

A SHARED Future



Update for May 2017

Hello Team,

To remain connected as a research team, the HEC Lab will be producing monthly updates that will be shared via email, our team website (www.heclab.com/a-shared-future), and on Twitter (@fortheHECofit).

- This month, Heather Castleden (Queen's University) and our project, A SHARED Future, was featured online in the Queen's University [*Gazette!*](#)
- Heather is now preparing for site visits to our research partners in Eastern Canada, including Andrea Paul, Amy Bombay, Amy Hudson, Ashlee Cunsolo, the CEPI Advisory Committee, Cheryl Bartlett, Debbie Martin, Diana Lewis, Emily Root, George Russell, Ken Paul, Merrell-Ann Phare, Tanya Barnaby, and Troy Jerome. Heather will be visiting A SHARED Future partners in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Fredericton, Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation, Halifax, Pictou Landing First Nation, and Sydney. The outcomes of those meetings will be shared in the June update.
- Derek Kornelsen (University of Manitoba) and Dave Lovekin (Pembina Institute) attended a workshop on April 28, 2017 in Edmonton hosted by the Government of Alberta and facilitated by the Pembina Institute. The workshop, titled *Transitioning remote Indigenous communities in Alberta away from diesel onto clean energy technologies*, sought to discuss and advance the goals of the Climate Leadership Plan and the Pan-Canadian Framework (source: [Pembina Institute](#))
- Dave Lovekin would like to ask that you save that date for *Renewables in Remote Communities* Conference in Whitehorse, YK, presented by the Pembina Institute and the Government of Yukon. The conference takes place from October 24-27, 2017, and will "continue to shine a light on renewable energy opportunities for remote Indigenous communities in Canada and collaborative ways to advance this work". More details will emerge in the coming weeks, and any questions can be directed to Dave at davel@pembina.org.

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- Heather Castleden, Jeff Masuda, and Rob Stefanelli will be meeting with our representative from Natural Resources Canada, Meaghan Bennett, on June 20th, 2017 to discuss collaborative opportunities between A SHARED Future and our government partners. In the afternoon, they will meet with Catherine Graham of the NAFC to discuss the details of that partnership.
- During this time in Ottawa, Heather Castleden will also be meeting with the co-chair of our International Advisory Committee, Simon Brascoupé, to craft a preliminary agenda for our first International Advisory Committee meeting later this summer.
- Jon Aarssen (Queen's University) has been hard at work editing the video from our gathering in T'Sou-ke Nation back in March, and a first draft is complete! Jon will now finalize the editing process, so anticipate the release of this video in the coming weeks.
- Merrell-Ann Phare (CIER) and Michael Miltenberger (North Raven Consulting) are presenting at the Second Annual Arctic Energy and Emerging Technologies Conference and Tradeshow in Inuvik, Northwest Territories. A note from the organizers: *"We are pleased to put together this new opportunity where people from government and industry can come together to learn, network and promote various sources of energy and emerging technologies as it relates to our Arctic living environment."* The full conference program and details can be found [here](#).
- [Alyssa Aiello](#), an undergraduate research trainee has joined the A SHARED Future research team working under the supervision of Heather Castleden and Rob Stefanelli at Queen's University. Alyssa is 3rd year undergraduate student in the department of Geography and Planning. Her research question asks how the media has, and continues to frame the narrative of Indigenous leadership regarding renewable energy project development in Canada. Specifically, Alyssa is interested in assessing how the media 'frames' the roles of Indigenous peoples (e.g. as leaders, consultants, stakeholders) throughout the renewable energy development process.

Best of luck to all our team members as you continue to move forward with your research endeavors. If you do have any news that you would like to share with the team for our June update, please contact our program coordinator Rob Stefanelli (robert.stefanelli@queensu.ca).