

5. *Sustainability Principle as a Framework for the Integration of Socio-economic and Environmental Factors in Project Assessments. Speaker Bob Gibson*

What are the challenges of incorporating the principles of sustainability into development assessment in the Yukon?

- Sustainability means different things to different people
- Getting buy in into the concept of sustainability and its benefits
- How are we defining sustainability
- Being clear about specifying the test of sustainability
- Developing sustainability for a more durable community or region
- Economic realities in a profit driven society
- Requires Land use planning
- Competing interests
- Breaking departmental silos
- Lack of capacity to participate within community and departments
- Reaching consensus within different groups
- Allowing industry to remain competitive
- Takes a lot of time and resources
- Quantifying effects
- Incorporating the values of traditional lifestyles
- Guidelines for proponents
- Determine community objective (values)
- Incorporating change
- At what cost is "sustainability" required
- Timeline for determining sustainability of a project
- Reliable repeatable defensible tools for measuring sustainability
- Determining the role of various stakeholders
- Developing community vision
- Incorporating sustainability into discussion documents incorporating the different values of different communities