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Hello A SHARED Future Team! We have a number of updates to share with you in this issue. We continue to encourage all team members to send in updates, news items, and photos for future updates!

I. Highlights

A SHARED Future Team Members Invited to Participate in the First Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) Gathering!

The inaugural Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) Gathering took place on October 13-15 at the Banff Centre in Alberta. For Heather Castleden, Derek Kornelsen (Rootstalk Resources), and Priscilla Apronti (Queen's University), it was an amazing experience to gather with the country's leading Indigenous clean energy leaders bringing renewable energy projects from vision to reality, as well as the lessons they've learned in the process.

Interactive sessions included diesel reduction, bio-energy heat and power, energy education and engagement, renewable energy economic development, community-scale energy efficiency, community energy planning, clean energy leadership and governance, energy storage, district energy, and geothermal energy – just to name a few of the exciting workshops.



Panel of ICE Advisory Council Members at the ICE Gathering: from left, Kim Scott, Melina Laboucan-Massimo, Chief Gordon Planes, Grant Sullivan, Troy Jerome, Andy Moorhouse, Blair Hogan.

Many of A SHARED Future's collaborators and advisors were either organizing, facilitating, or speaking at this event.



Melissa Quesnelle (ICE Gathering Facilitator, Catalyst 20-20 Alumni, and A SHARED Future Advisor/Project Co-Lead) speaking at the ICE Gathering in Banff.

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The ICE Gathering was sandwiched between the NRCan Off-Diesel Initiative Community Engagement Session (Oct 12) and the I-WIRE Research Gathering (Oct 15-17), which allowed for a great deal of networking between the ICE Social Enterprise Team, A SHARED Future's NRCan Project Team, and A SHARED Future's I-WIRE Project Team.

A SHARED Future even got invited up onto the stage at one point. PhD student, Priscilla Apronti, who is working on the NRCan Project (described below) was invited to join the Panel on Indigenous Clean Energy Cooperation in the Global Context. Chris Henderson (President of Lumos Energy and Executive Director of ICE Social Enterprise) said Priscilla "blew me away" when she shared her spontaneous remarks that contextualized UNDRIP and energy within non-settler colonial states.



Panel on Going Global: Indigenous Clean Energy Cooperation. A Conversation between Melina Laboucan-Massimo and Chris Henderson (middle), with invited guests: Grant Sullivan (left) and our very own Priscilla Apronti (right).



Dave Lovekin and Heather Castleden in Banff.

II. Project Updates

Academic Co-Leads provided updates on their respective projects at the November Programmatic Steering Committee meeting. Here is what they had to say:

1. Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy (I-WIRE) Research Gathering

Co-Leads: Melissa Quesnelle and Heather Castleden.

Current Status: Phase 1 Data collected; analysis beginning to get underway.

Update: The Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy Research Gathering took place from October 15th to 17th at the Banff Centre in Alberta. Nineteen Indigenous women from across the country to share their stories and experiences in the renewable energy sector with each other.

The Gathering began with a feast on the first evening. The second day was dedicated to a sharing circle where the women talked about their journeys in renewable energy, as well as the positive experiences and challenges they faced. On the final day, the sharing shifted from a circle to a morning of conversations while participating in beading workshop that Melissa ran, where attendees spoke about the desire to move this new network of Indigenous women forward and the need for future gatherings.

We also had the privilege of award-winning Mi'kmaw film-maker, Cathy Martin (Mateus Productions), filming the entire gathering while Heather conducted one-on-one and small group interviews with the women throughout the Gathering. We look forward to sharing what we learned with A SHARED Future.



Heather Castleden and Melissa Quesnelle after the I-Wire Research Gathering in Banff.

Outcomes

This Gathering was the first of its kind in the development of a female-centered mentorship network for Indigenous women who are champions in renewable energy across Canada. The Gathering brought to light new insights about the gendered experience in Indigenous-partnered renewable energy projects across the country. The gathering was also a data collection opportunity for future knowledge translation outputs, including a manuscript and short film. Stay tuned for updates on future IWIRE events!

Undergraduate trainee Emma Mortimore (Queen's University) took the time to reflect on her experience at the Gathering and had

this to share: *"My experience at the IWIRE gathering was a very rich learning opportunity, for which I am humbled to have been a part of. I learned of the intersection between women, renewable energy, and Indigenous peoples, and was immersed in an environment that brought together various cultures, voices, and teachings. I am thankful for all the strong women from who I learned so much during our time together."*

2. Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI

Co-Leads: Mary Beth Doucette, Lisa Young.

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned.

Update: Emily Root has decided to leave her position at Cape Breton University, and has relocated to Ontario. Thus, she is leaving the CEPI project team. Although she will be deeply missed by A SHARED Future, we wish her well in her all her future endeavours.

Administrative procedures are underway to ensure that Mary Beth Doucette (Cape Breton University) can effectively transition into her role as Co-Lead on the project with Lisa Young (Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources) and Stan Johnson (CEPI).

The CEPI team's ethics application for The Brad d'Or Lakes CEPI is pending approval by Cape Breton University and the Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch.

Meetings with community partners Lisa Young and Stan Johnson (CEPI), as well as local advisors Cheryl Bartlett and Elder Albert Marshall have been taking place. The team is preparing to hit the ground running in January with ethics approvals. With the project ready to launch, the team is looking to hire a Research Coordinator to help with administrative work

3. We Lived This Way Before - Tobique First Nation

Co-Leads: Diana Lewis, Tanna Pirie-Wilson.

Current Status: Project proposal pending review by Executive Body.

Update: The project has been recommended for approval by the A SHARED Future Programmatic Steering Committee and has been submitted to the Executive Body for a decision. The project, in partnership with Tobique First Nation, explores intersectoral leadership and strategies being used by the Nation to implement renewable energy projects. The team seeks to examine how the strategies of Tobique First Nation align or conflict with renewable energy development in New Brunswick. In doing so, the team will explore how these strategies contribute to healthy relationships between Tobique First Nation and the Province of New Brunswick.

4. Getting Off Diesel in NunatuKavut

Co-Leads: Debbie Martin, Amy Hudson.

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned.

Update: The project is moving along swiftly! Nick Mercer (University of Waterloo) provided a report of his team's preliminary findings at the annual NunatuKavut General Assembly in October. The findings indicate energy challenges identified by community members of Black Tickle, their desire for energy autonomy, as well as their preferences for various energy development projects. The report can be viewed on the NunatuKavut website [here](#).

The team is planning another Energy Summit in Goose Bay from January 14 – 16 2019 to talk to community members and organizational partners about the preliminary findings and seek their feedback for ways forward and measures to be taken to address some of the energy concerns identified by the research findings. The team is also looking to some potential partners to address findings from the research report and seeking funding to do so.

5. Advancing Culturally Relevant Gender Based Analysis in Indigenous Research on Renewable Energy Futures and Health

Co-Leads: Jeff Masuda, Sarah Harney.

Current Status: Project proposal pending review by Executive Body.

Update: The proposal has been recommended for approval by the A SHARED Future Programmatic Steering Committee and has been submitted to the Executive Body for review.



Left: Heather Castleden and Derek Kornelsen. Right: Melissa Quesnelle and Dave Lovekin In Ottawa after meeting with Natural Resources Canada.

6. Working Towards Energy Security, Self-Determination, and Reconciliation: A Collaborative Analysis of Natural Resources Canada's Off Diesel Initiative

Lead: Heather Castleden

Current Status: Proceeding as planned.

Update: On October 4, Heather, Derek Kornelsen, and Priscilla Apronti attended meetings at the Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) offices in Ottawa with NRCAN

partners, and representation from the Pembina Institute and the Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) Network to discuss plans for upcoming remote community engagement meetings related to the 'co-creation' of the NRCAN Off-Diesel Initiative funding program. The meeting focused mainly on how best to proceed with future co-creation engagement meetings and how to anticipate and navigate potential bureaucratic challenges to conducting the research project and the co-creation meetings appropriately.

ASF team members Heather, Derek, and Priscilla also travelled to Banff to attend and observe an NRCAN co-creation workshop for the Off-Diesel Initiative, facilitated by Pembina Institute, at the ICE Gathering. The workshop included over 20 highly qualified remote community members of the Indigenous Clean Energy Network who provided critical insights regarding developing appropriate engagement strategies and the development of the Off-Diesel Initiative itself.

The workshop provided key insights regarding the need to ensure that Indigenous leadership is guiding and shaping the co-creation process itself, as well as the resulting Off-Diesel Initiative, along with those regarding the need to decolonize clean energy policy in both government and industry. Stay tuned for updates on how these insights unfold!

7. Solar in T'Sou-ke First Nation

Co-Leads: Hannah Tait Neufeld and Chief Gordon Planes.

Current Status: Project proposal pending submission and review by PSC.

Update: Hannah Tait Neufeld (University of Guelph) and her MSc trainee, Brianna Poirier, continue to refine their proposal, which will be submitted to the PSC and Executive Body in the next few weeks. The team is also drafting their ethics application to be submitted to the university research ethics board upon approval of their project proposal.

8. Clean Energy as a Contribution to Reconciliation Efforts? Exploring Developers and Canadian Electrical Utilities' Perspectives on Indigenous Partnerships in Renewable Energy in Canada

Lead: Chad Walker, Postdoctoral Fellow (Supervisor: Heather Castleden)

Current Status: Data collection is underway.

Update: The purpose of this two-part study is to first explore renewable energy development in intersectoral partnerships through the lens of reconciliation in Canada.

The primary question we are concerned with is: Why do renewable energy developers come to this line of work, how do they describe their engagement with Indigenous communities, what does reconciliation mean to them, and how do they consider their work in the context of the TRC's calls to action, particularly #92 (a call to action directed at the corporate sector)?

The second part of the study will investigate the relationships between Indigenous Power Producers (and the communities that seek to become so) and public and private electrical utilities in Canada. The primary questions we are concerned with are: 1) How do utilities think perceive partnerships, relationship-building, and energy autonomy within Indigenous communities and in the context of (renewable) energy regulatory work; 2) how do they describe their engagement with Indigenous communities; 3) what does reconciliation mean to them; and 4), and how do they consider their work in the context of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Truth and Reconciliation's Commission of Canada's calls to action. We are particularly interested in Utilities understandings of calls to action #43 (directed at governments at all levels, including crown corporations) and #92 (directed at the corporate sector).

9. Exploring Relations, Experience and Ways of Knowing in an Interdisciplinary Cross-Cultural Program of Research

Lead: Sara Rotz, Postdoctoral Fellow

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned.

Update: Sarah Rotz (Queen's University) has her proposal to conduct an institutional ethnography of the A SHARED Future research program successfully approved by the A SHARED Future PSC and Executive Body.

This past week, Sarah conducted 7 interviews with the Principal Investigators from the other successful CIHR-EHSI research projects. She asked them to reflect on the application process, including why they chose to apply, some of the challenges they encountered, how they interpreted 'Intersectoral Prevention Research', the degree of interdisciplinarity in their program, their research methods, and their understanding of the EHSI review process. Lastly, Sarah asked whether/how Principal Investigators have integrated gender-based analysis and Indigenous knowledges into their program of research. In all, Sarah has some very interesting discussions and came away with some fruitful data!

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IV. Conference Calls:

- ✚ The 18th International Medical Geography Symposium 2019: New Directions, Enlarging Our Worlds is being held from June 30 – July 5 2019. The conference is hosted in the Heritage Hotel in Queenstown, New Zealand. Deadline to submit abstracts is February 8, 2019. The early bird registration deadline is February 8, 2019. More information can be found [here](#).
- ✚ The 2nd International Conference on Energy Research and Social Science: Energy and Society in Transition is taking place at Arizona State University from May 28-31 2019. The deadline to submit abstracts is December 10 2018, with early bird registration closing April 1 2019. You can find out more about the conference [here](#).

V. In the News:

- ✚ A SHARED Future Team Member Chad Walker (Queen's University) recently published a piece in *The Conversation*. 'Let's create climate policy that will survive elections' outlines the changes made to Ontario's climate policies by the new Provincial government of Ontario under Premier Doug Ford. He discusses his own research on political divides in wind energy developments in Ontario and Nova Scotia and identifies features of lasting climate change initiatives. Read the full article [here](#).



Dr. Chad Walker presenting on renewable energy opportunities in NunatuKavut. Photo courtesy of Debbie Martin.

- ✚ A SHARED Future Team Member Nick Mercer (University of Waterloo) was featured on CBC Radio's Labrador Morning, where he highlighted the

findings from his summer of data collection in Black Tickle. The interview begins around the 17:30 mark and can be heard [here](#).

- ✚ Indigenous climate leaders suggest the parliament's emergency debate on climate change on October 15th was necessary, but inadequate and 30 years overdue. Eriel Deranger of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and the Executive Director of Indigenous Climate Action shares her views on the importance of a shift from party politics to the recognition of climate justice and Indigenous knowledge and rights. Read more [here](#).
- ✚ The Regina city council has voted in favour of the Renewable City Strategy that provides a roadmap to power the city with 100% renewable energy sources by 2050. Read more [here](#).

Thank you to those who shared news articles with us. If you read an article or see a multimedia piece that you think fits the A SHARED Future research program, we would love to see it!

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