



COUNCIL ON CORPORATE ABORIGINAL RELATIONS (CCAR)



Agenda

Aboriginal Capacity Development and Effective Engagement

MAY 5 & 6, 2015

Meeting Location: Yukon College (500 College Drive, Whitehorse) Room C1530 - lower level
Accommodation: Best Western Gold Rush Inn (411 Main Street, Whitehorse)

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Meeting objectives:

- Explore key challenges as well as opportunities in building Aboriginal capacity.
- Examine the relationship between Aboriginal capacity and the objective of establishing mutually beneficial relations and partnerships between the private sector and Aboriginal groups.
- Look at promising economic development initiatives within Aboriginal communities and their contribution to overall capacity development, in addition to emerging practices being pursued by governments and industry designed to support and enhance community capacity.

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Tuesday May 5, 2015

7:40 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby for bus pick-up and group travel to Yukon College

Room C1511

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Networking Breakfast (continental)

Room C1530

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Opening Prayer

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks and Introductions

Stefan Fournier

Network Manager

Council on Corporate Aboriginal Relations

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Yukon College: First Nation Programming and Support for First Nations Capacity Development

Tosh Southwick

Director of First Nations Initiatives and Academic Skill Development

Yukon College

Tosh will provide an overview of Yukon College's First Nations programming, with an emphasis on its initiatives that seek to support and develop Aboriginal capacity. She will also talk about the College's position as a convener between the Yukon's private sector and First Nations communities.

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Networking break

10:30 - 12:00 a.m. Panel Presentation

First Nations Capacity Development: Learning from the Self-Government Agreement Process and Building on Success

Brian MacDonald

President

Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce

Brian will look at the relationship between self-government and Aboriginal capacity development and the role that self determination plays in assessing and advancing economic opportunities. He will explain how the process of reaching a deal, be it in relation to self-government agreements or business opportunities, contributes to capacity development in a number of different ways. He will also highlight the importance of building on successes and "wins", and talk about how this ultimately leads to enhanced awareness of a community's potential and pivotal shifts in the mindset of First Nations communities.

Structuring Governance and Administrative Capacity: From the Indian Act to Self-Government

Justin Ferbey

Chief Executive Officer

Carcross Tagish Management Corporation

With the Carcross-Tagish First Nation experience and broader Yukon context as a backdrop, Justin will discuss how an approach to designing, structuring and organizing First Nations governments. In doing this, he will discuss the implications of moving from the Indian Act

framework to self-government, including what this means for human resource and capacity requirements as well as economic development objectives. He will also share lessons learned regarding the financial aspects of First Nations governance, and how to ensure corporate continuity so that it survives political and staff changes. Justin will conclude by highlighting the importance and relevance of effectively developing and structuring First Nations governments for the public and private sector actors with which they have relationships.

Establishing Healthy Relationships between Industry and First Nations key to Capacity Development

Lynn Hutton

Director & Chief Executive Officer
Chief Isaac Group of Companies

Lynn will discuss Chief Isaac Inc.'s collaboration and work with Kaminak Gold Corp, a mining company operating within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation's traditional territory. She will explain how Kaminak Gold Corp and Chief Isaac Inc. developed a productive and meaningful relationship during the exploration phase of the mining project, and explore the role that this relationship subsequently played in addressing capacity requirements and challenges as well as its importance to establishing an effective Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA).

Room C1511

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Networking lunch

Room C1530

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Supporting and Enabling First Nations Capacity Development in Yukon

Stephen Mills

Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Negotiator, Aboriginal Relations
Government of Yukon

Stephen will address the topic of Aboriginal capacity development from a variety of perspectives. In line with his role as Assistant Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Relations, Stephen will discuss initiatives being undertaken by the Government of Yukon to support and build the capacity of the territory's First Nations, with an emphasis on current opportunities and challenges. Stephen will also draw on his background as Chair of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB), and talk about the relationship between Aboriginal capacity and the regulatory framework. At the same time, Stephen will share his insights on the topic from his previous perspective of a negotiator for several First Nations, including his own First Nation the Vuntut Gwitchin, and through the lens of his former position as President of the Vuntut Development Corporation.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Union Gas: Supporting Economic Development in Aboriginal Communities

John Bonin

Manager, Economic Development, First Nations and Metis Affairs
Union Gas

Economic development within Aboriginal communities is a key component of Union Gas' approach to Aboriginal relations. John will share how economic and community development objectives are targeted through Union Gas' Request for Proposals (RFPs); how Aboriginals are assured access to a variety of opportunities offered by the company; and how the company helps communities grow their businesses. He will also discuss an approach to economic development that improves the social and natural environments of Aboriginal communities through the creation of employment and business opportunities, which in turn enhance educational attainment and foster sustainable growth.

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Networking break

- 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussion**
- 4:45 p.m. Group travel back to hotel by bus**
- 6:00 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby to walk to the restaurant**
- 6:30 p.m. Burnt Toast Cafe** (2112 2nd Ave)
A fun and funky little restaurant with great atmosphere, eclectic food and good mid-range wines and imported beers.

Wednesday May 6, 2015

- 7:40 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby for bus pick-up and group travel to Yukon College**

Room C1511

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Networking breakfast – Hot breakfast served**

Room C1530

- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Addressing Change and Developing Enduring Relationships in Support of Aboriginal Capacity Development**

Lyle Viereck

Former Director, Aboriginal Consultation & Negotiations
BC Hydro

Lyle will discuss BC Hydro's approach to the challenges and opportunities surrounding Aboriginal capacity development. He will talk about the relationship between capacity development and the organization's current emphasis on reconciliation and developing enduring relationships with First Nations. Using current BC Hydro projects in both the hydro generation and transmission areas to provide context, he will also explore the changing socioeconomic, political and legal landscape surrounding Aboriginal relations, and the associated implications for BC Hydro and other organizations involved in Aboriginal capacity development.

- 9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Networking break**

- 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. Legal Update**

Drew Pearson

Associate
Miller-Thomson LLP

Drew will provide the Council's customary legal update. He will discuss current court cases and legal developments that are shaping the future of Aboriginal relations.

- 11:00 - 11:45 p.m. Roundtable Discussion**

- 11:50 a.m. Travel as a group by bus to restaurant**

- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch at the Wheelhouse Restaurant** (170-2237 Second Ave)

The Wheelhouse Restaurant is housed in the south end of a newly constructed building known as Waterfront Station. This building of modern, distinctive design which commands a compelling street presence on Second Avenue is located adjacent to the Waterfront Trolley Line, Millennium Trail, and the Yukon River.

- 1:30 p.m. Walk along the river to Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre** (Approx. 15 minutes)

Artist Studio

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre (1171- 1st Ave)

Situated on the banks of the Yukon River, the Cultural Centre is a place where the heritage and contemporary way of life of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation people is celebrated. It is also a gathering place for people of all cultures. The vision of the Cultural Centre is to *revive, preserve, and demonstrate* the language, practices, values and traditional way of life for the benefit of Kwanlin Dun people.

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Addressing Yukon's Energy Needs and Developing Promising Partnerships with First Nations

Chief Doris Bill

Kwanlin Dun First Nation

Michael Brandt

Vice-President

Yukon Energy

This presentation will explore the current situation surrounding Yukon's energy requirements and challenges. It will also look at the importance Yukon Energy places on developing effective, progressive and meaningful partnerships and agreements with First Nations. To highlight the value and strength of these partnerships, Chief Doris Bill and Michael will discuss key aspects of recent agreements concluded between the Kwanlin Dun First Nation and Yukon Energy.

3:30 p.m.

Short walk to MacBride Museum (Approx. 5 minutes)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tour: MacBride Museum of Yukon History (1124 Ave & Wood St.)

MacBride Museum illustrates Yukon's history, with a focus on the role of Whitehorse in the development of the Territory. MacBride Museum is a non-profit society with charitable status. They rely on the financial support of individuals and corporations to put forth a rich variety of programs and exhibits, and to care for the community's valued collections.

Taylor & Drury Gallery

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Networking Reception at MacBride Museum

5:30 p.m.

Dinner at MacBride Museum

Catering by Cafe Balzam