

**Environmental Impact Assessment Workshop**  
Community Lounge - Midnight Sun Complex  
Inuvik, NWT  
April 19-20, 2018

Thursday, April 19, 2018

9:30 Welcome  
Jordan Peterson  
Vice-President, Gwich'in Tribal Council and Board Member, Gwich'in Council International

9:40 Workshop Overview  
Grant Sullivan  
Executive Director, Gwich'in Council International

- What are the goals for the next two days?
- Who is Gwich'in Council International?
- What is the *Good Practices in Environmental Impact Assessment* project?
- What has been learned from Alaska and Sámpí?

10:00 Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessments  
Adam Chamberlain  
Partner, Gowlings WLP

- What are Environmental Impact Assessments?
- When are they used?
- What is co-management?
- How is the system different across Canada?

10:30 Break

10:45 Roles and Responsibilities in Environmental Impact Assessments  
Janet Boxwell  
Renewable Resources Manager, Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

AlecSandra Macdonald  
Regulatory Specialist, Gwich'in Land and Water Board

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Mackenzie Valley Review Board

- How does co-management work in the GSA?
- Who is responsible for what?

- What is the difference between a “regulator” and a “reviewer”?
- What is the decision-making structure?
- How do the regulators incorporate or not the comments from reviewers?
- What do you need to keep in mind when your community or development corporation is also the project proponent?

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Reviewing Environmental Impact Assessments

- When tasked with reviewing an EIA, what should you be looking for?
- How should feedback and comments be received?
- How can comments be used or not used in an EIA review?
- What role would beneficiaries or the general public play in a project proposal?
- What can be done to work together to make reviewing easier?
- How do wildlife management plans and land use plans factor in?

2:45 Break

3:00 Environmental Impact Assessments in Yukon  
Rosa Brown  
Lands Manager, Vuntut Gwitchin Government

- How does the system work in Yukon?
- What does this mean for trans-boundary lands?
- What is the North Yukon Regional Land Use Plan?

4:00 Adjourn

Day 2

9:00 Opening Remarks  
Jordan Peterson

9:15 Indigenous Involvement in EIAs: Lessons Learned from Case Studies Across Canada  
Ginger Gibson  
President, Firelight Group

- What innovative approaches to Indigenous engagement in EIAs are happening both inside and outside of the North?
- What lessons can be learned from these different approaches?

10:45 Break

11:00 The Federal Role: Changes in Legislation and Court Cases to Watch  
Adam Chamberlain  
Partner, Gowlings WLP

- What is changing on the federal legislative landscape related to EIAs?
- What court cases are ongoing that will impact how EIAs are carried out?

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Open Session

- What aspects of the discussion over the last day and a half do you want to revisit?
- Was there something that was not discussed that you hoped would be covered?
- What would be helpful for the participating organizations to discuss together?
- Where is there a need for further discussions or training?

2:45 Break

3:00 Informing the Best Practices Project  
Facilitated by: Grant Sullivan

- What “good practices” do you think should be shared from the GSA with other Indigenous peoples and Arctic governments?
- What research would benefit EIA practitioners in Gwich'in communities? NWT? North?

4:00 Adjourn