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 Sámpi?

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

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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