



# 2018 Pacific NorthWest Economic Region Economic Leadership Forum

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

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9:00am—  
10:00am

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

— *Conference Room 1*

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

**Keith Halliday**, Director, BCG Centre for Canada's Future

**Sen. Arnie Roblan**, Oregon

**Rep. DeLena Johnson**, Alaska

10:00am—  
10:15am

### **Coffee Break**

10:15am—  
11:00am

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

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

**Consul General Katherine Dhanani**, Consulate of the U.S. in Vancouver

**Consul General Brandon Lee**, Consulate of Canada in Seattle

**Consul General Lucia Piazza**, Consulate of the U.S. in Calgary

11:15am—  
12:30pm

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

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

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

**McGarry Selbee**, CEO, Chief Isaac Group of Companies

**Alex Doepel**, General Manager, Dakwakada Development Corporation

**Marilyn Jensen**, Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association (YFNCT)

**Greg Finnegan**, CEO, Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation (NNDDC)

12:30pm—  
2:00pm

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

2:15pm—3:45pm

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

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

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

**Chief Doris Bill**, Kwanlin Dün First Nation

**Chief Steve Smith**, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

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

3:45pm—5:00pm

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

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

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

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

**Rosa Brown**, Lands Manager, Vuntut Gwitchin Government

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

**J.P. Pinard**, Consulting Engineer, Pinard Consulting

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

**Malek Tawashy**, Director, Northern Energy Capital

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

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

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8:00am—9:15am

### **Breakfast Keynote Plenary — Continued**—*Conference Room 1*

Invitation to the 2019 PNWR Annual Summit in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan July 21-25 from **Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff**, Minister of Central Services, Government of Saskatchewan.

9:15am—  
10:00am

### **Working Group Plenary Session #6—PNWER’s Role in Combating Tariffs**—*Conference Room 1*

#### **Expert overview of tariffs**

**Keith Halliday**, Director, BCG Centre for Canada’s Future

#### **Impact of tariffs on businesses in the region**

**Rob Roe**, Western Trailer from Idaho

**Gavin Semple**, President of Brandt Industries Ltd from Saskatchewan

10:00am-  
11:30am

### **Working Group Plenary Session #7—New Opportunities in Infrastructure and Transportation**—*Conference Room 2*

#### **Looking ahead to PNWER’s Infrastructure and Transportation Initiatives**

PNWER continues to focus on permit reform; oil to tidewater issues; safety in the Salish Sea; market access; innovative infrastructure finance; and automated, connected, electric shared vehicles.

**Bruce Agnew**, Transportation & Infrastructure Co-Chair; Director, Cascadia Center

#### **Developing infrastructure and transportation priorities**

The minister will address climate change adaptation research projects under the Northern Transportation Adaptation Initiative as well as collaboration between the Yukon and Alaska governments to request funding for the Shakwak Project.

**Hon. Richard Mostyn**, Minister of Highways and Public Works, Yukon Government

#### **Workforce needs for infrastructure projects**

**Rod Savoie**, FEC, P.Eng, Past President, Engineers Yukon

#### **Bringing energy to remote communities and businesses**

**Andrew Hall**, President and CEO, Yukon Energy

#### **Moving energy to the north, partnerships with First Nations, and LNG as a transportation fuel**

**David Bennett**, Director, Communications and External Relations, FortisBC

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

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30pm– 8:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

7:00pm—Takhini Hot Springs

8:30pm— Return to Westmark Hotel

9:30pm—2:00am

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

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

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