

Monday, July 18, 2016; 2:30 - 5:30 pm  
Hyatt Regency; Calgary, Alberta

**Session 5 - Monday  
Afternoon**

**Session leaders**



*Sen. Lesil McGuire  
Alaska State Legislature*



*Nils Andreassen  
Institute of the North*

## Arctic Caucus

*Co-Chairs: Representative Bob Herron, Alaska State Legislature; Hon. Stacey Hassard, Yukon Legislative Assembly (Steve Rose, Assistant Deputy Minister will represent Yukon); and Premier Bob McLeod, Government of the Northwest Territories (Hon. Wally Schumann will represent GNWT)*

### Introduction and Welcome

Rep. Bob Herron & Sen. Lesil McGuire, Alaska

- I. **View from Northwest Territories –Remarks on infrastructure & economic development** - Hon. Wally Schumann, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources & Minister of Transportation (2:30 – 2:40 pm – 10 mins)
- II. **Panel Review of Arctic Council and other projects, and discussion of Arctic Caucus participation (2:40 – 3:50 – 70 mins)**
  - **Canada Transportation Act Review & Maritime Infrastructure**  
John Higginbotham, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) & Carleton University
  - **Arctic Remote Energy Network Academy (ARENA)**  
Rob Cooke, Polar Knowledge Canada
  - **Community based planning and resilience & PPR in Small Communities & Arctic Renewable Energy Atlas (AREA)**  
Nils Andreassen, Institute of the North
  - **Observation and monitoring programs**  
Professor Maribeth Murray, Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary
- III. **Arctic Leaders Roundtable on North American Arctic Collaboration for Sustainable Economic Development (3:50 – 5:10 – 80 mins)**

Moderator: **Nils Andreassen**, Executive Director, Institute of the North

On March 10 President Obama and Prime Minister Trudeau released a joint statement on Climate, Energy, and Arctic Leadership which included:

- **Building a sustainable Arctic economy.** Canada and the U.S. will work to develop this year a shared and science-based standard for considering the life-cycle impacts of commercial activities in the Arctic.
- **Supporting strong Arctic communities.** We commit to defining new approaches and exchanging best practices to strengthen the resilience of Arctic communities and continuing to support the well-being of Arctic residents, in particular respecting the rights and territory of Indigenous peoples.

The Arctic Leaders Roundtable will discuss this statement from their perspective, addressing the following discussion topics:

### Roundtable Participants:

## **Arctic Caucus**

### **Co-Chairs**

*Rep. Bob Herron*

*Alaska State Legislature*

*Hon. Bob McLeod,*

*Premier*

*Northwest Territories*

*Hon. Stacey Hassard*

*Yukon Legislative*

*Assembly*

- **Darrell Beaulieu**, Chair of the Northwest Territories Business Development Corporation, Denendeh Investment Corp.
- **Robert Cooke**, Senior Technology Advisor, Polar Knowledge Canada
- **Dr. Heather Exner-Pirot**, Strategist for Outreach and Indigenous Engagement, University of Saskatchewan & Managing Editor, Arctic Yearbook
- **Craig Fleener**, Senior Advisor, Office of the Governor of Alaska
- **Representative Bob Herron**, Alaska Legislature
- **John Higginbotham**, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) & Carleton University
- **Senator Lesil McGuire**, Alaska Legislature
- **Prof. Maribeth S. Murray**, Executive Director, Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary
- **Prof. Heather Nicol**, Trent University
- **Stephen Rose**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government of Yukon
- **Hon. Wally Schumann**, Government of the Northwest Territories

### **Roundtable discussion topics and potential action items:**

- Sustainable Arctic Economy: Given cutbacks in oil and gas development in the arctic, what is necessary to foster job growth and sustainable economic development in Northern Communities? What are barriers to SME growth and foreign and domestic investment?
- Investment in Infrastructure: How does Infrastructure facilitate the well-being of Northern Communities? How can barriers be overcome for more efficient marine corridors, ports, for low impact shipping?
- Climate change adaptation in the North: Federal, State & Territorial governments are working towards potential solutions – With so much attention on Climate Change how can we ensure that adequate resources are available to overcome infrastructure needs; as well as provide adequate food security, sustainable subsistence resource management, and increase access to affordable energy and telecommunications infrastructure?
- How can we highlight the importance of the role indigenous people play in economic development in Northern Communities?
- What resources should the U.S. and Canadian governments provide for Arctic Council initiatives which can address some of these issues? What role can PNWER play in supporting a North American Arctic Collaboration going forward? What other sources of funding can address the needs in arctic North America?

### **Action Items and next steps (5:10 – 5:30 pm 20 mins)**

- Discussion on proposed resolution regarding need for economic impact assessments before any new environmental regulations are implemented