in business creation, leadership and management, spanning a variety of industries including Oil and Gas services, Industrial Electrical Construction, Water Treatment and several others. A successful entrepreneur with an MBA from Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary, he brings a broad range of skills with emphasis on financial management, strategic planning and operational efficiency.

Mariah Shuman



Head of Regulatory Affairs, Americas | OneWeb

Mariah Shuman is Head of Regulatory Affairs for the Americas at OneWeb. She is responsible for leading all regional licensing and policy advocacy for satellite services, earth stations, and spectrum access. Prior to OneWeb, Ms. Shuman was Director of Maritime and International Regulatory Affairs at O3b where she managed global maritime authorizations, led market access efforts in many countries, and served on the U.S.A. delegation for WRC-15. Ms. Shuman holds a J.D. from the Charleston School of Law in South Carolina and an LL.M. in Communications Law & Policy from the American University Washington College of Law. She is a classically-trained musician and composer.

Hon. Sandy Silver



Premier | Government of Yukon

Hon. Sandy Silver was first elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in the general election for the 33rd Legislative Assembly on October 11, 2011. He was re-elected in the general election for the 34th Legislative Assembly on November 7, 2016. Hon. Mr. Silver's appointment as Premier took effect on December 3, 2016. In addition to being Premier, Hon. Mr. Silver is the minister responsible for the Executive Council Office (which includes aboriginal relations and intergovernmental relations) and the Department of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Silver has been leader of the Yukon Liberal Party since February 2014. He was Leader of the Third Party in the Legislative Assembly from August 17, 2012 to the end of the 33rd Legislative Assembly.

Originally from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, he has lived in Dawson City since 1998. While living and working in the small, vibrant community of Dawson, Premier Silver was an active and involved educator in the First Nations community. He supervised practicums for the Yukon Native Teacher Education Program and was involved with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Justice department and the restorative justice process including Community Group Conferencing. He worked with youth and mentored a number of at-risk teens in the community. He is a dedicated participant in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Moosehide Gatherings.

The premier holds degrees in math and psychology from Saint Francis Xavier University and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Maine.

Chief Steve Smith



Chief | Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

Kaaxnox (Steve Smith) is the elected Dän nätthe äda (Chief) of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN). Chief Smith is a member of the K'etlëmbet (Killer whale) clan and was raised in Ta'an Mun, Kwanlin and Takhina, Yukon and on the land by parents Elijah and Irene Smith. Chief Smith currently lives in Takhina with his wife Kala. He has three grown children and one grandchild. Chief Smith has a strong background in economic development and executive management with a Master's education in Executive Leadership and 24 years in First Nations Economic Development.

Chief Smith has served two previous terms on CAFN Council as Councillor and was elected in 2014 as Chief. In October 2018 Chief Smith was acclaimed to a second term as Dän nätthe äda (Chief) of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. Chief Smith works closely with the First Nations Council consisting of four Councillors, an Elder Councillor and Youth Councillor. CAFN is a policy governance model and the Council holds governance, legislative and executive responsibilities.

Chief Smith is a champion of his Southern Tutchone language and culture and has learned from his parents, uncles, grandparents and many Elders in the Yukon. He strives to bring cultural values into his own work for the CAFN government and his own life. He is an active traditional drummer and often performs with the Dakwäkäda Dancers.



Malek Tawashy

Director | Northern Energy Capital

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MacBride History Museum
Tues. Nov 13 6pm—8pm
1120 Front Street
2 minute walk



North of Ordinary Experience Centre
Weds. Nov 14 5:30pm—6:30pm
4201 4th Avenue
10 minute walk



Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre
Weds. Nov 14 6:30pm—8:30pm
1171—1st Avenue
6 minute walk



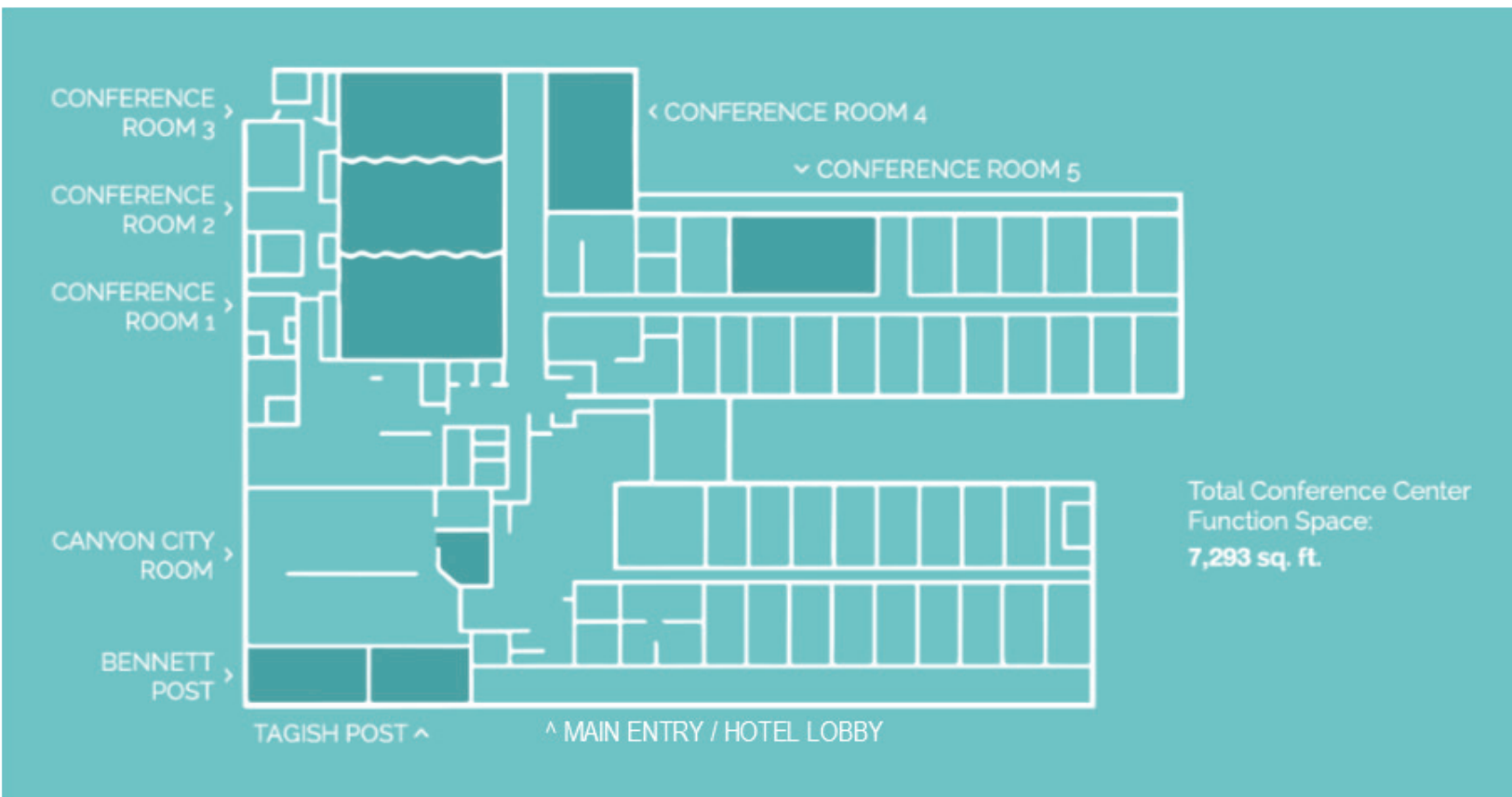
Yukon Legislative Assembly
Thurs. Nov 15 1pm—2pm
1114 1st Avenue
8 minute walk

Economic Leadership Forum

Offsite Events

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Hotel Westmark Whitehorse Map



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