

Background on Speakers

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Thomas Berger, a practicing lawyer in Vancouver, has been prominent in defending minority rights and establishing the rights of Canada's Aboriginal peoples. He served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia from 1971 – 1983. During that time, he was Chairman of the Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law, B.C, 1973-74, sole Commissioner of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry 1974-77, and of the Inquiry on Indian and Health Consultation 1979-80 for the Government of Canada. From 1983-85, he was Chairman of the Alaska Native Review Commission. In 1991 – 1992 he served as deputy chairman of the World Bank's Sardar Sarovar Commission in India. Thomas Berger is the author of *Northern Frontier, Northern Homeland* (1977); *Village Journey: a Long and Terrible Shadow* (1985); *Fragile Freedoms: Human Rights and Dissent in Canada* (1981), and *One Man's Justice: A Life in the Law* (2002).

Kirk Cameron was born in Whitehorse Yukon, and has spent much of his life in northern Canada. He is a Principal with the environmental consulting firm, Gartner Lee Limited, and is the Manager of the firm's Whitehorse office. His work includes assisting First Nations, aboriginal organizations and governments in strategic planning and development of policy and legislation relating to land, resources and the environment, and supporting industry in working through environmental assessment and regulatory processes. Kirk spent over 20 years in progressively senior positions with various levels of government. Prior to taking on the role of Deputy Minister and Cabinet Secretary with the Yukon Government (2000-2002), he was the Federal Negotiator responsible for implementation of Chapter 12 of the Yukon First Nations' Land Claims, which outlines the commitment to the establishment of the Development Assessment Process. He has lectured at universities and professional development institutions across Canada and in Russia on topics relating to Canada's north and the relationship between public and aboriginal governance. Kirk is the author of two books, *The Yukon's Constitutional Foundations* (1991) and *Northern Governments in Transition* (1995), as well as numerous articles on northern political and constitutional topics.

Bob Couchman is currently Executive Director of PQR Ltd. a national charitable organization working in the areas of performing arts, entrepreneurial development, and scholarships. He also serves on the federal Ministerial Advisory Council on Rural Health. Bob is the former President of the Donner Canadian Foundation and the Yukon Family Services Association. From 1974 to 1989 he served as Executive Director of the Family Service Association of Metro Toronto. He began his career as a teacher and youth outreach worker for the YMCA. Bob is the author of "*Reflections on Canadian Character*" (1993) and over 40 professional articles. He also lectured to graduate students at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education for a decade. In 1994 he served as Co-Chair of the Canada Committee for the UN's International Year of the Family and represented Canada as a delegate in the General Assembly during that period. In his idle moments he served as President of Outward Bound Canada for six years. Bob has been cited in Who's Who in America from 1992 to the present.

Carolyn Dunn has a BA in the Human Environment and a graduate diploma of Environmental Impact Assessment from Concordia University. She is an Environmental Assessment Officer at Health Canada, specializing in health impact assessment, health indicators and the promotion of the determinants of health in environmental assessment. Carolyn works especially with northern projects, such as environmental assessments of mines in Nunavut.

Robert B. Gibson is a professor of Environment and Resource Studies at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He specializes in environmental policy issues and the integration of broad sustainability considerations in urban growth management, corporate greening initiatives, and environmental assessments at the project and strategic levels. He has been co-editor or editor of *Alternatives Journal* since 1984.

Lyn Hartley is a convener of strategic conversations. Since 1991, Lyn has worked across Canada's North in the Yukon, NWT and Nunavut. Currently, she teaches at the Yukon College in the areas of management, conflict resolution and environmental issues as well as consults in the areas of facilitation, strategic planning and team building. Her personal mission is to help groups figure out the questions that really matter. She has a penchant for humour, laughter, google.ca and systems theory. Lyn is currently exploring Northern Leadership through a PhD at Fielding (Santa Barbara).

Paul Kishchuk, President of Vector Research, holds BA and MA degrees in economics and has more than 14 years of experience in the fields of economics and public finance. He is an adjunct faculty member at Yukon College where he teaches introductory economics and has also guest lectured in the University of Alaska Southeast's Master of Public Administration Program. Vector Research is a Whitehorse-based independent economic research consultancy specializing in energy and minerals policy, First Nation tax/fiscal policy and performance measurement. Recent project work in the area of economic impact assessment includes preparation of an options paper for a benefits agreement policy framework for Yukon resource development projects, an economic appraisal of a major tourism resort project and the design of a framework for the assessment of publicly funded economic development projects from the combined perspectives of financial feasibility, economic viability and public policy.

Naomi Krogman has a PhD in Sociology from Colorado State University, and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Rural Economy at the University of Alberta. She teaches in the area of environmental and natural resource sociology, and the sociology of development. Her research has focused on ways in which local people have sought and achieved greater involvement in natural resource management decision-making, and alternative institutions of resource management, such as forest co-management, community forestry, and integrated resource management. She is interested in the long term, cumulative impacts of resource development on local residents, and the creative ways in which people move toward greater social equity and stewardship of their local surroundings.

Patt Larcombe holds a Masters degree in Geography (1985). For the past eighteen years she has been a partner of Symbion Consultants, located in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Additionally, she spent five years working part time for an organization called the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, helping them to establish a consultancy capacity. Over her

career, Patt has worked primarily for Aboriginal and First Nations peoples on documentation of traditional land use, retrospective and predictive social and cultural impact assessment, valuation of resource development impacts, and land and compensation agreement negotiations. In addition to completing several studies for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency concerning Aboriginal participation in environmental assessment, Patt was also retained by the Innu Nation of Labrador to assist in critically reviewing the socio-economic component of the Voisey's Bay Nickel Mine Environmental Impact Statement.

David Lawrence is an EIA and SIA specialist. David has a master's degree in environmental studies and a doctorate in environmental planning. He has over 30 years experience involving over 60 projects and studies across Canada at both the federal and provincial levels. His most common project roles have been as a project manager and/or specialist advisor – peer reviewer for such areas as study design, impact prediction and interpretation methodology, cumulative effects assessment, alternatives evaluation, and the integration of sustainability, social and land use concerns. He also has undertaken a substantial amount of applied research, taught EIA at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and has published widely in the field. David is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners, the International Association for Impact Assessment, and the National Association of Environmental Professionals.

Tony Penikett was the Gordon Foundation Senior Fellow at Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue, for the last two years. Prior to that he was, in turn, Deputy Minister of Negotiations and Labour in the British Columbia Government. From 1978 to 1995, Penikett was MLA for Whitehorse West in the Yukon Legislative Assembly. This year, Douglas and McIntyre will publish "*Treaty Time*," his book on the history and politics of treaty-making in North America.

Edmund (Ed) Schultz, "Tungiten," is of Northern Tutchone ancestry, a member of the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation in the Yukon Territory, and belongs to the Wolf clan. Mr. Schultz was sworn in as the Grand Chief of the Council of Yukon First Nations on February 19, 2000. Mr. Schultz has committed much of his life's work with Yukon First Nations, holding a variety of positions and having membership on a number of First Nation related committees. Mr. Schultz first became involved in politics in 1991, when he ran for and became the first Aboriginal person to be elected to the City of Whitehorse's Municipal Council. Mr. Schultz has been involved in the public service through several committees throughout the years. Presently, Mr. Schultz is a member of the federal External Advisory Committee on Cities and Communities, which advises the Prime Minister on city and community issues. Internationally, Grand Chief Schultz was the founding Chair of the Arctic Athabaskan Council (2000-2004), and has been selected as part of the Canadian delegation on the Conference of the Parties (COP) for the United Nations Framework on Climate Change for COP 8, COP 9 and the upcoming COP 10 in Buenos Aires in December 2004.

Bill Slater is an independent environmental consultant, based in Whitehorse. His consulting company provides technical and policy consulting services in environmental impact assessment and water management for a variety of government, First Nation and private sector clients. Bill has an engineering degree and twelve years of direct experience in environmental assessment and regulation of Yukon projects, including mining,

infrastructure, water/sewer, hydro, agricultural and recreational projects. Bill has advised government and First Nations extensively on the development and implementation of the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act*.

Lindsay Staples has a graduate degree in sociology from York University in Toronto. He has over 25 years of research experience on resource management and public policy issues. During this time he has maintained an independent consultancy providing services to government and non-government organizations and aboriginal organizations in the areas of resource management, land use and conservation planning, subsistence and regional economies, socio-economic and environmental impact assessment, socio-economic agreements, and institutional and political development. He has been involved for many years in land claims negotiations in the Yukon, Northwest Territories and British Columbia, settlement implementation in the Western Arctic and Yukon, and the negotiation and development of self-government arrangements in the Yukon. He has been a consulting advisor to the Joint Review Panel for the Mackenzie Gas Project since the Panel's creation in August 2004.

Mary Tapsell is a long-term northerner with over 20 years of experience in environmental matters and with organizations across the North. She has worked for both the territorial and federal governments in the NWT and most recently is expanding her knowledge basis by working directly as Manager of Environmental Impact Assessment with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board.

Rob Walker has lived in the North for 15 years, first in the NWT and for the last seven years in Whitehorse. He has led territorial and federal governments through evolving environmental assessment legislation and land claim requirements. Rob, working extensively with communities and First Nations, has assessed a wide variety of projects from small docks and wharves, access roads, municipal infrastructure, highways, hydro developments, forestry tenures, to gold, base metal, rare earth and diamond mines. Rob has facilitated multi-stakeholder discussions and developed approaches for governments to assess and manage cumulative environmental effects, systems for the multitude of small projects assessed by governments, and large-scale general and cumulative impact monitoring programs. Rob has seen the communities he has lived in change with development and hopes that by considering socio-economic effects under the YESAA, his two children will have a bright sustainable future in the Yukon.