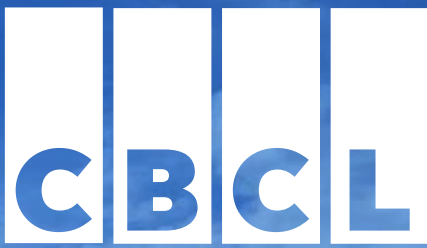


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Friday, February 10th: 7:00-18:00

Saturday, February 11th: 7:30-23:00

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February 9 - Business-to-Business Day

1:30pm-5:30pm

February 10 - Public Day

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DAY 1 February 07, 2023

Pre-Registration

3:00 - 7:00 PM

Level 2, Shaw Centre

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DAY 2 February 08, 2023

Registration

7:00 am - 5:30 pm

Level 2, Shaw Centre

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Workshop Five Mindsets of Leadership

8:30 am - 10:30 am

Room 209 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

DIALOGUE Partnership Development in Ocean Science

8:30 am - 10:30 am

Room 211 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

Artist Workshop

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Room 210 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Culture, Community & Innovation in Northern Economic Development

10:45 am - 11:45 am

Room 209 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Selling Your Artwork

10:45 am - 11:45 am

Room 211 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

Announcement & Signing Ceremony

11:00 am - 11:45 am

Room 212 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

Opening Luncheon with Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk, President of Innuitt Circumpolar Council Canada

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Ottawa Salon - Level
2, Shaw Centre

Sponsored by: Qikiqtaaluk
Corporation

SESSION 1 Premier's Forum

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Room 205/206 - Level
2, Shaw Centre

Sponsored by: PAL Airlines

WORKSHOP Nunavut 3000 Housing Strategy

3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Room 209 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

SESSION 2 Nordic Ambassador's Forum

3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Room 205/206 - Level
2, Shaw Centre

11th Annual Arctic Inspiration Prize Awards Ceremony

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Canada Hall - Level
3, Shaw Centre

Meet & Greet

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Parliament Foyer - Level
3, Shaw Centre

Nunavik Night

8:00 pm - 11:45 pm

Governor General Ballroom
- The Westin Ottawa

DAY 3 February 09, 2023

Registration

7:00 am - 5:30 pm

Level 2, Shaw Centre

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Breakfast with Brian Penney, President & CEO of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Ottawa Salon - Level
2, Shaw Centre

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Frontec Ltd.

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Exhibitor Set-Up

8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Canada Hall - Level
3, Shaw Centre

SESSION 3

Indigenous Tourism Development in Canada

8:45 am - 10:00 am
Room 205/206 - Level
2, Shaw Centre

SESSION 4

North-to-North Research & Education

8:45 am - 10:00 am
Room 207/208 - Level
2, Shaw Centre
Sponsored by:
Memorial University

Artist Workshop

9:00 am - 11:45 am
Room 210 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

SESSION 5

Community-Led Green Energy Initiatives

10:30 am - 11:45 am
Room 205/206 - Level
2, Shaw Centre
Sponsored by:
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/ Nunatsiavut Group
of Companies

SESSION 6

Indigenous- Led Economic Development

10:30 am - 11:45 am
Room 207/208 - Level
2, Shaw Centre

Luncheon with Natan Obed, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Ottawa Salon - Level
2, Shaw Centre

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Nunatsiavut Group
of Companies

Arts & Cultural Pavilion

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Parliament Foyer - Level
3, Shaw Centre

Trade Show

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Canada Hall - Level
3, Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Kivalliq Hydro- Fibre Link

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
Room 209 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Inuit Influencing International Shipping: Inuit Voices and the IMO

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
Room 211 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Tools for Northern & Indigenous Businesses in Mining

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Room 209 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Inuit Employment Recruitment & Skill Development

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Room 211 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Mineral Development in Nunavut

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm
Room 209 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Benefits of the MultiPoint Foundation System

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm
Room 211 - Level 2,
Shaw Centre

Oiqiqaaluk Corporation Reception (invite only)

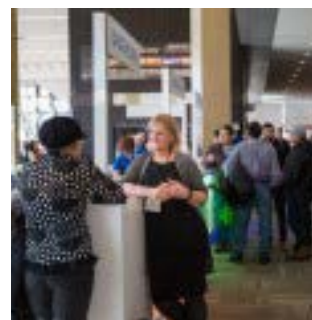
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Governor General Ballroom
- Westin Ottawa Hotel

DAY 4 February 10, 2023

Registration

7:00 am - 5:30 pm
Level 2, Shaw Centre

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Breakfast with the Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs - Government of Canada

7:30 am - 8:30 am
Ottawa Salon - Level 2, Shaw Centre

Sponsored by: Kakivak Association



SESSION 7 Northern Workforce & Skilled Trades Development

8:45 am - 10:00 am
Room 205/206 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

Sponsored by: Rio Tinto IOC



SESSION 8 Mining – Community Development & Sustainability

8:45 am - 10:00 am
Room 207/208 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

Sponsored by: Government of Greenland



WORKSHOP Inuit Across the North

10:30 am - 11:30 am
Room 211 - Level 2, Shaw Centre



SESSION 9 Arctic Security & Defence

10:30 am - 11:45 am
Room 205/206 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

SESSION 10 Unlocking the Critical Mineral Potential of Canada's North

10:30 am - 11:45 am
Room 207/208 - Level 2, Shaw Centre
Sponsored by: BMR

WORKSHOP Introduction to Government Procurement for Inuit Businesses in Nunavut

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Room 209 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

Luncheon with Pita Aatami, President of Makivvik Corporation

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Ottawa Salon - Level 2, Shaw Centre

Sponsored by: Northwestel

Arts & Cultural Pavilion

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Parliament Foyer - Level 3, Shaw Centre

Trade Show

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Canada Hall - Level 3, Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Home Wind Energy & Business

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
Room 211 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Developing Resolute Bay

1:45 pm - 2:15 pm
Room 209 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Solar Systems in Nunatsiavut - Real Data

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Room 209 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Commercial Property Insurance Issues in Nunavut

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Room 211 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

WORKSHOP Building a Proposal for your Food Sovereignty Project

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Room 209 - Level 2, Shaw Centre

Brew Donkey Craft Beer Tour

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Brew Donkey Bus

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DAY 5 February 11, 2023

SESSION 11

Sustainable Fisheries in the Arctic

8:45 am - 10:00 am
Room 205/206 - Level
2, Shaw Centre
Sponsored by: eDNAtec

SESSION 12

Empowering Indigenous Youth Futures

8:45 am - 10:00 am
Room 207/208 - Level
2, Shaw Centre
Sponsored by: Logistec

Registration

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Level 2, Shaw Centre
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Arts & Cultural Pavilion

10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Parliament Foyer - Level
3, Shaw Centre

TRADE SHOW

10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Canada Hall - Level
3, Shaw Centre

SESSION 13

Local-Led & Sustainable Development

10:30 am - 11:45 am
Room 205/206 - Level
2, Shaw Centre

SESSION 14

Developing a Northern Infrastructure Strategy

10:30 am - 11:45 am
Room 207/208 - Level
2, Shaw Centre

Luncheon with Siila-Watt Cloutier, Nobel Prize Nominee & Activist

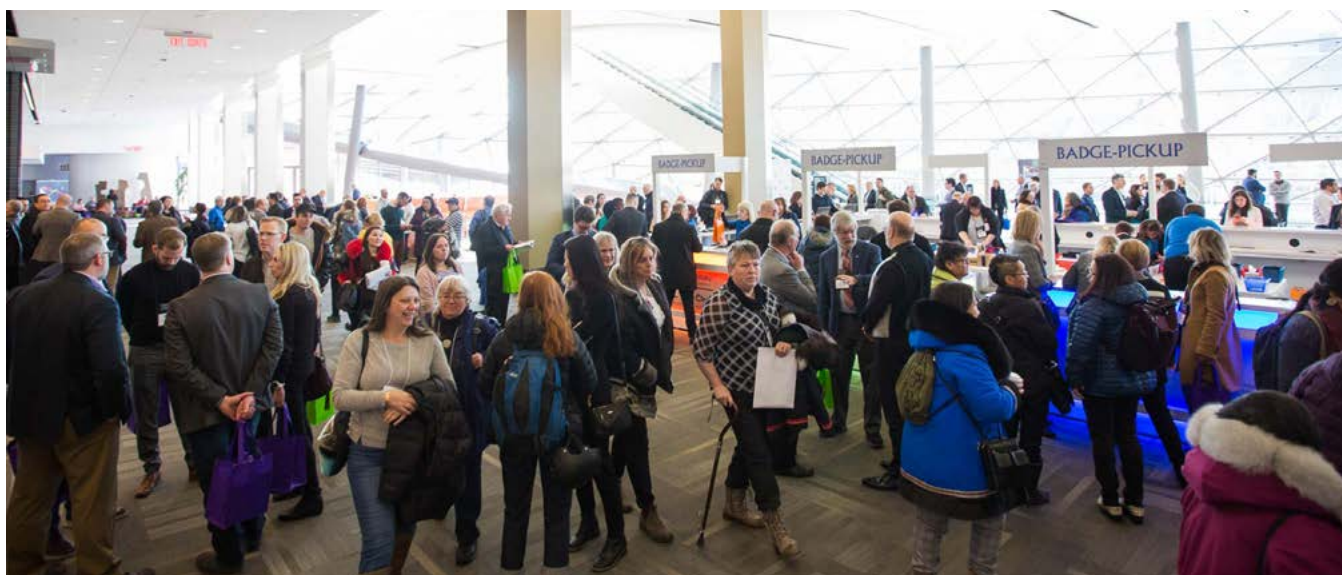
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Ottawa Salon - Level
2, Shaw Centre
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Community Council

Exhibitor Tear-Down

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Canada Hall - Level
3, Shaw Centre

Gala Dinner & Closing Ceremonies

6:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Trillium Ballroom - Level
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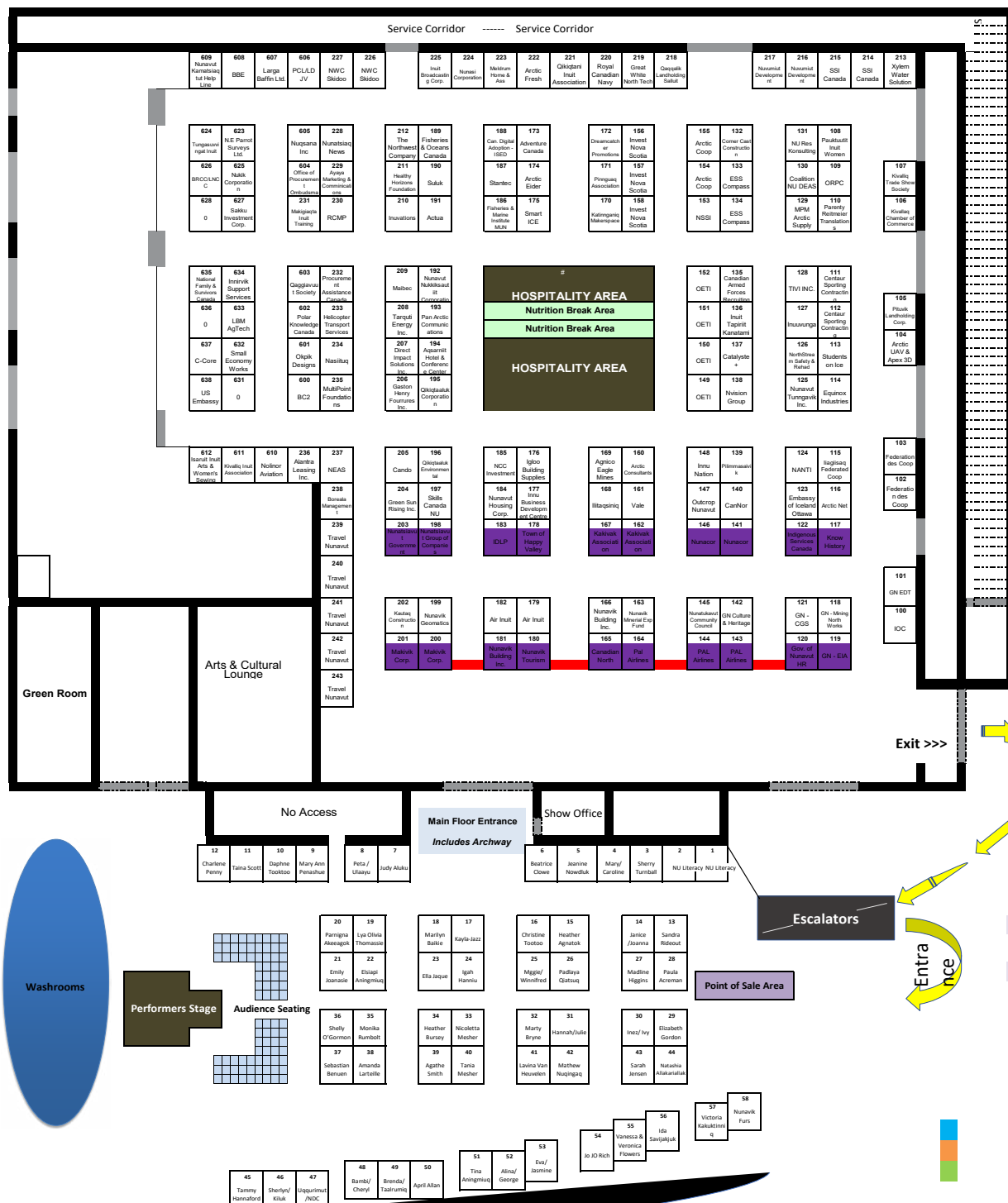
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Northern Lights 2023 - Trade Show Layout

Ottawa Convention Centre 3rd Floor - Canada Hall & Parliament Foyer



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1	NU Literacy	102	Federation des Coop	159	Hospitality Area	215	SSI Canada
2	NU Literacy	103	Federation des Coop	160	Arctic Consultants	216	Nuvumiut Development
3	Sherry Turnball	104	Arctic UAV & Apex 3D	161	Vale	217	Nuvumiut Development
4	Mary/ Caroline	105	Pituvik Landholding Corp.	162	Kakivak Association	218	Qaqqaalik Landholding Salluit
5	Jeanine Nowdluk	106	Kivalliq Chamber of Commerce	163	Nunavik Mineral Exp Fund	219	Great White North Tech
6	Beatrice Clowe	107	Kivalliq Trade Show Society	164	Pal Airlines	220	Royal Canadian Navy
7	Judy Aluku	108	Pauktutit Inuit Women	165	Canadian North	221	Qikiqtani Inuit Association
8	Peta / Ulaayu	109	ORPC	166	Nunavik Building Inc.	222	Arctic Fresh
9	Mary Ann Penashue	110	Parenty Reitmeier Translations	167	Kakivak Association	223	Meldrum Home & Ass
10	Daphne Tooktoo	111	Centaur Sporting Contracting	168	Iliataqsinig	224	Nunasi Corporation
11	Taina Scott	112	Centaur Sporting Contracting	169	Agnico Eagle Mines	225	Inuit Broadcasting Corp.
12	Charlene Penny	113	Students on Ice	170	Katinnganiq Makerspace	226	NWC Skidoo
13	Sandra Rideout	114	Equinox Industries	171	Pinnguaq Association	227	NWC Skidoo
14	Janice /Joanna	115	Iiagiisaq Federated Coop	172	Dreamcatcher Promotions	228	Nunatsiaq News
15	Heather Agnatok	116	Arctic Net	173	Adventure Canada	229	Ayaya Marketing & Communications
16	Christine Tootoo	117	Know History	174	Arctic Eider	230	RCMP
17	Kayla-Jazz	118	GN - Mining North Works	175	Smart ICE	231	Makigiaqta Inuit Training
18	Marilyn Baikie	119	GN - EIA	176	Igloo Building Supplies	232	Procurement Assistance Canada
19	Lya Olivia Thomassie	120	Gov. of Nunavut HR	177	Innu Business Development Centre	233	Helicopter Transport Services
20	Parnigna Akeegok	121	GN - CGS	178	Town of Happy Valley	234	Nasituq
21	Emily Joanasie	122	Indigenous Services Canada	179	Air Inuit	235	MultiPoint Foundations
22	Elsiapi Aningmiqu	123	Embassy of Iceland Ottawa	180	Nunavik Tourism	236	Alantra Leasing Inc.
23	Ella Jaque	124	NANTI	181	Nunavik Building Inc.	237	NEAS
24	Igah Hanniu	125	Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.	182	Air Inuit	238	Boreala Management
25	Mggie/ Winnifred	126	NorthStream Safety & Rehad	183	IDLP	239	Travel Nunavut
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27	Madline Higgins	128	TIVI INC.	185	NCC Investment	241	Travel Nunavut
28	Paula Acreman	129	MPM Arctic Supply	186	Fisheries & Marine Institute MUN	242	Travel Nunavut
29	Elizabeth Gordon	130	Coalition NU DEAS	187	Stantec	243	Travel Nunavut
30	Inez/ Ivy	131	NU Res Konsulting	188	Can. Digital Adoption - ISED	600	BC2
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32	Marty Bryne	133	ESS Compass	190	Suluk	602	Polar Knowledge Canada
33	Nicoletta Mesher	134	ESS Compass	191	Actua	603	Qaggiavut Society
34	Heather Bursey	135	Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting	192	Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation	604	Office of Procurement Ombudsman
35	Monika Rumbolt	136	Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami	193	Pan Arctic Communications	605	Nuqsana Inc
36	Shelly O'Gormon	137	Catalyste+	194	Aqsarniit Hotel & Conference Center	606	PCL/LD JV
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39	Agathe Smith	140	CanNor	197	Skills Canada NU	609	Nunavut Kamatsiaqtut Help Line
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Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link Connecting Indigenous Communities with Sustainable Energy and Broadband

A “transformative infrastructure project” for the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut

by Gina Gill

THE NEED FOR ACCESSIBLE and reliable broadband internet and electricity in the North, especially in remote Arctic communities, is more relevant than ever before. The pandemic brought forward a new work dynamic, that increased internet use and placed a lot of people in front of a screen. Challenges surrounding connectivity has become more pronounced across northern regions of Canada, and Nukik Corporation has created solutions to increase and improve access with the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link (KHFL), Nunavut’s first major infrastructure link to southern Canada.

“The Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link (KHFL) is an initiative started many years ago by the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) and Sakku Investments Corporation,” explains Anne-Raphaëlle Audouin, CEO of Nukik Corporation. “Together, they created Nukik Corporation (100% Inuit-owned) to spearhead the project. The KHFL is a nation building project that will provide clean, renewable power and fibre-optic internet capacity for the Kivalliq region for generations to come.”

The Project has the support of Inuit leadership within the region and Territory, namely the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), and nationally by the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK). The Project has been progressing in collaboration with the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB), also supportive of the Project vision.

At the moment, the KHFL Project is in the development phase, almost shovel-ready and is expected

to start construction by the end of 2026, with in service target date of 2030.

The KHFL is also an environmentally sustainable project, with the company keeping focus on careful consideration of climate change. The Arctic regions have been significantly impacted by the effects of global warming and it’s important for new companies to develop projects in a sustainable manner. The project alone will meet the Nunavut’s 2030 GHG emissions reduction target.

“The KHFL is unparalleled in terms of all that it will achieve for the Kivalliq Region and the people,” says Audouin. “Due to global warming, the Arctic region is warming up faster than any other region on earth. It is impacting Inuit way of life and will have dramatic impacts on future generations. Nunavut relies entirely on diesel to power and heat homes and businesses; burning diesel releases very polluting greenhouse gas emissions that impact the wildlife, air and water Inuit rely on to survive in the Arctic. Inuit are taking action by developing the Kivalliq-Hydro Fibre Link.”

Aside from climate projection, the project will also bring forward social and economic benefits through grid-connecting and high-speed fibre-optic internet which will drastically improve tele-health services, education, service delivery, and the creation of new business and employment opportunities for Inuit. It will also help address years of infrastructure deficit in the region.



“[The Project] will also signal the beginning of significant climate and environmental progress for Nunavut - allowing the Kivalliq Region to come off diesel generation and single-handedly meet the territory’s 40% GHG emission reduction target by 2030,” explains Audouin. “Nunavut is 20 per cent of Canada’s land mass and yet is the last remaining jurisdiction in the country that is not grid connected. In essence, the KHFL represents an opportunity for Inuit and Nunavummiut to finally share in the same opportunities as the rest of Canada - it will undoubtedly change the course of the region and Nunavut, and all for the better.”

KHFL is an opportunity for economic reconciliation in

the region and in Nunavut creating equity opportunities for Inuit. For example, it is expected that 15, 635 person-years of employment will be created from the construction phase. The project is 100 per cent Inuit-led and Inuit-owned, with training and employment targets for Nunavummiut and Inuit.

“The priority for the Project team is to identify strategies for local capacity-building early on to ensure Inuit and Nunavummiut are at the forefront, and can capitalize on training and job opportunities in the short, medium and long term,” said Audouin

For more information on the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link, please visit www.nukik.ca.

Addressing the Housing Crisis in Nunavut

Creating 3,000 new units across all communities in the territory

By Gina Gill



RECENTLY, THE HOUSING CRISIS has become an evident issue across Canada but for the North it's been an ongoing concern that needs to be addressed.

Nunavut 3000 provide real solutions to the housing crisis, which will provide safe and affordable housing in all communities.

In October 2022, Igluliuqatigiingniq Nunavut 3000 was announced by the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC), on behalf of the Government of Nunavut. The plan is to create 3,000 new units by the year 2030.

"Nunavut 3000 is a long-term plan to increase the number of housing units built in the

territory over the next 10 years," says Eiryn Devereaux, president and CEO of NHC. "Through the plan, all communities in Nunavut will receive housing."

The plan will triple the annual rate of new public housing units that are built and will support partnerships to build transitional, affordable, and market housing units.

Approximately 50 per cent of the 3,000 units that are built will be government-owned public

housing units. The remaining units will be a mix of transitional units as well as rental and

homeownership units within the affordable and

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market housing segments.

NHC will undertake its investment through traditional procurement as well as partnerships with Inuit organizations. The NHC will also update its existing programs while developing new housing programs to incentivize housing demand and development.

“Nunavut’s growing housing supply deficit is a critical barrier to the health and well-being

of the territory’s residents, 85% of whom are Inuit,” explains Devereaux. “The housing shortage affects the labour market and economy and indirectly contributes to a loss of critical social services such as basic health, mental health care, education, and public administration. For Nunavummiut, Nunavut 3000 will provide more options along the housing continuum and help to ease chronically low vacancy rates, which are among the lowest of all provinces and territories in Canada.”

Not only will there be new housing strategies, but Nunavut 3000 will also provide opportunities for training and employment in the communities where construction is taking place. The NHC with the Department of Family Services, Nunavut Arctic College, and NCC Development will work together to identify residents in each community to participate in new training and construction experience opportunities.

“The NHC will also introduce updated or new housing programs to incentivize affordable

housing market development, given the maximum rent levels of current programs may

represent a barrier to developing this aspect of the housing market,” says Devereaux. “We believe that Nunavut 3000 will be successful despite it being an ambitious plan. A key aspect of the strategy’s success will be its longer-term planning approach which is expected to better support community land development and other infrastructure.”

To learn more, you can attend the Nunavut 3000 Housing Strategy workshop being held at on February 8 at 3:30pm in room 209.





Increasing the participation of Indigenous businesses in federal procurement

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA is implementing a mandatory requirement for federal departments and agencies to award at least 5% of the total value of contracts to Indigenous-owned businesses. This important requirement will support First Nations, Inuit and Métis businesses, including those in the North, by providing them with increased access to government contracts.

The mandatory 5% requirement creates opportunities for Indigenous-owned businesses and supports the Government of Canada's efforts to advance economic reconciliation. It will help Indigenous businesses grow and will create jobs for Indigenous individuals. The requirement will also promote greater inclusivity and diversity within the procurement process, leading to more innovative solutions and greater economic and social benefits for all.

The requirement is being implemented in phases to allow for departments and agencies to adjust their plans and processes. All departments and agencies are to meet or exceed the 5% target no later than the fiscal year-end of 2024-25. The requirement is being implemented following engagement and advice received from the Indigenous Reference Group, an advisory body that was established to ensure input from Indigenous experts in the field was heard.

For more information on this important initiative, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement.html>

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Booth 1

Nathalie Taylor



Nunavut

Nunavut Literacy

Inspired By Nabvat is a home-based sewing business solely ran by Nathalie Taylor. She creates men, women & occasionally children's coats for all seasons."Creating my patterns & designs, I try to incorporate Inuit traditions and techniques such as using furs, skins and patterns that have been passed down for generations

Rosemary Angugasak
Sandy



Nunavut

Nunavut Literacy

Special Kusugak



Nunavut

Nunavut Literacy

Special Kusugak from Rankin Inlet. Sewing

and crafting since she was a child. Traditional and modern patterns and colours used in her pieces. She makes a variety of things such as wall hangings, earrings, qaurutiik (headbands), seal skin teddy bears, couch pillows and more. She is inspired by everything and everyone around her.

Booth 2

Kuutsiq Charlotte
Zawadski



Nunavut

Nunavut Literacy

Charlotte Kuutsiq Zawadski is a seamstress from Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. Charlotte began sewing at the age of 6. Learning from local elders and family members to sew traditional and modern outerwear clothing. Inspiration comes from the Kivalliq seamstresses in the 1980s and 90s who paved the way for Kivallirmiut creating a distinctive style of parkas and amautiit still used to this day. Charlotte enjoys sewing for her family. Creating handmade parkas, wind pants,

hunting gear, mitts, fox fur headbands, Rosemary's ulus table runners, bird baskets and amautiit.

Charlotte and her husband Derek Zawadski have a facebook page Kuutsiq's Designs and LPZ where available handcrafted Inuit made products can be purchased.

Derek Zawadski



Nunavut

Nunavut Literacy

Derek Zawadski is from Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. An Inuk craftsman who makes uluit (plural for ulu, a woman's knife). Each ulu is unique, very sharp and handcrafted to last for generations. In 2017 Derek made one of his first ulu for his wife, to use for skinning and cleaning sealskins. Since then, he started making more uluit for others as the request kept pouring in. Inspiration comes from the memory of watching his grandfather create tools and uluit, that are still used to this day. The craftsmanship and the importance of creating tools that will withstand the lifestyle of Inuit women

are important to Derek.

Derek and his wife Charlotte Zawadski have a facebook page Kuutsiq's Designs and LPZ where available handcrafted Inuit made products can be purchased.

Booth 3

Sherry Turnbull



Labrador

Framed Seal Skin

Member of NunatuKavut and living in Charlottetown (NL), Sherry began the creation of her signature Seal Skin Shadow Box Art in 2016. She currently has over 80 original designs displaying and celebrating the beauty of nature, wildlife and my Indigenous cultural traditions. All of her pieces are all hand cut using Seal Skin, Rabbit Fur and some with Porcupine Quills or Caribou Antler and framed in Shadow Box Style frames.

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Booth 4

Mary Eetook



Nunavik

Textile

Mary from Kangirsuk is a seamstress who has learned how to sew from her mother and other family members. She is a multidisciplinary artist who mostly make crochet nasaq and mittains. Her work is recognized for its originality in her community.

Caroline Palliser



Nunavik

Textile

Caroline Palliser started making what her late mother-in-law called “little people” over 40 years ago. She draws Inuit men,

women and children on piece of paper, then I copy the figures on silk. They are all busy doing their chores, activities; hunting, sewing, dogsledding, seal hunting, fishing, igloo making, cleaning sealskin etc. People are fascinated and adore her finished projects, “some feels like crying because they see themselves, as well as their friends.”

Booth 5

Jeanine Nowdluk

Nunavut

Jewelry

Born and raised in Iqaluit, Nunavut, grew up in a household of artists. She carves, makes jewelry, paints, and everything in between, but sewing is her passion. She creates hats, mitts, clothing, jewelry, accessories, bow ties and even wedding garters, all out of seal skin. Jeanine attended the jewelry and metalwork program the Nunavut Arctic College and continues to apply the various skills into her work.

Jeanine is always open to new challenges and takes pride on a customer's face when they are pleased with her work. She believes there is always more to

learn both traditionally and contemporarily. Jeanine prefers to do everything by hand so she considered all of her products “made with love.”

Booth 6

Beatrice Clowe

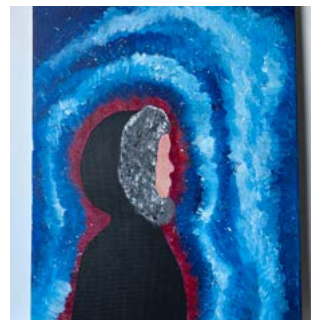


Labrador

Beatrice Clowe is a member of the sheshatshiu innu first nation. Her love of design is inspired by combining Innu history, culture, and art with the world of fashion. She has been doing graphic designs since 2013 and mostly self taught how to use various art applications on a computer. This is her first northern lights conference to display her work. When she is not working on her art she is working at an Underground mine in northern Labrador. She lives happily with a partner and 2 children

Booth 7

Judy Alaku



Nunavik

Watercolour

Judy Alaku is an artist from Inukjuak, focusing on landscapes done in acrylic on canvas. She loves “adding blue to the painting because of the outcome I get when I use it, so it's usually blue skies, cloudy or not at all”. Her Inuk paintings are very meaningful for her, as it helped her accept her identity as it is and seeing her mental health in something physical “in a way I could see it as a thing and identify it”.

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Booth 8

Peta Tayara



Nunavik

Watercolour

Peta Tayara makes Inuit Art from recycled wood materials such as old qamutiks (traditional Inuit sled) and paint with acrylic paint, jewelries made out of seal skin, wall hangings and key holders with Inuit designs

Ulaayu Pilurttut



Nunavik

Watercolour

Ulaayu Pilurttut creates original paintings using watercolours, acrylic, oil micro pigma pen. "I have made a collectables

for Royal Mint and have made many logos as well as mural in big organizations". All her well known art reflects the Inuit culture.

Booth 9

Mary Ann Penashue



Innu Nation

Painting

Mary Ann Penashue's love for colors drew her towards painting. She is an artist from Sheshatshiu. She has been painting since 2008. She uses acrylic, water color and water mixable oils. She paints pictures and portrait of aboriginal people and their culture and life. Mary has been a part of Diverse Arts Exhibition in Iceland.

Booth 10

Daphne Tooktoo



Nunavik

Fashion, Clothing, Accessories

An emergin artist, Daphne Tooktoo has been creating clothings and products with a themes of Inuit designs such as Iglu, inspired by Inuit Women Tattoo, ulu, Inuktitut writings.

Booth 11

Tania Scott



Nunavut

Jewelry, houseware, designs

Tania Scott is a life long Northern resident. The artist has been creating art in Iqaluit since 1992. At Tundramoon Designs, locally sourced plants and flowers are sealed in resin to create amazing art. Photos and information on each plant and flower is provided with each piece, all done by the artist. Imperfections happen because this is handmade, and with real plants - no two plants are alike or end up looking the same after creation.

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Booth 12

Charlene Penney



Labardor

Sealskin Art

Timeless North designs and creates artwork and crafts by Charlene Penney and Carla Hunt. Charlene being from Labrador and Carla being from Newfoundland like to say we put the And in Newfoundland and Labrador. Timeless North stemmed from a life-long friendship and a shared love of nature.

All designs are original pieces or are custom made to order. Each piece boasts its very own title and story, an intricate piece of history and nature. Made solely from sealskin, rabbit fur, genuine sea glass, and other treasures from our land.

Booth 13

Sandra Rideout



Nunatsiavut

Fashion

Located in Happy Valley - Goose Bay (NL) Sandra Rideout makes traditional style clothing, seal skin mitts,coats, mukluks, hats, jewelry, ookpiiks, purses and head bands from beaver fur, wolf fur, rabbit fur, muskrat.

Booth 14

Janice Parsons



Nunavik

Jewelry

Janice parsons make jewelry out of sealskin, leather and fox fur, finishing with a traditional

tattoo painted on each pair of earrings using shapes and designs inspired by her Inuit culture. She also hand sews mitts, headbands and owls using sealskin.

Joanna Katrena Cooper



Nunavik

Jewelry

Sealskin features prominently in Joanna Katrena Cooper's creations as seals are a significant figure in Inuit culture. Her featured work range from sealskin ulu earrings with a matching necklace with the colour scheme inspired from arpiik, jewelry inspired by the akuk from the traditional amautik and arnautik, and different designs of kamiik, traditional Inuit footwear.

Booth 15

Heather Angnatok



Nunatsiavut

Jewelry/SkinCare

Heather Angnatok picks traditional plants like Labrador Tea and make soap, cream, lip balm and tea-bags. As well, she makes earrings with sealskin, fish leather, caribou antler, moose antler and walrus tusk and sews traditional clothing in hopes to enter the fashion world. She has been developing her own line of products for over six years and can be found in most of the traditional craft fairs of NL.

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Booth 16

Christine Tootoo



Nunavut

Jewelry

Christine Tootoo art is a mix of beads and sealskin. She has specialized herself in creating beaded sealskin necklaces but she also enjoys making mitts and crochet headbands.

Booth 17

Kayla-Jazz Annanack
Lauzon



Nunavik

Jewelry

Kayla-Jazz is an Inuk woman and artist from Kuujuaq, Nunavik who started beading when she was 9 years old. At the age of 12, she had someone

from her community teach me the basics of how to make beaded earrings. From then on, she explored different beading techniques and discovered that this was more than just a hobby. "I enjoyed it so much, I would sometimes bring my beads to school and bead during recess and sometimes in class". Beading helped her healing mentally and emotionally for a long time and today she is an avid beadder presenting her unique creations to world.

Booth 18

Marilyn Baikie



Nunatsiavut

Textiles

Grass weaving has been passed on in Marilyn Baikie's family for generations. Salt water grass is picked in the fall time, after it has dried, faded and curled in. She will then soak the grass, a bit at a time, to make it soft and pliable for

sewing. Many items can be sewn with grass, such as bowls, plates, coasters, baskets and jewelry. She usually sews jewelry such as earrings and pendants as well as other small items like coasters and wall hangings. Recently, she began experimenting with other mediums in combination with grass sewing and will frequently add beads to earrings or pendants. Marilyn was taught to sew grass by my Mother, who still continues to sew today.

Booth 19

Lya Olivia Tomassie



Nunavik

Lya Olivia Tomassie is a Nunavik artists who beads fashion accessories from earrings, hair pins necklaces in a unique style developed through years of practice.

Booth 20

Parniga Akeegok



Nunavut

*Fashion, Clothing,
Accessories*

Parniga Akeegok is a designer and seamstress specialized in amauti, parkas, seal skin mitts and hats. To complement her fashion collection she also designs akulik earrings.

Booth 21

Emily Joanasie



Nunavut

*Fashion, Clothing,
Accessories*

Emily Joanesi offers various creative & inuk made parkas, amautiit, garments, hats, jewelry,

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decor, etc. Designs can be readily available in various sizes & styles for purchase & custom services available.

Often, our style can be described as bright and vibrant as colours, prints & textures are taken into consideration when sewing. Though each item is unique & creative, traditional Inuit designs & patterns inspires our modern fits & styles.

Booth 22

Elisapi Aningmiuq



Nunavut
Seal Skin

Located in Iqaluit (NU) Elisapi uses seal skin to create fashion accessories for daily use. G177

Booth 23

Ella Elizabeth Jacque



Nunatsiavut
Jewelry

Grasswork is a form of grass weaving that has been passed down through generations of women and men in Ella's family, as well as all throughout Labrador and Nunavut. Grasswork is an art of patience and is tedious work; but what is most interesting about Grasswork is the diversity of what you can create. Because the ivik can be so flexible and soft, a piece of Grasswork can be sewn into just about any shape imaginable. Ella Elizabeth Jacque began sewing at the age of twelve, and now at the age of seventeen consider it one of her passions, and feel extremely proud to be passing on a part of her culture.

Booth 24

Igah Hanniu

Booth 25

Maggie Saviadjuk



Nunavik

Fashion, Clothing, Accessories

Maggie Saviadjuk is a designer and maker of unique pieces to warm the winters and provide a flare of fashion on daily live.

Winnifred Nungak



Nunavik

Fashion, Clothing, Accessories

Winifred Nungak from Kangirsuk, Nunavik, studied fashion design at LaSalle College in Montreal and runs her own business

called Winifred Designs. Winifred Designs are handmade Inuit clothing & accessories proudly made in Nunavik, Designed & Sewn by Winifred Nungak of Kangirsuk, Qc. Inspired by traWinifred Designs are handmade Inuit clothing & accessories proudly made in Nunavik, Designed & Sewn by Winifred Nungak of Kangirsuk, Qc. Inspired by traditional Inuit clothing, most products are hand sewn from parkas, tops, mitts, headbands, earrings to prints, also merchandise t-shirt & mugs with prints.

Booth 26

Padlaya Qiatsuq



Nunavut
Carving

Padlya Qiatsuq has been a artist for 45 years. Throughout her live she has carved unique pieces in serpentine , white marble, and bone. She also makes singular jewelry pieces such as ivory rings and also necklace out of ivory and stone

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Booth 27

Madeline Higgins



Nunavut
Jewelry

Madeline Higgins is a professional beader. Her earrings features a unique combination of beads, threads and seal skin. Her work is on high demand on her region "once posted on my facebook wall, they are usually sold within minutes".

Booth 28

Paula Acreeman



Labrador
Fashion

Paula Acreeman makes traditional parkas using an original pattern

developped and designed by herself. Sourcing all of her materials locally she has an unique signature on the back of the parkas,an Inuksuk, and the hoods are framed in fox fur.

Booth 29

Elizabeth Gordon



Nunavut
Jewelry

Elizabeth Gordon is a self taught mixed media artist, born and raised in Iqaluit, Nunavut. Gourds are her special choice of natural materials to grow and work with where she paints, wood burns, sculpts and carves to depict northern imagery and Inuit legends.

Booth 30

Inez Mary Jane Shiwak



Nunatsiavut
Seal Skin

Inez Shiwak, from Rigolet, NL, is known for her work as an accomplished seamstress, primarily working with tanned sealskin. She learned her skills as a seamstress from her mother, Jane Shiwak, who is one of few artists in Nunatsiavut who continue to make Inuit dolls. Shiwak first learned pattern making as a way of participating in intergenerational knowledge sharing, which is at the core of Inuit craft. Currently she works on sealskin bracelets, flower pins/clips, flower bouquets, wall hangings,

Christmas decorations, moosehide slippers, salt water sea grasswork, keychain booties and more.

Booth 31

Hannah V Tooktoo



Nunavik

Jewelry & Fine Art

Hannah Tooktoo uses art and beading as a creative outlet to heal, and show pride of her heritage and Inuit knowledge. She has made art to send messages of healing and to create dialogue on the issues Inuit in all regions, such as systemic racism. She also tries to show Inuit strength and resilience and incredible love her people has in spite of the harsh realities they face by carrying on the knowledge and teachings through her practice in every way she can, with the methods, the material and subjects.

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Julie Grenier



Nunavik
Jewelry

Julie Grenier creates multiple types of art, from jewelry to fashion, beading on canvas, mixed textiles, contemporary and traditional.

Booth 32

Marty Byrne



Labrador
Ceramics

Marty Byrne handmakes ceramic art pieces and pottery out of his studio in Labrador city. His work reflects the rugged beauty of Labrador West. Much of his work has an special and original northern lights glaze creted by himself and represents Labrador's

beautiful night sky Recently he started adding iron ore concentrate from the mines in Lab West to some of his pieces giving them an unique industrial feel quite lovely to look at.

Booth 33

Nicoletta Mesher



Nunavik

Seal Skin, Paintings

Nicoletta is a self-taught Inuit multidisciplinary artist and crafter currently residing in Montreal. As a child, she was always in the company of creative people; she was influenced by her grandmother's sewing and beading, her older sister Tanya's paintings and drawings. Having a variety of places she called home lead her to experience dynamic demographics that, ultimately, have had an impact on her artistic direction. At the age of nineteen she began selling her artwork to help support her young family

and has since been striving to innovate and create on a daily basis.

Booth 34

Heather Bursey



Labrador

Soaps/Candles/etc

Heather Bursey sells her handmade soap, artisan bath, skincare, candles and other products that are infused with local botanicals as she was taught by her grandparents. Spruced up Labrador is the successful brand she created to promote these works and they have been a hit since he started.

Booth 35

Monika Rumbolt



Labrador

Monika Rumbolt is an Inuk Visual artist from the southern region of Labrador. From a young age she has had a passion for creating art that represents her culture and love of the land. Many of her works are based in traditional practices and uses natural materials such as furs, sea grass, labradorite, and handcrafted paint from dried flowers and berries. Her most remarkable works sit in the Human Rights Museum in Manitoba, a dedication to her mother and the MMIGW movement. She now spends her days in western Labrador with her spouse and little girl, Abigail. Her business, Putlavimiut Studio now provides land-based experiences and teachings from the region to those who wish to learn more about the Indigenous peoples of Labrador

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Booth 36

Shelly O'Gorman



Nunavut

Fashion, Clothing, Accessories

Shelly O'Gorman is a seamstress and designer working alongside her sister and mother to create kalikuks with Nukariit Creations. Kalikuks are a traditional, fashionable top or a light shell cover in the summer usually made from cotton. "We have added a modern touch to them. They have become quite popular".

Booth 37

Sebastian Benuen



Innu Nation

Woodwork

Sebastian is from Sheshatshiu. He has been working as a craftsman since more than three decades. Inspired by Innu culture Sebastian likes to create crafts from wood. He creates symbols of Innu craft such as canoe, sledge and snow shoe which was a major part of Innu life. He creates contemporary design with the essence of his tradition to keep the symbols of his culture alive.

Booth 38

Amanda Latreille



Nunavut

Jewelry

Inuk made jewelry, mostly seal skin, beading is what you can expect of the creations by Amanda Latreille. She finds inspiration in my everyday life and love watching ideas coming to life. When she is not creating wearable art she loves making home decor using furs.

Booth 39

Agathe Rich



Natuashish

Traditional Clothing

Agathe Rich was born in North West River at a very

young age she developed interest in crafts and she moved to Natuashish with her mother. She has been sewing since past 20 years. She learnt the craft from her mother, She makes traditional clothing.

Booth 40

Tania Mesher



Nunavik

Jewelry

Tanya Mesher Jones and Joey Partridge are both from Kuujuaq where they grew up as friends. They have been together and creating for over five years. Working together in their home they make a large variety of handmade crafts such as jewelry, paintings and household items. They also design and print a lot of merchandise such as mugs, placemats, pop sockets, keychains and the list goes on and on. Joey is also a singer and songwriter, and is currently

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working on his first album. Tanya and Joey try to capture the beauty and resilience of Inuit culture in their creations.

Booth 41

Lavinia Van Heuvelen



Nunavut
Jewelry

Jeweller designer Lavinia van Heuvelen moved to Iqaluit after high school where she attended Nunavut Arctic College to pursue Jewellery and Metalwork. Shortly after she began Lavinia Van Heuvelen's Jewellery and became a full time jeweller. Van Heuvelen works primarily with sterling silver and natural materials, which are gifted and purchased from local hunters with much of her jewellery directly references traditional Inuit themes and imagery.

Booth 42

Mathew Nuqingaq

Nunavut

Jewelry / Carving

Mathew Nuqingaq work primarily with silver and local materials to create one-of-a-kind jewelry. Higher end and reasonable prices his mostly traditional and abstract designs are carefully create to reflect his culture and his surroundings.

Booth 43

Sarah Charlotte Jensen



Nunatsiavut

Sarah Jensen is a crafts person working in traditional and contemporary pieces. Sealskin and moosehide, leather, mitts, boots, slippers, caps, keychains, cardholders, dolls, bracelets, oopik, earrings are just a small variety of the items she makes.

Booth 44

Natashia Allakariallak



Nunavut
Jewelry

Natashia and Jaqqa's unique statement jewelry is made from various harvested materials ie; seal skin, baleen, tusk, and antler.

Booth 45

Tammy Hannaford



Nunatsiavut
Carving

Tammy Hannaford makes jewellery out of antler, ivory, bone and stone. She often uses pressed flowers with resin inside the antler and make small carvings that is then beaded around.

Booth 46&47

Sherlyn Kadjuk & Elena Akpalialuk



Nunavut

Fashion, Clothing, Accessories

Sherlyn is seamstresses from Arviat (NU) who uses fur and leather to make jackets, booties, mitts, bags, hats among other pieces. Taught by her mother, she blends traditional & modern sewing techniques to make versatile clothing items for everyday use. Elena is representing NDC and Uqqurmiut producers.

Booth 48

Bambi Amos & Cheryl Fennell



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platform that celebrates and showcases Canadian Indigenous fashion designers and artists that create authentic, high quality, hand-crafted seal fur and leather products, such as accessories, footwear, clothing and home décor. Fashion designers and artists are highly regarded for their skill and creativity, combining traditional sewing techniques to create contemporary seal products for the modern market. Purchases from support Indigenous communities and provide customers with a guarantee they are buying a natural, eco-friendly, high quality and authentic seal product. is excited to bring four Indigenous artists from the Northwest Territories to Northern Lights Arts and Cultural Pavilion to showcase and sell their work.

Booth 49

Brenda Lynn Trennert & Taalrumiq/Christina King



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Proudly Indigenous

Bambi Amos is Inuvialuk

artist who is driven by her passion and grounded by her roots. She began creating traditional art in 2008, focusing on beautiful, warm sealskin products for all to enjoy. Bambi's favourite item to make are sealskin mitts to warm the hands and heart.

Cheryl Fennell is an Indigenous designer from Yellowknife, NWT who has lived in Nunavut for many years. She integrates natural fabrics like sealskin, bison leather, and polar bear fur in her beautiful designs. Her belief is that inspired expression is a form of sustainable and divine trust to be used toward the betterment of the world. The result is a holistic representation of her vision.

Inuk is an Inuvialuk multimedia designer, role model, plus-sized model, knowledge keeper, speaker and teacher. She takes the utmost care in quality and originality in each creation she makes. Inuk is also a strong advocate and teacher of sustainably harvested arctic furs and leathers like sealskin.

Taalrumiq is an Inuvialuk artist, fashion designer, content creator and cultural educator who

shares Inuvialuit culture with the world. Using the same traditional materials as her ancestors and in her signature bold style she creates fine art and couture pieces true to her contemporary vision.

Booth 50

April Allen



Nunatsiavut

Seal Skin

April Allen is a modern artist under the name of Stitched by April, which is registered under the Nunatsiavut Government as an Inuit company. She appreciates creating contemporary pieces that incorporate her community's history and traditional materials. "The energy of my ancestors radiated through me while creating my signature earrings. I spent many hours working on the design and decided upon one that brought pride to me". She is constantly exploring new variations of

designs for future creations and consider where the materials come from and new ways that she can incorporate education into my projects.

Booth 51

Tina Aningmiqu



Nunavut

Seal Skin

Tina Aningmiqu is a craftsperson and artist from Nunavut. Her main creations are sealskin slippers with leather soles done in traditional style with a modern twist.

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Alina Tungilik



Nunavut

Jewelry / Carving

Alina is based on Kuggaruk (NU) and creates beautiful jellery and miniatures from aarving in bone and stone

George Ningark



Nunavut

Drawing

Booth 53

Eva Angnatuk



Nunavik

Jewelry

Eva Angnatuk is a multidisciplinary craftsperson who makes all kind of earrings with sealskin, leather, beads, parkas, amautik and pualuks

Jasmine Koneak



Nunavik

Jewelry

Jasmine Koneak designs often makes you think about growth which is the case of her latest beadwork of floral earrings. "You were made to grow and bloom even after the harshest winters". Besides the beading work, Jasmine

also create parkas and other accessories. Her creations are the perfect gift for that special someone in your life.

Booth 54

Jo Jo Rich



Innu Nation

My name is Joseph but people call me JoJo. I am from Sheshatshiu Labrador and I am 32 years old, I make crafts like moccasins and Innu tents and other stuff. I

started sewing when I was 13 years old my dads late mother taught me when I was young, she passed on her teaching to me. I am willing to teach people who want to learn. And I also work as a cultural support worker at the Sheshatshiu Innu School. My culture is important to me and my family.

Booth 55

Veronica & Vanessa Flowers



Nunatsiavut

Seal Skin

Veronica and Vanessa Flowers are artisans from Hopedale, Labrador. They began sewing at the age of 11 when they made their first pair of moosehide slippers at a local sewing camp, assisted by Sarah Jensen and her grandmother Andrea Flowers. Both of them continued to make slippers and began sewing other things as well, such as Inuit dolls and sealskin



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



February 8th, 2023

February 9th, 2023

Luncheon
Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk



**President of Inuit
Circumpolar Council
Canada**

Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk was born in Puvirnituk, Northern Quebec (Nunavik). Raised by her grandparents Lydia and Aisa Koperqualuk, her elementary schooling was done in Nunavik. Lisa is a member of the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC) since 2010, an independent decision-making body responsible for evaluating and reviewing development projects in Nunavik. Lisa served as ICC's Vice President of

International Affairs from 2018-2022 before being acclaimed as President at the 14th General Assembly in Kuujuaq, Nunavik on July 18, 2022. As VP of International Affairs Lisa focused much of her work in the areas of international shipping regulations successfully leading the ICC to receive membership to the International Marine Organization (IMO) where Inuit are the first Indigenous People to be represented under their own status. The IMO recognize Ms. Koperqualuk as Honorary Fellow of the IMO due to her tireless work on behalf of Inuit. She works for Inuit interests in self-determination advocating Inuit political and economic autonomy, social justice (particularly through Inuit law), and protection of the environment, culture and language.

Breakfast
Brian Penney



CEO, Baffinland

Brian Penney is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Baffinland Iron Mines Inc. Brian has over 30 years of experience in the mining industry, including 25 years of leadership roles in the iron ore industry. Among his key leadership roles, Brian was the lead of mining and milling operations in Yellowknife and Labrador for 18 years. At the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and CEO levels, Brian was responsible for the early development of iron ore properties at Alderon Iron Ore Corp and Ridgemont Iron Ore Corp.

Brian is a graduate of the Technical University of Nova Scotia, which is now Dalhousie University. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering in metallurgical engineering.

Luncheon
Natan Obed



**President, Inuit Tapiriit
Kanatami**

Natan Obed is the President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. He was first elected in 2015 and was acclaimed to his third consecutive term in 2021. He grew up in Nain, the northernmost community of Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador). He graduated from Tufts University in 2001.

President Obed is the national spokesperson for Inuit in Canada and also serves as Vice-President of Inuit Circumpolar Council-Canada. As ITC President, he implements the direction set out by Inuit Leadership from the four regions of Inuit Nunangat — the Inuvialuit Settlement Region of the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nunavik and Nunatsiavut.

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Breakfast Dan Vandal



Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface — Saint Vital

The Honourable Dan Vandal was first elected as Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface — Saint Vital in 2015 and re-elected in 2019 and 2021. In 2018, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous Services and on November 20, 2019, he was named Minister of Northern Affairs. Following the last election, the Prime Minister entrusted Minister Vandal with the additional responsibilities as Minister Responsible for PrairiesCan and CanNor.

Prior to his political career, Minister Vandal was a youth outreach worker with Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre. He then went on to serve five terms as Winnipeg City Councillor

for St. Boniface. A former Deputy Mayor, he was also Chair of the Protection, Property and Public Works committees at City Hall. He is especially proud of his role in the development of Winnipeg's Aboriginal Youth Strategy, the first of its kind in Canada.

As Minister of Northern Affairs, he has worked with provincial, territorial, and Indigenous partners in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing food security, investing in clean energy and climate change mitigation and adaption, education, economic development, infrastructure and more.

Luncheon Pita Aatami



President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Mr. Pita Aatami was elected President of Makivik Corporation in January 2021. He previously held the position from 1998-2012.

From 2013 – 2020 he was the President and CEO of Air Inuit, a wholly owned Makivik Corporation subsidiary.

His history with Makivik Corporation goes back to 1987 when he was elected Board Member for the community of Kuujjuaq, where he grew up. In 1993 he was elected Treasurer of Makivik Corporation, a position he held until becoming President in 1998.

Mr. Aatami was previously Chairman of First Air, President of Kuujjumiut, Halutik Enterprises, and Director of Air Inuit, and Seaku Fisheries. He is past President of the Nayumivik Landholding Corporation in Kuujjuaq, and was the Deputy Mayor of Kuujjuaq for ten years, as well as the past president of the Kuujjuaq Recreation Committee. He started the Kuujjuaq Youth Camp in his community.

He has numerous awards:

2007: Reader's Digest made Pita Aatami a Hero of the Year and described him as a "Tireless Fighter for His People", and underlined his tenacity and his leadership.

2008: Appointed to the

National Aboriginal Economic Development Board by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

2008: Elected Fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America of the University of Calgary for his support to northern research and education.

2009: Selected in Policy Leadership category as the 2009 winner of the Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs at Carleton University.

2009: Mr. Aatami was made Chevalier of the Québec National Order. The ceremony took place at the Quebec National Assembly under the auspices of Premier of Québec, Jean Charest.

2010: Pita Aatami was awarded the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame Award, recognizing Mr. Aatami's accomplishments as a business leader and his contribution to sustainable economic development.

2019: Appointed as Member of the Order of Canada for his contributions to the social, political and

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economic development of the Nunavik region.

Pita Aatami was born in Kuujjuaq in 1960. His education includes attending the Federal Day School in Kuujjuaq, and Red River College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1978-1979. He has three children. He is interested in collectibles, notably baseball style caps, and cowboy hats. He plays hockey (centre) in a recreational league in Kuujjuaq. He enjoys hunting and fishing as well.

Luncheon with Siila Watt-Cloutier



Nobel Prize Nominee & Activist

As one of the world's most recognized human rights, cultural and environmental advocates, Siila Watt-Cloutier continues to advocate for the rights of the Inuit of the Arctic. Born in Kuujjuaq, Nunavik, Siila travels the world to share her authentic story and inspire others to reimagine

a way forward. She speaks to international audiences on a quest to humanize climate change.

One of the most decorated Inuit rights champions, Siila has received many honorary doctorates from universities in Canada and the United States. She has also won and been nominated for dozens of awards, became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2006, and has been recognized as a Champion of the Earth by the United Nations Environment Program. She is the past Chair of Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC), the organization that represents internationally the 155,000 Inuit of Canada, Greenland,

Alaska, and Chukotka in the Far East of the Federation of Russia. Most notably, Siila was nominated for the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize alongside Al Gore.

Ms. Watt-Cloutier sums up her work by saying: "I do nothing more than remind the world that the Arctic is not a barren land devoid of life but a rich and majestic land that has supported our resilient culture for millennia. Even though small in number and living far from the corridors of power, it appears that the wisdom of the land strikes a universal chord on a planet where many are searching for sustainability."



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SESSION 1 - PREMIER'S FORUM

The Honourable Andrew Furey (invited)



Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

Born and raised in Newfoundland and Labrador, Premier Andrew Furey is a passionate orthopaedic trauma surgeon and educator with Memorial University's School of Medicine.

Premier Furey has a diverse education, which includes a Diploma in Organizational Leadership from Oxford University and a Masters in Clinical Epidemiology from Memorial. His strong work ethic has earned him many local, provincial, and national awards and honours. He was named Humanitarian of the Year by the Canadian

Red Cross and earned the Governor General of Canada's Meritorious Service Cross. In 2010, he helped create Team Broken Earth to provide medical relief after the devastating earthquake in Haiti. This Newfoundland and Labrador-born charity has since expanded in size and scope. Today, over 1,500 volunteers from across Canada, the US, and UK have participated in medical missions to Haiti as well as Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. On top of that, Premier Furey helped found A Dollar A Day Foundation to support mental health initiatives across Canada.

Premier Furey enjoys spending time with his wife, Allison, and their children Maggie, Rachael and Mark. He credits his family for helping him stay grounded and maintain his perspective on what matters most – love, empathy, and making a difference.

The Honourable P.J. Akeegok



Premier of Nunavut

Premier P.J. Akeegok biography

P.J. Akeegok was elected as Premier of Nunavut by the sixth assembly in November 2021. He is a first time MLA, elected to represent the constituency of Iqaluit-Niaqunngu. Previously, he served for seven years as the President of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. He was first elected as QIA President in December 2014 and re-elected in December 2018.

As QIA President, Akeegok initiated numerous new projects and programs in Qikiqtani. He negotiated a successful Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement for Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area, and other companion agreements for interim

protection of Tuvaijuittuq Marine Protected Area, these areas encompass Canada's largest bodies of protected waters. Akeegok also secured an acknowledgement and apology from the Government of Canada for the colonial policies and practices imposed on Qikiqtani Inuit from 1950 to 1975. The apology was accompanied with an initial investment and a Memorandum of Understanding for additional funds in the future to address healing, cultural awareness, and preservation initiatives.

Originally from Canada's most northern community, Grise Fiord, Akeegok has devoted his career to representing Nunavummiut. Prior to becoming QIA's president, Akeegok served in numerous roles with Inuit organizations, including as assistant executive director at QIA, assistant director of communications for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and project coordinator at Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami.

Premier Akeegok is married with three children. He is an avid harvester who enjoys time on-the-land.

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SESSION 2 - Nordic Ambassador's Forum

His Excellency Jon Elvedal Fredriksen



Norway's Ambassador to Canada

Before becoming Norway's ambassador to Canada, Jon Elvedal Fredriksen was a diplomatic advisor to the Prime Minister of Norway. He has previously been Norway's Ambassador to Ukraine and Consul General of Norway in Murmansk, Russia, and has extensive experience with Arctic affairs and security policy. Mr. Fredriksen is a graduate of the University of Tromsø, Norway in Russian studies, world literature and structural linguistics. He conducted additional studies in Stuttgart, Germany and trained as an officer with the Engineer Corps of the Norwegian Army.

Her Excellency Hanne Fugl Eskjaer



Denmark's Ambassador to Canada

Ambassador Hanne Fugl Eskjaer has served in Ottawa since September 2019, and enjoys strengthening the already strong bonds between Canada, Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

The ambassador was previously the Arctic Ambassador and Head of the North America Department in Copenhagen.

Ambassador Eskjaer has also been the Ambassador to Bangladesh and for the past 25 years held various Ministry of Foreign Affairs positions throughout the world, including Syria, Czech Republic and UN in New York – working on EU, UN, Middle East, Eastern Europe, Asia, Security, Development,

Indigenous rights and cultural policies.

The ambassador has also worked as Senior Policy Advisor to the Commissioner for Human Rights and Democracy of the Council of the Baltic Sea States and as Associate Professor at the Institute of Political Science, Copenhagen University. She is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

His Excellency Hlynur Guðjónsson



Iceland's Ambassador to Canada

Ambassador Guðjónsson (pronounced “Lynn-ur Goud-yon-son”) has 30 years' experience in international trade and investment, public relations, advertising, and politics. He holds degrees in Integrated Marketing Communication as well as History from Emerson College (USA) and the University of Iceland, respectively.

Prior to joining the Embassy of Iceland in Ottawa in August 2021, he served as Consul General and Trade Commissioner at the Consulate of Iceland in New York, where he was responsible for the trade and investment portfolio for the United States and Canada.

There he served concurrently as the General Manager of the Icelandic-American Chamber of Commerce, co-founder and chairman of the Nordic Innovation House New York and Nordic City Solutions. He founded and served on the board of the Foreign Trade Commissioner's Association in New York, of which he was the Chairman from 2006-2012. Guðjónsson was appointed to the Export and Marketing Council of Iceland in February 2019 for four years.

Prior to the Consulate General's office, Guðjónsson served as brand manager for Icelandic USA, Inc., a global seafood importer, wholesaler, and manufacturer, where he developed and executed the company's branding initiatives.

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SESSION 2 - Nordic Ambassador's Forum

Ms. Kaisa Heikkilä



Deputy Head of Mission,
Embassy of Finland,
Ottawa

Kaisa Heikkilä is a career diplomat at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Her assignments include both bilateral and multilateral work as well

as extensive experience with various departments at the Ministry. In August 2020, she arrived in Ottawa to take up her duties as Deputy Head of Mission. Kaisa Heikkilä's previous postings include the Embassy of Finland in Cairo, the Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU in Brussels and the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations in New York. In headquarters, she has held positions related to Europe, Africa and humanitarian affairs. She

has also worked with the Ministry for Education and Science as well as the Defence Staff of Finland. Ms. Heikkilä is a graduate of Helsinki University. Her education includes studies in Tübingen, Germany. Outside of work Ms. Heikkilä enjoys the outdoors.

Mr. Kenneth Høegh



Head of the Greenland
Representation -
Government of Greenland
(Washington DC)

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SESSION 3 - Indigenous Tourism Development in Canada

Jill Larkham



Chair of the Newfoundland & Labrador Indigenous Tourism Association (NLITA)

Jill Larkham is an Indigenous Tourism ambassador for the province of Newfoundland & Labrador. Throughout her diverse career, she has assisted a wide variety of tourism companies, developed new tourism offerings, ethically incorporated cultural aspects into the industry, managed tourism training within her northern communities, and formed essential provincial and national partnerships.

Jill is originally from Makkovik Labrador and currently resides in Happy Valley-Goose Bay with her husband, two children, and dog Honey. On a daily basis, she is the Director of Tourism for the Nunatsiavut Government, managing many projects and staff. In her free time, she has served on many local, provincial, and national boards including Them Days, Destination Labrador, and the national Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada. Currently, she is the Chair of the Newfoundland & Labrador Indigenous Tourism Association, a newly formed Indigenous lead non-profit that supports the Indigenous Tourism Industry in Newfoundland & Labrador, also known as NLITA. NLITA works with the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut, The First

Nations of Qalipu and Miawpukek, the Innu Nation, and self-identified individuals to strengthen the provincial Indigenous tourism industry through multi-level partnerships and strategic initiatives. Using a sustainable mindset that aligns past, present, and future Indigenous tourism assets, NLITA aims to provide tangible socio-economic benefits for Indigenous people and communities alike.

Tetra Aaluk



Travel Coordinator - Travel Nunavut

Ms. Tetra Aaluk grew up in Cambridge Bay, as a bold

career move Ms. Aaluk moved to Iqaluit Nunavut to expand her work life experiences. Ms. Aaluk is the Training Coordinator for Travel Nunavut Association and is a great team member. She is ambitious and its shows in her work ethic of trying to relearn her Inuinnaqtun language and heritage. She has always had passion for working with youth, early on in her teenage years started advocating for the Youth of Cambridge Bay, by becoming the youth delegate for 3 years with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association. Her hobbies include fishing, hunting and spending time with her family. All great attributes to a great future with Travel Nunavut.

George Berthe

Board Member – Nunavik Tourism Association

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SESSION 4 - North-to-North Research & Education

Jodie Lane



Director of Education Nunatsiavut Government

Jodie Lane is the Director of Education with the Nunatsiavut Government and has worked for the NG (and former Labrador Inuit Association) for over 22 years. Born and raised in Makkovik, Nunatsiavut, she left home to attend post-secondary studies, earning a BA at the University of Guelph and later completing her Masters of Education through distance at Mount Saint Vincent University. Ms. Lane is passionate about infusing Inuit language and culture into curriculum and played a key role in developing the Labrador Inuit Society & Culture high school course in collaboration

with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, as well as the Inuit Bachelor of Education program in collaboration with the Labrador Institute of Memorial University. The former helps fill the void in Inuit-specific learning in Nunatsiavut schools (and beyond), while the latter helps to prepare teachers to teach through an Inuit lens by using curriculum infused with Inuit cultural content.

Rebecca Mearns



President of the Nunavut Arctic College

Rebecca Mearns serves as President of Nunavut Arctic College having previously held roles as the College's Vice President and its Dean of Education, Inuit and University

Studies. Rebecca has also worked as an Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement Manager at the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, a Researcher at Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, an Instructor at Nunavut Sivuniksavut, and as a constable of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Rebecca was born in Iqaluit and grew up in both Nunavut and Scotland. She holds a BA in Sociology and an MA in Geography, both from Carleton University. In her time at Nunavut Arctic College, Rebecca has overseen the initial phases of the Nunavut Arctic College-Memorial University partnership, transition of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program from the University of Regina to Memorial University, and the delivery of a new, joint Bachelor of Social Work.

Rebecca is fluent in Inuktitut, outside of work she enjoys sewing, berry-picking, baking, hunting, and practicing Inuit tattooing.

Kelsey Wrightson



President - Nunavut Arctic College

Kelsey Wrightson the Executive Director of Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning, an Indigenous-led, land-based postsecondary program based out of Chief Drygeese Territory in the Northwest Territories. She is based in Yellowknife to support program development and delivery across all regions. Kelsey grew up in Edmonton Alberta, and completed her PhD at the University of British Columbia in 2015 with a focus on the Indigenous arts, and the politics and practices of decolonization in the North. She is committed to supporting transformative research and educational programming grounded in Indigenous knowledges that celebrates the strengths of Northern communities.

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SESSION 5 - Community-Led Green Energy Initiatives

Erin Everard



**Business Analyst -
Nunatsiavut Group of
Companies**

As Business Analyst, Erin supports expanding development of business ventures for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. She holds educational specializations in Business Management Accounting, Construction Management, Event and Hospitality Management, Facilitation, Mediation & Negotiation. Erin is a designated Project Management Professional (PMP) and was recently granted a degree in Applied Studies from Athabasca University in recognition of coursework in multiple academic areas. Prior to moving to Happy Valley-Goose Bay to join NGC in June 2022, Erin worked as Manager of Federal Contributions and Relations for the Government of Nunavut's

Department of Community and Government Services.

Heather Shilton



**Director – Nunavut
Nukiksautiit Corporation**

Heather oversees a number of renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut in her role as Director at Nunavut

Nukiksautiit Corporation.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Geography, Environmental Studies, and History from Mount Allison University and a Master's degree in Cultural Analysis and Social Theory from Wilfrid Laurier University. She currently serves on the Board of the Arctic Renewables Society and is an appointed member to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council for Environment and Climate Change Canada.

She is a Certified Environmental

Professional with a specialization in Energy and has a Certificate in Energy Engineering and Conservation from Dalhousie University.

She was recently named as one of Canada's Top 30 Under 30 Sustainability Leaders by Corporate Knights and one of Canada's Top 100 Women in the Energy Transformation.

She currently lives in Iqaluit with her partner David and their dog, Scout.

Andy Turnbull



**CEO – Nunacor
Development Corporation**

Andy Turnbull is the CEO of the Nunacor Development Corporation, the business development entity of the NunatuKavut Community Council, located in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL. NunatuKavut represents the Southern Inuit people of Labrador, primarily

residing in central and southern Labrador. In this role he leads a group of wholly owned companies as well as strategic partnerships in a wide range of sectors, such as hospitality, real estate, fisheries, energy, and mining services. Andy serves as the CEO for each individual subsidiary company and is involved in the daily operations and strategic planning for these entities. Andy initially started work with Nunacor in 2007 as a business development officer, and then returned as the General Manager in 2012. Andy moved into the role of CEO in 2015 and have led the group of companies through exponential growth over the past several years.

Andy is a strong advocate for Indigenous participation in business in Labrador, actively establishing partnerships to create opportunities for members of the Indigenous community. Andy has successfully negotiated joint venture arrangements with industry-leading companies for work on projects in Labrador. These joint ventures

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are primarily focused on servicing the mining industry and industrial projects happening in Labrador. Andy has also been involved in negotiating Community Cooperation Agreements with the mining industry and energy sector on behalf of NunatuKavut.

In October 2020, Andy was inducted into the Atlantic Business Magazine Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame, after being named one of the Top 50 CEOs in Atlantic Canada for five consecutive years. “

Janice Grey



Director of Communications - Tarquti Energy Corporation

Janice Grey is the Director of Communications and Community Engagement at Tarquti Energy Corporation, a clean energy developer from the Nunavik Region of Northern Quebec. She was born in Kuujjuaq and grew up in Aupaluk where she served two terms as Deputy Mayor before moving south with her 3 husky dogs. In addition to her role in

local governance, Janice has been advocating for climate action since her youth and has been heavily involved in the Cooperative movement throughout her career.

Walter Parsons



VP Transmission Interconnections & Business Development - Nalcor Energy

Walter Parsons is Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's Vice President for Transmission Interconnections and Business Development.

Prior to taking on his current role in 2021, Walter served for four years as Hydro's Vice President of Transmission and Community Affairs, based in Churchill Falls.

Prior to joining Hydro's executive team in 2017, he worked with the provincial government as Executive Director in the Department of Natural Resources (Iron Ore Industry) from 2012 to 2016, and as Assistant Deputy Minister of Energy from 2016 to 2017.

Walter is an electrical engineer who graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 1998, and currently volunteers as President of the Newfoundland and Labrador branch of Canadian Parents for French.



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SESSION 6 - Indigenous-Led Economic Development

Harry Flaherty



**President & CEO –
Qikiqtaaluk Corporation**

Harry Flaherty is President and CEO of Qikiqtaaluk Corporation and Group of Companies, the largest Inuit-owned private employer in Nunavut. Mr. Flaherty is recognized as a prominent Inuit business leader advancing economic and career opportunities for Inuit and leading Qikiqtaaluk Corporation as the Region's economic driver.

Under his direction, the Corporation has increased its service diversification through new subsidiaries, joint-ventures and partnerships which has advanced QC as a prominent and reliable leader and partner in industrial, institutional and infrastructure development.

Mr. Flaherty was instrumental in acquiring 100 percent ownership of the former joint-venture

Qikiqtaaluk Fisheries Corporation and in the development of the new 100 percent Inuit-owned Hotel and Conference Centre in Iqaluit. This has further established QC as a prominent leader in the Nunavut fishery industry and QC's presence in Iqaluit.

On a personal and corporate level, he is determined to make change for those he represents, Qikiqtani Inuit and has a vision of what Inuit Organizations can be, with a growth strategy that maximizes local participation to have a lasting effect.

Mr. Flaherty has received numerous awards and accolades throughout his career celebrating the advancements he has made for Nunavut. The CEO Today magazine identified Harry Flaherty as one of the best among the world's CEOs and was selected as one of six CEOs in Canada to receive this prestigious award. He was awarded the Indian and Northern Affairs Deputy Minister Pride and Recognition Award for Service Excellence for his efforts to maximize and promote

Inuit participation and career development. QC and Group of Companies was also the recipient of the Top Indigenous Business of the Year Award. Most recently, Mr. Flaherty was awarded the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award, being the First Indigenous Inuit to receive this award in its 20-year history.

As a leader, he is making a positive difference for Inuit, communities, and the Nunavut economy through his dedication and determination to create meaningful employment and business opportunities for Inuit.

David Dupuis



**Co-Director of the
Department of Economic
Development – Makivvik
Corporation**

Sarah Leo



**Head of the Greenland
Representation -
Government of Greenland
(Washington DC)**

As NGC's Chief Operating Officer, Sarah works with the heads of the fully-owned companies and partnerships and oversees the day-to-day operations of those entities. She cultivates and manages NGC's relationships with its key stakeholders, including Beneficiaries, all levels of government, and industry.

Sarah served as AngajukKak (Mayor) of Nain Inuit Community Government from 2006-2010. From 2012 to 2016, she was President of Nunatsiavut. Prior to coming to NGC, Sarah was Aboriginal Affairs Superintendent at Vale for the Voisey's Bay mine. She joined NGC in August 2017 as Vice President of Corporate Development.

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As a Nunatsiavimmiut, Sarah's knowledge of the role that NGC and its companies play in the region are tremendous assets as NGC continues on its path to be Inuit-led business leaders in the North. Sarah is intimately familiar with the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, and as COO, she works with the Executive Team to ensure that all NGC businesses are aligned to leverage the opportunities presented through the Land Claims Agreement.

Eugene Hart



**Chief - Sheshatshiu
Innu First Nation**

Eugene Hart was born and raised in the Innu community of Sheshatshiu. Being born in 1978, Eugene was brought up in a time when there was a great deal of change for the

Innu community. Eugene made his first foray into politics for a position on the Innu Nation Board where he was first elected in 2012 and re-elected in 2014. During his tenure on the board Eugene was the Chair of the Finance committee and he also held a position on the Emish committee. Since Eugene's election as Chief in 2015, he has implemented a strategy to streamline many of the programs provided by Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation. During Eugene's

tenure as Chief, he's had many successes, but the one he is most proud of is the advocacy work he and his council have been able to accomplish on behalf of the children taken out of the community and put in care. This advocacy has led to a transition program that will allow for the children to stay in the community and allow them to stay in touch with their language, culture and their education. In September of 2021, Chief Hart was elected for an unprecedented third time. Chief's campaign focused on the continued expansion of services for the community, having recently achieved a new gas station and a new elder's home for the community. Chief has stated that he looks to deal with the issue of substance abuse affecting Eugene is happily married to his wife Valerie, and they have been raising their 3 children (one of which is a foster child) with a focus to be proud of their aboriginal heritage while stressing the importance of health and education in their lives. g the lives of everyone in some way in the community. _



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SESSION 7 - Northern Workforce & Skilled Trades

Stanley Oliver



Manager - Labrador Office for Indigenous & Northern Skilled Trades (TradesNL)

Stanley Oliver was born and raised in Labrador, his father is from the North Coast (Rigolet) and his mother from North West River. He has eleven brothers and sisters. Stan is an Inuit who is an avid hunter, fisher, and outdoorsman. He currently holds the position of Manager with the Labrador Office of Indigenous & Northern Skills Trades. He has worked in the Labrador and Atlantic region in the Natural Resources field/industry for over thirty-five (35) years. Occupying, several senior management and leadership positions with the Nunatsiavut Government, the Nunatukavut Community Council, and the Atlantic First Nations Policy Congress. He holds a

Diploma from Memorial University as Resource Technician, a Certified Engineering Technician with the NL Association of Engineers and numerous certificates in Indigenous Governance and Administration.

Stan's wide range of education, work experience and local knowledge makes him adaptable to complex working environments. His in-depth knowledge of Labrador and Indigenous rights is often requested on the local, provincial, and national level. He currently sits on the National Indigenous Advisory Committee for the Canadian Environment Assessment Agency and is a member of the Circle of Experts on Indigenous Rights, the NL Provincial Wilderness Ecological Advisory Council, Canada Parks & Wilderness Society NL Chapter, Forecast NL and the HV-GB Health Community Advisory Committee.

He will tell you his philosophy "is to create free-detailed oriented work environments, that focuses on positive collaborative partnerships with government and business

with out loosing sight of grass roots concerns."

On the personal side, Stan is the father of a thirty-one-year daughter and the foster parent of a First Nations eight-year girl. He continues to volunteer in his community and province for the last thirty-five years. He suffers from a rare form of Arthritis that affects his joints and has had six joint replacements; In May 2018 he suffered a major heart attack. But he remains positive and active with work and the HV-GB Rotary. He still often MCs many charitable fund raisers.

Andy Moorhouse



Vice-President, Makivik Corporation - Economic Development

A beneficiary of the James Bay Northern Quebec Land Claims Agreement, Andy Moorhouse is serving his second term as

Vice-President of Economic Development at Makivik Corporation. This is his fourth term as a Makivik Executive – serving two terms as Corporate Secretary beginning in 2010, then his first term as VP of Economic Development from 2016 to 2019. Before his election as an executive, Mr. Moorhouse worked as the Corporation's Economic Development Officer as well as the Coordinator for the Ungaluk program, which funds culturally appropriate programs geared toward crime prevention for safe and healthy communities. Mr. Moorhouse is currently appointed as a member of Natural Resources Canada's Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative Review Panel and is one of two Inuit appointees to the National Indigenous Economic Board of Directors.

Mr. Moorhouse is a resident of Inukjuak, where he served as Mayor from 2003-2005, and as a councillor, last elected in 2009. He has held various roles in Nunavik organizations including President of the Kativik Municipal

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Housing Bureau from 2007-2010, and elected Member of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, where he was also a member of the Executive Committee.

A strong advocate of preserving and promoting the Inuktitut language, addressing mental health issues, and youth development, Mr. Moorhouse spends as much time as he can on the land with his children and grandchildren teaching them Inuit traditions.

Tanya Hawco



Director of Workplace Services - Women in Resource Development Corporation

“Tanya Hawco (she/her) is the Director of Workplace Services with Women in Resource Development Corporation, a longstanding non-profit

committed to increasing women’s participation in trades and technology. WRDC acts as a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion incubator, offering consultation, training and support to employers on their journey to creating a more diverse and inclusive work environment. Tanya is a registered social worker with the Newfoundland and Labrador College of Social Workers. With 20 years in diverse professional experience, she is the former Executive Director of the Gateway Status of Women Council. She has also worked in the Newfoundland and Labrador office of Immigration and Multiculturalism as a Senior Policy Analyst-Settlement and Integration Consultant. Tanya formerly served as the Minister’s executive political assistant in the (former) Departments of Human Resources Labour and Employment, Education and Women’s Policy Office in Newfoundland and Labrador. Tanya is an experienced facilitator, a lifelong learner (most recently completing a Centennial College

Certificate in Leadership and Inclusion) and a passionate advocate for gender equity.

Mike Ricci



Senior Program Officer, Business Development - Indigenous Services Canada

Having worked in the public service since 2011, Mike Ricci joined the Business Development Directorate at Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in February 2018. As acting Manager, Mike provides policy and program advice and guidance to the federal procurement community, as well as, supports and educates Indigenous business owners looking to sell their goods and services to the Government of Canada. In addition to his work at ISC, Mike spends his time chasing after his two young children, skiing, biking and enjoying live music.



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SESSION 8 - Mining – Community Development & Sustainability

Tara Shea



**Senior Director of
Regulatory & Indigenous
Affairs – Mining
Association of Canada**

Tara works with members, Indigenous organizations and governments, stakeholders and government decision makers on policy related to Indigenous engagement, wildlife management and biodiversity conservation. She is the policy lead on issues related to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and MAC's Indigenous Relations Committee which focuses on matters related to Indigenous participation in mining. She is dedicated to working on species at risk and protected areas related issues and is an active member of the Nature Advisory Committee as well as the Canadian Environmental Domestic Advisory Group.

Tara is also a member of the Centre for Land Conservation's Board of Directors.

Udlu Hanson



**VP Community & Strategic
Development – Baffinland
Iron Mines Corp.**

Udloriak Hanson (Udlu) was hired as Vice President, Community & Strategic Development with Baffinland Iron Mine in June 2019. She had most recently served as Deputy Minister of the department of Economic Development and Transportation for the Government of Nunavut. She also served as Chief Operating Officer with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), the land claims organization representing Nunavut Inuit. She was also NTI's Chief Negotiator for devolution. Udlu worked as Senior Advisor to the Clerk of the Executive Council

for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on Aboriginal Issues and Arctic Economic Opportunities. She also served as A/ Executive Director and Special Advisor to Her Excellency Mary Simon, who was President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami at the time. She is Chair and co-founding board director of Annauma Community Foundation. She is also on the national Indigenous Advisory Council for CN Rail. Udlu has undergraduate honours degrees in business administration and education. She lives in her hometown of Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Wendy White



**Superintendent of
Aboriginal Affairs**

Wendy White is currently the Superintendent of the Aboriginal Affairs

department for Vale's Newfoundland and Labrador Operations. She is a member of the Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation and is the first Innu to hold this position. In this role, Wendy's focus is on maintaining meaningful relationships with Aboriginal partners which is based on trust, mutual respect, and co-operation. Aboriginal participation and contribution is a hallmark of the Voisey's Bay operations. Under Wendy's leadership, the Aboriginal Affairs team supports the implementation of Vale's commitments to the Nunatsiavut Government and Innu Nation in separate Impacts and Benefits Agreements (IBAs). A trained social worker, Wendy has previously worked in various capacities with the Innu Round Table Secretariat, Eastern Health, Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation, and Health Canada (Happy Valley-Goose Bay). Wendy holds a Bachelor of Social Work from Memorial University and a Master of Social Work from the University of Toronto.

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Alex Buchan



**Director of Nunavut
Affairs –Stakeholder
Engagement, Agnico Eagle
Mines Ltd.**

Alex has over 30 years
of experience in wildlife

management and community economic development in Nunavut. He began his career as Renewable Resource Officer and Manager of Wildlife for the territorial government. Alex went on to work as Community Economic Development Officer for the Hamlet of Kugluktuk, assisting in working with the Canadian diamond industry and establishing the Kugluktuk Grizzlies youth group. He has been

involved in community and Inuit relations for the Hope Bay Belt for over 15 years, assisting in the negotiation and implementation of both Hope Bay Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreements, and other Inuit surface and subsurface tenure agreements.

Alex has also been active in diverse areas such as the Bathurst Caribou Management Planning Committee, Peary

Caribou Recovery Team, Diavik Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board, Nunavut Business Credit Corporation and Coppermine Heritage River nomination committee. Alex is a civilian instructor for the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, and actively represents Agnico Eagle Mining Ltd. on the Board of the NWT/Nunavut Chamber of Mines as the Vice President for Nunavut.



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SESSION 9 - Arctic Security & Defence

Jody Langelier



**President & Controller –
Nasittuq Corporation**

Jody Langelier was appointed as President of Nasittuq Corporation in August 2017. Nasittuq Corporation is a majority Inuit owned corporation. 51% of its voting shares are held by Nunasi Corporation and 51% of its equity shares are held by Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics (PAIL) Corporation. 49% of its voting and equity shares are held by ATCO Frontec Ltd.

Nasittuq Corporation operations and maintains the North Warning System and provides site support services at Canadian Forces Station Alert.

Ms Langelier has spent over 34 years focused on creating meaningful partnerships with Inuit throughout Inuit Nunangat.

Ms Langelier holds a

Bachelor of Commerce and an MBA from the University of Ottawa. She is a Certified Human Resources Leader (CHRL) and a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA).

Pascal Godbout



**Brigadier-General,
Commander – Joint Task
Force (North)**

Brigadier-General Pascal Godbout joined the Canadian Forces as a Communications and Electronics Engineering Officer and obtained his commission in 1995 after graduating from the Collège militaire royal de St-Jean. He was given the opportunity to command inspiring teams of professionals at every stage of his career in Kingston, Afghanistan, Cold Lake, North Bay, Borden and now Yellowknife. He has worked in staff appointments at NDHQ

and with Regional Cadet Support Unit (Central). He had the privilege of serving as an instructor at the Canadian Forces College as well as the Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics.

Brigadier-General Godbout served in the Joint Signal Regiment and has worked in support of NORAD operations on four separate tours of duty, culminating with his last tour in Colorado Springs as the Joint Cyber Centre Deputy Director, where he also served as one of the Deputy NORAD & USNORTHCOM Command Centre Directors. His most recent assignment was as Commander of 16 Wing Borden, where he was responsible for oversight of the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Technology and Engineering, the RCAF Academy, and the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operations.

Brigadier-General Godbout assumed command of Joint Task Force (North) on 28 May 2021.

Brigadier-General Godbout holds a Master of Arts in Defence Management and Policy from the Royal Military College of Canada, and a Master in Business Administration from Athabasca University. He is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Programme and the NATO Defence College Senior Course.

Neil O'Rourke invited



**Assistant Commissioner
Canadian Coast Guard**

From October 2018 to January 2023, Neil O'Rourke was the first Assistant Commissioner of the then-newly created Arctic Region of Canadian Coast Guard. After successfully standing-up and implementing Arctic Region amongst a host of other notable accomplishments, Neil O'Rourke has transitioned into a new role with Canadian Coast Guard

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as the Director General of Integrated Technical Services. Given his experience and knowledge with Arctic Region,

Neil O'Rourke will be presenting to the attendees of the Northern Lights Conference in his capacity as outgoing Assistant

Commissioner of Arctic Region.

Neil has over a decade of service working with Coast Guard. Prior to

serving as Assistant Commissioner for Arctic Region, he served as Senior Director, Safe Shipping and Economic Intelligence for Coast Guard, and was responsible for the development of national strategies to sustain and transform Coast Guard's marine navigation programs, including: Aids to Navigation, Marine Communications and Traffic Services, Waterways Management, and Icebreaking and Ice Information Services. Neil was also the national lead for Arctic program policy, the implementation of e-Navigation in Canadian waters, and served as Councillor with the International Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authority (IALA) on behalf of Canada. Neil is originally from Aylmer, Quebec and currently lives there with his family.



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SESSION 10 - Unlocking the Critical Mineral Potential of Canada's North

Kimberly Lavoie



Director General, Policy and Economics Branch, Lands and Minerals Sector - Natural Resources Canada

As Director General of the Policy and Economics Branch in the Lands and Minerals sector of Natural Resources Canada, Kimberly is responsible for key areas related to Canada's mining sector. This includes the Critical Minerals Centre of Excellence, the Canadian Minerals and Metals Plan and relations with provinces and territories, International Affairs and Trade – including investment attraction and export promotion, Strategic Policy, as well as Economic Analysis.

In January 2019 Kimberly joined Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) as a Consultation Director for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMX),

building on over 20 years of experience working with Indigenous Communities. Subsequently, Kimberly took on the role of Executive Director of the Phase IV Partnerships Office, designed to provide a single window into government with respect to TMX accommodation measures and to address questions, issues and concerns as they arise.

Prior to joining NRCan, Kimberly held several roles at Public Safety Canada, including Director of Crime Prevention and Aboriginal Community Safety as well as Director of Drug Policy. She also has experience in evaluation, program development, working with industry and nongovernmental organizations, as well as federal, provincial, territorial and international relations.

Kimberly is a mother to a teenage boy and a member of the Qalipu First Nation. She graduated from Carleton University with Honours in Law. Over the past 24 years, much of Kimberly's work has focused on responding to needs and concerns of marginalized Canadians, in partnership

with organizations and communities across the country. One of Kimberly's greatest gifts is her ability to bridge the divide between community and government.

Greg Andrews



President & CEO – Search Minerals

Mr. Andrews is the President and CEO of Search Minerals Inc. and has been mainly with the Company since inception in 2009. During this time, the company has advanced the Rare Earth Element District scale opportunity in South-East Labrador, along with the development of the proprietary direct extraction technology. He has over 30 years of experience in strategic planning, financial and administrative management consulting to public and private companies. Mr. Andrews received his Bachelor of Commerce, Finance from

the University of Calgary in 1984. He has held positions as General Manager of a Registered Portfolio Management company, General Manager of a Private Family Office and President of a wholesale distribution company. Mr. Andrews has also held various directorships in TSX Venture Exchange listed companies since 1993, including those involved in mining, oil and gas, technology and biotechnology.

Paul Budkewitsch



Manager of Minerals, Department of Economic Development & Transportation – Government of Nunavut

Paul received his education at Concordia University, University of Toronto and McGill University in the Geological Sciences. With an enduring interest in the north, from 1999 to 2019 he worked for

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the Canadian federal government as a researcher and geologist. This work involved leading several field programs across Canada's north developing applications of various airborne and satellite imaging systems for mineral and terrain mapping as well as evaluation of mineral exploration work in Nunavut. In 2019, Paul joined the Nunavut government as Manager of Mineral Resources in the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, supporting exploration projects and the growing mineral resource sector in the territory.

Jean-Marc Séguin



**Mining Coordinator -
Makivik Corporation**

Mr. Jean-Marc Séguin graduated from the University of Montreal with a Bachelor's degree in Geology in 1994 and with a Master's degree specializing in structural geology applied to economic resources in 1996. Between 1996 and 2001, he worked as field geologist in various exploration campaigns, he

also has been involved in research projects, among others in Nicaragua, and within geosciences fieldworks/geological surveys with the Ministère des Ressources naturelles du Québec.

Mr. Séguin joined in 2002 the Nunavik Mineral Exploration Fund (NMEF) a non-profit organization promoting the mineral resources of Nunavik and involving the Inuit community in the mineral development. He worked then as the NMEF project geologist and, starting January 2006, took the position of the NMEF technical director, managing the organizations financial

resources and projects such as prospecting trainings within the Nunavik communities, explorations projects and Nunavik mineral potential promotional activities. Since September 2013, Mr. Séguin has been appointed as the Mining Coordinator, then Mining Development manager to the Makivik Corporation. His present duties are mainly to review, research, analyze wide range of mining files and develop policy recommendations related to the mining development of Nunavik. Furthermore, Mr. Séguin assists Makivik departments and appointed negotiators on specific negotiation and implementation of mining Impacts & Benefits Agreements in Nunavik. He also worked at the beginning of his mandate, in the development of the Nunavik Inuit Mining Policy™ launched in November 2014 and resulting from an extensive consultation exercise with the Nunavik communities. The purpose of this policy is to define the favorable conditions for obtaining Nunavik Inuit support for the mining development of their region.



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SESSION 11 -Sustainable Fisheries in the Arctic

Jerry Ward



**Director of Fisheries –
Qikiqtaaluk Corporation**

Grew up in Triton, Notre Dame Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Graduate of Memorial University's School of Business.

Has been in the Seafood industry for over 40 years. Over this period, he has held Senior Management positions in the industry in both Canada and the United States.

Worked in the private sector until 1997. In 1997 he returned to Newfoundland and accepted a position as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture with the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. From 2001 - 2014 he became Chief Executive Officer of the Baffin Fisheries Coalition, Iqaluit Nunavut, and since 2015 has been Director of Fisheries with Qikiqtaaluk

Corporation, an Inuit Birth right company located in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Scott Grant



**Research Chair, QC
Industry Chair in
Nunavut Inshore
Fisheries Research and
Development - Centre
for Sustainable Aquatic
Resources (Marine
Institute)**

Dr. Grant's research interests have included new and emerging fisheries for Atlantic hagfish, sea cucumber, waved whelk, toad crab, northern stone crab, and lake whitefish in the Newfoundland and Labrador region and starry flounder, porcupine crab, toad crab, whelks, soft-shelled clams, cockles, Iceland scallop, sea cucumber, sea urchins, and various species of shrimp in Arctic and sub-Arctic waters. These studies include life-history analysis, conservation

harvesting measures, and environmental considerations to avoid overharvesting of juveniles and avoid collateral damage to marine bio-physical habitats and non-targeted species.

To contribute to sustainable oceans ecosystem management, exploratory fisheries need to consider a comprehensive research strategy. At the forefront of fisheries development Dr. Grant's Arctic and sub-Arctic research integrates Indigenous traditional ecological knowledge with physical oceanographic, multibeam echosounder, geo-referenced high-resolution video, and fishing gear surveys to better understand how species distribution, abundance, and biodiversity differ over varying habitats and spatial scales. Capacity building of Indigenous partners in data collection for sustainable management of marine resources is an integral component of these studies.

Jason Annahatak



**Co-Director, Department
of Economic Development
– Makivvik Corporation**

Jason is originally from Kangirsuk, Nunavik. Following his Master degree in education at Columbia University he worked in post-secondary education for eight years. The majority of that work experience was dedicated to serving Nunavik Inuit in a managerial role. In 2018 he completed a Master of business and administration degree from McGill and HEC Montreal and changed career paths by joining Makivvik in 2021. Jason currently serves as the Co-Director of Economic Development Department at Makivvik and is also president of Nunavik Investment Corporation.

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SESSION 11 -Sustainable Fisheries in the Arctic

Alastair O'Reilly



**Executive Director
– Northern Coalition
Corporation**

Alastair O'Reilly is currently Executive Director of Northern Coalition Corporation, an alliance of indigenous-based commercial fishing entities throughout Nunavut, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut and Southern Labrador. He was appointed as Deputy Minister, Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development on May 1, 2013, and retired from

public service on March 31, 2016. He has served in other executive positions with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, including Deputy Minister (2006-2013) and Assistant Deputy Minister (1996) with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. While serving in these roles, Mr. O'Reilly led departmental engagement in several extensive negotiations, particularly the province's role in international and national trade negotiations, including the Canada-EU Comprehensive Trade Agreement, Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Agreement on Internal Trade. Significant agreements negotiated included the province's approval of the sale of Fishery Products

International and several large and transformative investments in the province's salmon aquaculture industry. Mr. O'Reilly held a number of senior positions in the private sector, including Argosy Seafoods Limited and Clearwater Fine Foods, Inc. He also worked as an independent fisheries development consultant before joining the Canadian Centre for Fisheries Innovation (CCFI) as Managing Director and later as Chair of the Board of Directors. He served as the President of the Fisheries Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (FANL) from 1997 to 2003, during which time he served as lead negotiator in price agreements between seafood processors and harvesters. These

agreements, normally achieved through final offer arbitration, had cumulative values of \$500-600 million annually. Mr. O'Reilly holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Memorial University of Newfoundland. He has served on many committees/boards including Memorial's Faculty of Business Advisory Board, Genesis Board of Directors, Harris Centre Board of Directors, Arctic Opportunities (Northern Gateway), Atlantic Workforce Partnership, Business Investment Corporation, The Rooms Corporation, Fisheries Council of Canada, National Seafood Sector Council, Eastern Health, the largest health regional board with Newfoundland and Labrador as well as several private sector Boards of Directors and as a member of Canada's delegation to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization as a Commissioner for Canada. He has chaired the Board of Governors of the College of North Atlantic since 2017.



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SESSION 12 - Empowering Indigenous Youth Futures

Brian Pottle



President – National Inuit Youth Council

Brian Pottle is an Inuk from Postville and Rigolet, Nunatsiavut. A professional engineer with a background in radiofrequency systems, today Brian uses his skillset in his roles as Executive Director of Katinnganiq Makerspace Network and President of the National Inuit Youth Council.

Liam Watts



Tech Intern - National Research Council of Canada (SmartICE Technology Project)

Originally from Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador, Liam Watts is a mechanical engineering student at the Memorial University of Newfoundland. Currently in his third year, Liam enjoys using Computer

Aided Design software and intends on pursuing a career in mechatronics and product design, with a focus on sustainability. To date, Liam has completed two work terms at SmartICE as a Tech Research Intern, and is currently on his third work term with the National Research Council Canada. As a proud Inuk, he is also passionate about the Arctic and Indigenous rights. Liam was also a member of the BHER Student Advisor Board, Students on Ice Arctic Policy Board and attended COP27. Outside of school and work, Liam enjoys exploring the outdoors, playing and watching basketball, and is an avid music lover and record collector.

called Kangirsuk and I am the vice president of Qarjuit Youth Council. I have been involved in this amazing organization for 3 years, I am very passionate about empowering youth and conserving our culture.

Qarjuit Youth Council aims to represent the Nunavik and Chisasibi Inuit youth aged from 15 to 35 years old. QYC exists to provide them with opportunities and knowledge in order to improve their quality of life, to empower themselves and to explore their full potential as responsible citizens and leaders. Any initiatives of QYC are grounded by the Inuit culture, language and identity. In the future, we wish that Nunavik and Chisasibi youth are empowered and have the space, support and resources from all partners in Nunavik and beyond to express their needs, their issues and their wishes. Youth are in a position to mobilize themselves through their cultural resiliency and knowledge in both environments - modern day society and their rooted identities.

Susieanne Kudluk



Vice President – Qarjuit Youth Council (invited)

Ai! My name is Susieanne Kudluk. I am from Nunavik, in a community



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SESSION 13 - Local-Led & Sustainable Development

Anne Barker



Director, Arctic and Northern Challenge Program – National Research Council of Canada

Since joining the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) in 1998, Anne has led research projects involving numerical simulations, field work, physical modelling and analytical studies of ice cover behaviour and ice-structure interaction. She is currently the Director of NRC's Arctic and Northern Challenge Program, a seven-year, multi-million dollar research program that aims to address pressing issues impacting the quality of life of Northern peoples. As Director, she works collaboratively across NRC and with Arctic and northern governments, communities, industries

and organizations to prioritize northern-led research projects that have a strong focus on northern capacity building in applied research and technology development. One of her favourite parts of her work is being able to initiate and support conversations around doing research differently, the role that research plays in reconciliation, and especially how NRC can use its extensive expertise to support research needs. Anne is a member of the Professional Engineers of Ontario and holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from Queen's University, Canada.

Jamie Hewlett



Regional Energy Coordinator – Nunatsiavut Government

Jamie Hewlett was born and raised in the small town of Baie

Verte, Newfoundland and Labrador. After finishing high school, he graduated from Petroleum Engineering Technology at the College of the North Atlantic in St. John's, leading to a career in Alberta with Imperial Oil in field operations for eight years.

In April 2022, Jamie moved to his wife's hometown of Nain, Nunatsiavut, to raise the couple's three children in close connection to their Inuit culture. He is currently the Regional Energy Co-ordinator for the Nunatsiavut Government, and is actively involved in a number of renewable energy projects in the region.

Rhoda Angutimarik



CEO - Arctic Fresh Inc.

Rhoda was born and raised in Igloodik Nunavut in Canada's beautiful

high arctic. She is a wife, mother of four and was a teacher for sixteen years. Growing up Rhoda would often have to go without food. When she became a teacher, she noticed the children in the community were still hungry a lot of the time. So, she and her husband Merlyn, decided to do something about it. In 2016, to help Nunavut they started an online grocer to make affordable and nutritious food available.

After she realized the website was not reaching all the people in need, she knew they needed to build capacity and create jobs to improve the local economy. So, she decided to open a store in Igloodik and offer affordable prices and that was very successful. She also partnered up with a construction company and an airline to create more jobs for the people of the North.

Even after all of this she knew there was still more to do and they began working on a healthy hub concept for the communities that will support harvesting, packaging, and selling country food locally. Rhoda

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also recently opened a B&B in Igloolik, knowing how hard it is for visitors to have accommodations in the North when visiting or coming for work. She also takes care of their convenience store, coffee shop, takeout, and ensures the website is always up to date so customers can keep track of their orders and specials.

Her dedication to improving food security throughout Nunavut remains unwavering.

Kirt Ejesiak



Chairman & CEO - Arctic UAV Inc.

Kirt Ejesiak is the CEO of Arctic UAV & Apex 3D, he is also a past member of Canada's National

Broadband Committee. Kirt is the director of the Inuit Business Council of Nunavut, past chairperson of Ilitturvik University Society, has held various public and private sector positions, including running his own private business for over 20 years. He is dedicated to making the lives of the Inuit better and has represented Nunavut in various capacities at the regional, national and international level. He was awarded the

Fulbright Scholarship in 2005 to attend Harvard University and completed his Masters of Public Administration.



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SESSION 14 - Developing a Northern Infrastructure Strategy

Morten Vedelsbøl



**Founding Partner &
Director - Biosis Architects
(Denmark)**

Morten Vedelsbøl, is an experienced Danish architect, urban planner and creative director. Together with Mikkel Thams Olsen he founded BIOSIS in 2018 with the

ambition of becoming market leading architects and planners of 'Climate Driven Design'. The office currently spans over 3 offices situated in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Nuuk.

Alongside their international practice Morten Vedelsbøl has taught the master program at the 'Academy of Fine Arts, School of Architecture' in Copenhagen, Denmark within 'Settlement Ecology & Technology' for 10 years specifically focused on sustainability and extreme

environments.

He has won several awards for his works with the potential interaction between the built environment and the natural landscapes, as well for innovative construction and planning under particularly challenging climatic conditions bringing biophilia to the forefront of conceptual design.

BIOSIS has a specialized interest in extreme environments primarily focused on the Arctic, the North Atlantic and Scandinavian regions, currently working in

Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Canada, and Denmark. Their vast experience with architecture and urban development under difficult climatic conditions, make BIOSIS a strategic choice for clients and initiatives facing challenging terrain and climate. Whether in dense urban conditions or in rural areas their projects strive to generate planning, building and landscape typologies that actively react to their local environment and climate bringing forth new qualities of sustainable living.



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SESSION 14 - Developing a Northern Infrastructure Strategy

Colin Gilbride



Director of Infrastructure and Planning - Nunatsiavut Government

Colin Gilbride is a Professional Civil Engineer with 9 years experience specifically focused around northern Labrador infrastructure development. Colin is passionate and has a strong connection to the Nunatsiavut region, having lived in the Inuit community of Makkovik for the past three years. He leads the Infrastructure division of the Nunatsiavut Government, and has extensive knowledge in all phases of infrastructure projects - from planning and design through to tendering, construction and maintaining assets. The Nunatsiavut Government

Infrastructure division's priority is to construct and improve necessary infrastructure, to enhance service delivery, and to increase access to services to enhance quality of life of Inuit living in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area.

Eiryn Deveraux



President & CEO - Nunavut Housing Corporation

Eiryn Deveraux is a long-time northerner with approximately 30 years of experience in the Housing and Infrastructure sectors. He started his career working with the NWT/NU Housing Corporation in Arviat in 1994 and spent 13 years working in various roles within the Corporation in Arviat, Inuvik, and Norman Wells. He has held the position of Assistant Deputy

Minister of Infrastructure with the Nunavut Department Community Government Services, as well as, the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Housing with the Province of Nova Scotia. He worked in the private sector as Vice President, Asset Management with Armco Capital, one of Atlantic Canada's largest developers. Eiryn has led several key Infrastructures and Housing initiatives over his career, including the recent launch of the Nunavut 3000 housing strategy, Co-Chair of the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission, as well as, various critical major capital projects such as the replacement of the Kinngait and Kugaaruk schools lost to fires, the new healing/correctional centre in Iqaluit, the Iqaluit deep seaport, and various other educational, health, and municipal infrastructure projects. Eiryn and his wife Janis have three daughters who were raised in the North.

Michel Allard



Emeritus Professor, Université Laval

Michel Allard is an emeritus professor of geomorphology and permafrost science at the Department of Geography of Laval University. He is a member of Centre d'études nordiques since 1979. He built up his expertise in permafrost science and engineering over years of doing research in northern Québec and in the Canadian Arctic. Over the last 20 years, he got particularly involved in permafrost research applied to transportation infrastructure, mostly airports, and to adaptation of Inuit communities to climate change. He was awarded the Polar Medal by the Governor General of Canada in 2015 and the Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Northern Research in 2017.

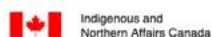
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