

# 2015 PNWER Legislative Leadership Academy & Economic Leadership Forum Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

November 15 - 17

Preliminary Agenda

Updated October 30

Sunday, November 15

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7:30 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Registration - Explorer Hotel</b>
8:00 am - 9:15 am	<b>Welcome Breakfast and Discussion</b> featuring <b>Northwest Territories Dene Drummers</b>  <b>Presentation on the basic structural differences between the Canadian and US Government Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Prof. Don Alper, Former Director of the Center for Canadian-American Studies, Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University</i></li><li>● <i>Prof. Michael Treleaven, Associate Professor, Political Science, Gonzaga University</i></li></ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer Hotel, Katimavik B</i></p>
9:15 am - 10:30 am	<b>Legislative Academy Session #1</b>  <b>Structural difference between the government systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Discussion Questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How do bills originate?</li><li>○ How many bills do you consider in a typical legislative year?</li><li>○ How do you function in caucus?</li><li>○ Describe your committee structure, and what is the role of legislative committees?</li><li>○ Who decides who sits on committees?</li><li>○ What is the role of public consultation, interest groups, lobbyists, media, etc?</li><li>○ Differences in institutional resources?</li><li>○ How does the initiative and referendum process</li></ul></li></ul>

	<p>impact the legislature?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comparing the fusion of the legislative and executive authorities in Canada with the diffusion and separation of powers in the United States</li> <li>○ Role of committee chairman vs. department chair</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer Hotel, Katimavik A</i></p>
<p>10:45 am - 11:45 am Coffee Break hosted by CAPP</p>	<p><b>Legislative Academy Session #2</b></p> <p><b>Facilitated roundtable discussion on the campaigns, elections, and leadership process in both the states and provinces. Moderators leading each table.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What are the nomination procedures?</li> <li>○ What is role and power of party leadership in the nomination process?</li> <li>○ What does a typical campaign for the legislature cost in your jurisdiction?</li> <li>○ How do you fund political campaigns?</li> <li>○ How do you monitor ethics and how does the process work?</li> <li>○ What are the implications of all of the above to the day to day legislative process and the making of laws?</li> <li>○ How does an MLA get selected to be in the cabinet and what does that mean? How do careers develop?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer Hotel, Katimavik A</i></p>
<p>12:00 pm - 1:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Luncheon Plenary discussion &amp; Legislative Academy Session #3 on Provincial, Territorial and State and Federal Relations: Roundtable dialogue in small mixed table setting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How do states interface with the US federal government?</li> <li>○ Who controls tax dollars, and what is the percentage of government services controlled by Washington, DC vs. the state governments? What are the implications of this?</li> <li>○ What is the role of the provinces and the federal government in the Canadian system? And what are the practical relationships between the two?</li> <li>○ What is the constitutional breakdown of responsibilities between the provinces and the federal government?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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1:15 pm	<b>Meet in lobby of Explorer hotel to take shuttle to Legislative Assembly Building</b>
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	<b>Tour of Legislative Assembly Building</b>
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	<p><b>Discussion of Consensus Based Governance</b> featuring <b>Tim Mercer</b>, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Legislative Assembly Building</i></p>
4:15 pm - 6:00 pm	<p><b>Legislative Academy Session #4</b></p> <p><b>“From the Speaker’s Chair” A comparative look at the role and function of the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly</b></p> <p>Moderated by <b>Barry Penner</b>, Former PNWER President and BC Attorney General</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Don Toth</b>, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan</li> <li>● <b>Representative Jeff Morris</b>, Washington State Legislature</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How does the Speaker exert influence over the process?</li> <li>○ What is the Speaker’s role, and how do they utilize their role?</li> <li>○ What is the role of the Opposition?</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Legislative Assembly Building, Caucus Room</i></p>
6:00 pm	<b>Meet in lobby of Legislative Assembly Building to go to Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre</b>

6:15 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>Explore the Museum, followed by a reception &amp; dinner at Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.</b> Hosted by Cement Association of Canada.
9:00 pm	<b>Shuttles depart Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre to go back to the Explorer hotel</b>
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> - Hosted by Idaho National Laboratory <i>Janvier Room</i>

## Monday, November 16

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7:30 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Registration</b> (All delegates welcome to day's events)
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<p><b>Breakfast plenary</b> hosted by Washington Corporations  <b>First Nations Welcome</b> from <b>Chief Edward Sangris</b> followed by a discussion on Provincial/Territorial/State/Federal Relations led by <b>Idaho State Senator Curt McKenzie, Professor Don Alper, &amp; Matt Morrison</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik B</i></p>
9:15 am - 10:15 am	<p><b>Legislative Academy Session #5: Empowering Sub-National Governments and developing regional governance frameworks to encourage bi-national cooperation</b></p> <p><b>Tabletop exercises on current cross-border issues and the governance challenges &amp; institutional gaps within our region led by Don Alper,</b> Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Western Washington University; PNWER President <b>Senator Curt McKenzie; and Matt Morrison</b></p> <p><b>Featured topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Invasive Species Perimeter of Defense</li> <li>● Economic development in the North and the role that state/provincial/federal governments have in developing necessary infrastructure (labor, workforce, transportation)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How can we address institutional challenges and gaps?</li> <li>● What collaborative initiatives (beyond municipal and county boundaries) have worked in your state or province that might be expanded beyond your boundaries?</li> <li>● What institutional frameworks can assist in this process?</li> <li>● What tools are there to more effectively address this challenge?</li> </ul>

	<i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik A</i>
<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm Coffee Break hosted by Canpotex</p>	<p><b>Economic Leadership Forum #1: Arctic Governance: Innovative Solutions to Sub-National Engagement</b></p> <p><i>The Arctic Governance panel will include perspectives on the importance of sustainable development in the Arctic and economic security for its people. Our expert panel will showcase the role of the sub national governments on Arctic policy and highlight best practices and areas of potential collaboration. The goal for this session is to provide participants with a broad overview of the various works currently being carried out in the Arctic Region</i></p> <p><b>Moderated by Consul General Lynne Platt, U.S. Consulate Vancouver</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Arctic Governance: Who does it Best?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Drue Pearce, Senior Policy Advisor, Crowell &amp; Moring LLP</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>The Alaska Legislature's Continuing Role in Arctic Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Alaska Representative <b>Bob Herron</b></i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Intergovernmental Collaboration in the Northwest Territories</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i><b>Martin Goldney</b>, Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, Government of the Northwest Territories</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik A</i></p>
<p>12:15 pm - 1:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Luncheon Keynote: Hosted by BNSF</b></p> <p><b><i>Northern Readiness: Is Northern Canada Prepared for the Challenges and Opportunities of the 21st Century</i></b></p> <p>featuring <b>Ken Coates</b>, Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, and co-Director (Research) for the International Centre of Northern Governance and Development, University of Saskatchewan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik B</i></p>
<p>1:45 pm - 3:00 pm Coffee break hosted by Capital Power</p>	<p><b>Economic Leadership Forum #2: Aboriginal Economic Development</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by Pawan Chugh, CEO, Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Aboriginal participation and ownership models</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i><b>Darrell Beaulieu</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Denendeh Investments Incorporated</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Resource-Community Partnerships, a win-win relationship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Sean Willy, Director, Corporate Responsibility, Cameco Corporation, Saskatchewan</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Role of Aboriginal Businesses in the North's Economy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Brian MacDonald, President of the Yukon First Nation Chamber of Commerce and Chair of Dakwakada Capital Investments in the Yukon</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik A</i></p>
3:00 pm	<b>Meet in the lobby of the Explorer hotel if you are going on a tour. Buses depart at 3:15 pm</b>
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<p><b>Team Building Activity</b></p> <p><b>Dog Sledding:</b> Experience the North with a traditional dog sled ride through the snowy trails of Northwest Territories. This is an experience not to miss! Winter clothing will be provided.</p> <p><b>Yellowknife City Tour:</b> Join local experts on a tour of Yellowknife city and learn about the history of this mining town turned diamond city. The tour also offers a chance to see local art and learn about history and culture of the people that make this area unique!</p> <p>Register for activities here: <a href="https://www.regonline.com/2015pnwerwintermeeting">https://www.regonline.com/2015pnwerwintermeeting</a></p>
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	<p><b>Welcome Reception</b> <i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik Ballroom</i></p>
10:00 pm - 12:00 am	<p><b>Hospitality Suite sponsored by the <i>Engineering and Geoscience Regulators</i>- Janvier Room</b></p>

## Tuesday, November 17

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7:30 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<p><b>Breakfast Plenary Hosted by Nelson Mullins</b> <b>Recent Impacts of the Federal Election</b> featuring <b>Colin Robertson</b>, Senior Advisor, Dentons LLP, Senior Fellow, Norman Paterson School of</p>

	<p>International Affairs at Carleton University, and Advisor, Canadian Council of Chief Executives</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik B</i></p>
<p>9:15 am - 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>Economic Leadership Forum #3: Market Access and Arctic Transportation Systems</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by Deputy Minister Peter Vician, Ministry of Industry, Tourism &amp; Investment, Government of Northwest Territories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>LNG: Transportation Logistics and Opportunities – Northern Territories</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Don Dean, Principal, PROLOG Canada</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>NWT Highways Corridor Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Russell Neudorf, Deputy Minister of Transportation, Northwest Territories Department of Transportation</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik A</i></p>
<p>10:45 am - 12:15 pm Coffee Break hosted by CN</p>	<p><b>Economic Leadership Forum #4: Energy development in the North &amp; Energy Efficient Buildings</b>, hosted by FortisBC</p> <p><b>Overview of energy opportunities and challenges in the Northwest Territories:</b> <i>An overview of the tremendous energy resources in the Northwest Territories and energy policy related to energy conservation and efficiency and the development of local and renewable energy in the NWT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Dave Nightingale, Director, Energy Policy and Planning, PWS, Government of the Northwest Territories</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Roadmap to Resilient, Net-Zero Buildings in the Northwest:</b> <i>Introduction to energy efficiency, Net-Zero construction and deep retrofits</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is Net-Zero construction and deep retrofits?</li> <li>- Recent policies and programs in the PNWER region</li> <li>● <i>Rep. Deb Boone, Oregon State Legislature</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Super-efficient buildings in the North</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Northern Sustainable House in Inuvik</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Scott Reid, Director of Infrastructure Services, Northwest</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p><i>Territories Housing Corporation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Steve Outlet</b>, Program Coordinator Arctic Energy Alliance</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategies for Remote Microgrids in the Northwest Territories</b>  <i>An overview of the potential benefits of Smart Grids in the Northwest Territories with a focus on the Colville Lake Diesel-Solar-Battery system</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>David Mahon</b>, Manager, Energy Projects, Energy Solutions, PWS, Government of the Northwest Territories</li> </ul> <p><b>Utilizing Innovative Strategies for Energy Systems in the Arctic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Paul Manson</b>, CEO, DC Grid Development Corporation</li> </ul> <p><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik A</i></p>
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	<p><b>Luncheon Keynote</b> hosted by HDR featuring <b>Brendan Bell</b>, CEO, Dominion Diamond Corporation</p> <p><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik B</i></p>
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm Coffee Break hosted by Devon	<p><b>Economic Leadership Forum #5: Mining, hosted by Cenovus Energy</b>  <i>As the world deals with a decline in commodity prices brought on by an economic slowdown in China, there is increasing concern of how the region will be able to withstand the impact.</i></p> <p>Moderated by <b>Barry Penner</b>, Former PNWER President and BC Attorney General</p> <p><b>Overview of Yukon mining industry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hon. Stacey Hassard</b>, Minister of Economic Development, Yukon</li> </ul> <p><b>Overview of Northwest Territories &amp; Nunavut mining industry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Tom Hoefler</b>, Executive Director, NWT &amp; Nunavut Chamber of Mines</li> </ul> <p><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Katimavik A</i></p>
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	<p><b>PNWER Executive Committee Meeting</b> - Open to all participants</p> <p><i>Location: Explorer hotel, Janvier Room</i></p>
5:45 pm	<p><b>Meet in lobby of Explorer hotel to take shuttle to the Northern</b></p>



	<b>Frontier Visitors Centre</b>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	<b>Wine Reception at the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre</b>
7:00 pm	<b>Shuttles depart to the Legislative Assembly Building</b>
7:15 pm - 9:30 pm	<p><b>Dinner and Graduation Ceremony for Legislative Leadership Academy, hosted by BDIC at the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly Building</b></p> <p><i>*Shuttles will depart from the Great Hall at 9:30 to take people back to the Explorer Hotel</i></p>
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<b>Trip up to Ingram Trail to see the Aurora Borealis</b>

### Wednesday, November 18

7:30 am - 12:00 pm	<p><b>Mining Policy Tour - <i>Brought to you by Northwest Territories Mineral Resources Division</i></b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <i>Pam Strand, Director, Mineral Resources division, Government of Northwest Territories, Ministry of Industry, Tourism, &amp; Investment</i></p> <p>The City of Yellowknife has a long history of mining since the first discovery of gold in 1928. Gold fueled the NWT economy for some 70 years with the Yellowknife gold mines producing 13.5 million ounces of gold since 1938. In 2014 the total value of minerals and diamonds produced in the NWT was \$1.89 billion almost exclusively from diamonds. Yellowknife is the logistical hub for all points north.</p> <p>This day will be one half day in length and will start with breakfast with welcome presentation and overview of the tour by Pamela Strand Director of the Mineral Resource Division of the GNWT will also be in attendance and your guide throughout the day.</p> <p>This will be followed by a surface tour by bus that will highlight both Yellowknife’s gold history as well as our active diamond mining industry. Stops will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The NWT Diamond Center where you will hear about the stories</li> </ul>
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of Diavik, Ekati and the Snap Lake Mine - located 300 kilometers north of Yellowknife – you will see this story told in an interpretive exhibit, showcasing the fascinating geology of kimberlite deposits, the technology of mining in the sub-arctic, and the process used to turn a rough stone into a beautiful diamond. Visitors to the centre may purchase diamonds that have been mined, cut and polished in the NWT.

- Your bus will then take you to see the Robertson Headframe at the past producing Con Mine, currently closed and undergoing reclamation by Newmont Mining. The NWT Mining Heritage Society will be present to present the facts from our rich mineral history.
- You will then travel to the Giant Mine Remediation Project, a joint project to clean up the surface, stabilize and secure the underground and maintain and monitor the site for the future. Between 1948 and 2004, the Giant Mine was a major economic driver for Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories. When the mine closed, attention focused on the environmental issues left behind, notably 237,000 tonnes of arsenic trioxide stored in underground chambers. The Remediation Project proposes to leave a new and positive legacy behind: a site that will provide an opportunity for many future uses by the community, as determined by the community. This project is state of the art and innovative. Member of the project team will be present to provide an overview and answer questions.
- Lastly we will take you on an aerial tour of Yellowknife by Twin Otter on skis and take off from the frozen waters of Great Slave Lake.