



# A SHARED Future

*Update for June-July 2017*

Greetings Team!

To remain connected, the HEC Lab is aiming to produce bi-monthly updates, which will be shared via email, our team website ([www.heclab.com/a-shared-future](http://www.heclab.com/a-shared-future)), and on Twitter (@fortheHECofit and @H\_Castleden).

- We are extremely pleased to announce that Jon Aarssen (Queen's University) has completed the video of our start-up meeting hosted by T'Sou-ke Nation (March 2017), and we hope you enjoy and share it. The video can be found at: <https://youtu.be/3RObUofPiN8>. Please circulate the link across your networks, and keep the conversation going on Twitter using the hashtag #A\_SHARED\_Future.
- In June, Heather Castleden (Queen's University) travelled to the east coast of Canada to meet with Partners and Project Co-leads for A SHARED Future to develop. These visits included:
  - **Labrador: NunatuKavut Community Council** (George Russell and Amy Hudson) with Ashlee Cunsolo (Labrador Institute) and Debbie Martin (Dalhousie University) in Happy Valley- Goose Bay. At this meeting, the Project Team focused on community-specific issues regarding alternatives to diesel fuel for heating and powering homes. In Black Tickle, for example, the current fuel supplier has severed ties with the community, leaving this community without a reliable fuel source and subsequently, a source of power. A research project will begin to take shape this fall.
  - **Nova Scotia: Bras D'Or Lakes CEPI** (Stan Johnson, Albert Marshall, Veronica Sherwood, and Anna Curtis-Steele), Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources (Lisa Young) with Cheryl Bartlett and Emily Root (Cape Breton University) in Sydney, Cape Breton. At this meeting, the Project Team came to a consensus to evaluate past efforts, and determine the ways in which Two-Eyed Seeing could be used to guide the future direction of the Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI.
  - **New Brunswick: Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Secretariat** (Tanya Barnaby) – due to illness, Heather was unable to attend, but Diana Lewis (Dalhousie University) and Ken Paul (Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs) were able to attend in Listiguj. At this meeting, the Project Team engaged in a discussion of the research partnership and shifted to a potential project that would explore how MMS is navigating a new Bill 106 – An Act to Implement the 2030 Energy Policy and to Amend Various Legislative Provisions. This Bill is intended to guide Quebec towards North American leadership in renewable energy and energy efficiency.
  - **Nova Scotia: Ecology Action Centre** (Wayne Groszko, Stephen Thomas, and Rebecca Moore) with Diana Lewis, Ken Paul, and Heather in Halifax. At this meeting, Project Partners had an opportunity to share with each other about the Renewable Energy Portfolio with the EAC and the progress A SHARED Future is making as we get under way, and a discussion about potential synergies moving forward.
- Also in June, Heather, Jeff Masuda, and Rob Stefanelli (Queen's University) travelled to Ottawa to meet with the following Team Partners: The Native Women's Association of Canada, the National Association of Friendship Centres, and Natural Resources Canada. They also met with International Advisory Committee Chair, Simon Brascoupé (Carleton University) and Team Elder Barbara Dumont Hill.
  - **Native Women's Association of Canada:** We say farewell to Amy Nahwegahbow, who has taken up a position elsewhere, and welcome our new representative from the Native Women's Association of Canada, Courtney Skye. At this meeting, we talked about the programmatic goals of A SHARED Future and ideas about gender considerations across all Projects. Jeff Masuda (Queen's University) will be leading this conversation over the next five years as our Team's Sex and Gender Champion.

- **National Association of Friendship Centres:** We met with Catherine Graham for a rich discussion about an urban-focused Project that would combine the strengths and expertise of the NAFC with A SHARED Future; we left with some exciting ideas about engaging urban Indigenous youth – more to come as these ideas begin to take shape.
- **Natural Resources Canada:** We met with Meaghan Bennett (Office of Energy Research and Development) and her team (with Ken Paul joining us by phone from Atlantic Canada) about a new funding opportunity called the Impact Canada Fund, to reduce diesel dependency, deploy renewable energy technology, and use biomass for heating. We began a conversation about the potential for undertaking a ‘real-time’ critical program analysis as this program roles out in the coming year.
- **International Advisory Committee:** We met with International Advisory Committee Co-Chair, Simon Brascoupé (Carleton University), and team Elder Barbara Dumont Hill to discuss a preliminary agenda for our first International Advisory Committee teleconference; we aim to schedule this call for mid- September.
- Heather and Rob participated in a teleconference with TREC Renewable Energy Co-operative (Jason Latremoille and Linda Varekamp). TREC has been hard at work producing a report entitled “Indigenous Power: A preliminary review of Indigenous involvement in renewable energy project development in Canada”. The report is in the final stages of editing, and once it’s available, we will post it on the HEC Lab website and provide links via Twitter.
- Heather and Rob met with Gregory Lowan-Trudeau (University of Calgary) via teleconference to discuss A SHARED Future’s proposed Summer Institutes/Field Schools given his interests in Indigenous environmental education research. Greg’s PhD student, Sarah Brown, has been developing a dissertation proposal that includes a section related to A SHARED Future.
- The academic Principal Investigators (Heather Castleden, Jeff Masuda, Chantelle Richmond, Diana Lewis, Emily Root, Derek Kornelsen, Greg Lowan-Trudeau – regrets from Debbie Martin and Hannah Tait-Neufeld) held a teleconference to discuss A SHARED Future’s governance structure, explore development for a Terms of Reference for Project Teams, review the Sex and Gender Champion and Knowledge Translation Champion responsibilities, and discuss other programmatic activities.
- Rob has been working with Heather to complete a manuscript for a systematic realist review looking at reconciliation in renewable energy projects. A first draft has been completed, and we are excited to soon be able to share this work with the A SHARED Future team and network.
- Lumos Energy’s Catalyst 20/20 Program (Chris Henderson) invited Heather to participate in an Indigenous Clean Energy Roundtable in mid-July. This was an exciting opportunity to meet several leaders and hear from this year’s 20 Indigenous champions of Renewable Energy about the initiatives they are taking in their communities.
- One of last year’s Catalysts, Tanna Pirie, is from Tobique Nation (Maliseet) and we (Ken Paul, Diana Lewis, and Heather) are beginning to explore the possibility of developing a Project under A SHARED Future’s program.
- Pembina Institute (Dave Lovekin) provided an update on the Renewables in Remote Communities 2017 Conference: <http://www.pembina.org/event/renewables-remote-communities>. We would like to provide an opportunity for at least one Indigenous partner from A SHARED Future to attend this conference; if you are interested, please contact Rob.

Best wishes to Project Teams as they begin moving forward! If you do have any news that you would like to share with the team for our next bi-monthly update, please contact A SHARED Future’s program coordinator: Rob Stefanelli ([robert.stefanelli@queensu.ca](mailto:robert.stefanelli@queensu.ca)).

Respectfully yours,

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This report has been prepared by Heather Castleden and Rob Stefanelli.  
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