

A SHARED Future: Achieving Strength, Health and Autonomy through Renewable Energy Development for the Future

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARCH 6, 2018

5:00PM-7:00PM ET

MEETING WILL BE HOSTED AT: WWW.JOIN.ME/ASHAREDFUTURE

<u>NAME (AFFILIATION)</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
Simon Brascoupé (Carleton University) Committee Chair	Canada
Heather Castleden (Queen's University) Research Team Lead	Canada
Ron Glass (University of California – Santa Cruz)	United States
Catherine Graham (National Association of Friendship Centres)	Canada
Richie Howitt (Macquarie University)	Australia
Jay Johnson (University of Kansas) * Did not attend	United States
Kim Matheson (Carleton University) * Did not attend	Canada
Sarah Rotz (University of Guelph)	Canada
Naomi Simmonds (Waikato University) * Did not attend	Aotearoa/ New Zealand
Peter Sly (University of Queensland)	Australia
Lisa te Heuheu (Environmental Consultant) *Did not attend	Aotearoa/New Zealand

Meeting Regrets (IAC Members):

- Cheryl Bartlett, Cape Breton University
- Chief Gordon Planes, T'Sou-ke Nation
Margo Greenwood, National Collaborating
Centre for Aboriginal Health
- Sarah Harney, Native Women's Association of
Canada
- Chris Henderson, Lumos Energy
- Michele-Lee Moore, Stockholm Resilience Ctr.
- Renee Pualani Louis, University of Kansas

Invited Observers (Principal Investigators):

- Derek Kornelsen, University of Manitoba
- Diana Lewis, Dalhousie University
- *Debbie Martin, Dalhousie University
- *Jeffrey Masuda, Queen's University
- *Chantelle Richmond, Western University
- *Emily Root, Cape Breton University
- *Hannah Tait Neufeld, University of Guelph
- *Did not attend

AGENDA

- 10 minutes 1. **Welcome | Opening Prayer | Agenda** (Simon Brascoupé)
- Review and Approve Agenda (Enclosed)
 - After offering those in attendance an opportunity to lead a prayer, Simon provided the opening prayer.
- 10 minutes 2. **Circle of Greetings from Attendees** (Simon Brascoupé)
*alphabetical, as listed above
- Simon Brascoupe, Carleton University, Canada
 - Heather Castleden, Queen's University, Canada
 - Ron Glass, University of California Santa Cruz, USA
 - Richie Howitt, Macquarie University, Australia
 - Peter Sly, University of Queensland, Australia
 - Catherine Graham, National Association of Friendship Centres, Canada (joined later)
 - Kim Matheson, Carleton University, Canada (sent regrets that an issue arose last minute)
 - Derek Kornelsen, University of Manitoba, Canada (invited listener)
 - Dee Lewis, Dalhousie University, Canada (invited listener)
 - Sarah Rotz, University of Guelph, Canada (invited listener)
- 10 minutes 3. **Minutes from Oct, 10 2017** (Simon Brascoupé)
- Review and Approve Minutes | Actions (Enclosed)
 - No objections from members
 - **Action:** Confirmed that bi-annual meetings will work for most.
 - **Proposal:** Richie: In addition to bi-annual meetings, contacting the IAC on an ad-hoc basis as things come is always an option. **Supported** by Peter and Ron.
- 20 minutes 4. **Updates** (Heather Castleden)
- Programmatic Update (Slide Deck)
 - Heather: Summary of what we have done over the last six months. A lot of the first year (and longer) can be, and should be about building relationships and determining questions that can be asked together. I want to say that things are moving slowly and that is to be expected, embraced, and welcomed. I recognize from some of the partners in government, consultants, and industry, that our pace is not their pace, and I am sensing some frustration from them there. All of the project co-leads have been working hard at connecting with project partners, and things are moving in a good way (if not a quick way). The Programmatic Steering Committee came together in December in Toronto, and it is here that we determined a new governance structure (below). Team building took place there as well, including introducing two Post-Doctoral Fellows (Chad Walker, Sarah Rotz). Terms of Reference were drafted to increase transparency and reduce Heather's workload as the Nominated Principal Investigator.
 - Steering Committee Governance – Terms of Reference (Enclosed)

- Diana Lewis to be Pro-Tem Co-Director (and Debbie Martin to serve as temporary until Diana completes PhD work).
- Strengthen the aims of A SHARED Future (through Two-Eyed Seeing) by having two Indigenous women join the governance structure in the co-director role.
- Heather: Role on Executive Committee would not be a voting role unless breaking a tie. Debbie Martin (and then Diana Lewis) would chair the meetings. Mary Beth Doucette is an Indigenous PhD student serving in the student role. At this time, we still need Programmatic Steering Committee member and Partner member with experience in Renewable Energy.
- Projects have been given \$25,000 in startup money to have those relationship building resources, and then submit proposals to steering committee for discussion, review, and approval/recommended revisions and re-submission. This is to ensure that as we move forward, each project works toward program objectives, increases transparency, and that the student and partner roles allow for engagement and training opportunities.
- Summer Institute
 - We want to hold a summer institute in Nova Scotia. Still tentative and working on details. August 7-12, 2018 is the current proposed date. We are in the process of establishing a Summer Institute ad-hoc committee. Plan is to merge with another network hosting a Summer Institute called the AIM (Atlantic Indigenous Mentorship) Network and involves Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars doing Indigenous Community-Based Participator Health Research. We also have \$25,000 contribution from Water Economics, Policy and Governance Network (WEGPN). The Institute theme is food, water and energy security and sovereignty, and there is a mentorship component built into it. A SHARED Future will be sending a combination of trainees, community partners, and Programmatic Steering Committee members to participate. No more than 15 people total.
 - Would like to engage folks from the International Advisory Committee in face-to-face way at this Summer Institute
 - **ACTION: Consider attending and participating if dates line up, theme fits with interest, and we can discuss what your participation would look like. Travel and accommodation would be provided by A SHARED Future if you were interested in coming and contribution (guest lecture, host workshop).**
 - Heather met Ron at conference about community-university partnership and there he led a workshop looking at relational ethics and knowledge and time and space and geography. That would be of great interest to those participating in the summer institute.
 - In addition to A SHARED Future trainees, would also have about 15 people from AIM of same makeup. Would involve land-based training, experiences with Indigenous people from Mi'kma'ki.
- Projects: Underway and Proposed (Heather Provided Brief Update)
 - For full information, see asharedfuture.ca/currentprojects
 - CEPI Project
 - Tobique

- NunatuKavut Community Council
- NRCan
- T'Sou-ke
- Proposed Projects
 - NAFC – bringing Indigenous youth from rural contexts into urban contexts and looking at futures there.
 - Pic River – about small-scale hydro projects and how that is being used to generate revenue for other cultural and social enterprises in the community.
 - Media Analysis – last 10 years of how Indigenous peoples are being portrayed in the media in RE sector.
 - Renewable Energy Developers in Canada about TRC call 92 and how the corporate sector will engage in efforts to contribute to reconciliation in Canada.
- In Development
 - Indigenous Women in renewable energy. More women than men apply to 20/20 Catalyst program, and not all make it into the training program. Opportunity to speak to these women that get in or don't, and have an invitational gathering to have folks come together and share their stories and experiences through various Knowledge Translation opportunities. "Women in Renewable Energy" is a network of women across Canada, but there is an opportunity to do more. First action item here is to create an advisory committee to develop research questions, then host a first gathering, and budget depending, host second and/or third gatherings. Questions we are considering now: What do women want from these initiatives? What do they need to continue this into the future? This proposed project is subject to Executive Committee review process.

10 minutes

5. Circle of Questions Arising from Updates (Simon Brascoupé)

*alphabetical, as listed above

- Ron:
 - Note: **Potential Attendee at Summer Institute "Can't speak for my team, but the dates are clear for me in August, and I would be happy to work with whomever to think about ways I can contribute there".**
 - **ACTION: Follow up about attendance here**
 - Comment: As general feedback, I understand that in corporate/funders' world that this work may move slowly, but I would encourage you to NOT accept the slow label or markers of slow or fast, and very clearly focus on ensuring that the work is moving forward in the right way. I raised concerns last time about the many moving parts, and that if you don't take the time to move in the right way, the process breaks before it gets going.
 - Note: I wanted to acknowledge that I hear the respect that is being shown, the care given to the gender issue, and want to offer congratulations on getting this all going. I also want to say that the detail of putting together the structure of committees can be tedious, but it is well worth it. I appreciate your new leadership structure.
- Richie:

- Comment: I think that need to recognize that 'slow work' in relationship building is necessary. On the Executive Committee – part of the work of a project like this is to shift the understanding amongst the funding agencies and the partners about what progress in substance and relationship looks like.
- Question about "TBD partner element" beside Executive Committee role: What partnership role are you looking for there? And how will one partner member play that broader engagement role of shifting the thinking of some of your partners to recognize that relationship and capacity building as well as capacity building are all part of the process?
- Heather:
 - Response: One of the things put into the governance committee structure would be to bring in someone with Renewable Energy expertise because we feel it is a weakness on our team. Because our options are so small, our Programmatic Steering Committee still needs to discuss the options and put together a detailed description to be sent to the potential member. There is potential to host a webinar to give substance to the process of our program and put people at ease and feel more engaged, which would then allow for the role to be more detailed. I don't anticipate it will always go so well, but this would be an opportunity to address criticisms and think of ways to move it forward.
- Ron:
 - Comment: Keep this on agenda that the failure to confront the ongoing colonization of process. So I think we do need to remind our funders that their insistence on deliverables that it devalues our slow process and shared outputs – this actually is damaging to the process.
 - Note: Unable to attend the summer institute, but make time at AAG to discuss that.
- Peter:
 - Comment: Don't accept that slow label at all. If you were to submit an interim report at this time, it is an impressive list. You have kickstarted the many projects with training and engagement. Data will come and that's down the track, but there is more to research than that.
 - Note: I am unable to make the summer institute as my year's travel is already fully booked.

20 minutes

6. Round Table (Simon Brascoupé | Heather Castleden)

*reverse alphabetical, as listed above (time permitting, two rounds)

At our first IAC meeting, we proposed holding IAC Round Tables to learn from each other about what is happening in each other's jurisdictions. We determined that our first Round Table discussion would be about Two-Eyed Seeing.

Two-Eyed Seeing can be seen as a guiding principal for Indigenous and Western knowledge-holders who are working together in the spirit of co-learning. Two-Eyed Seeing arose in Mi'kma'ki from the teachings of Elders Albert and Murdena Marshall and Dr. Cheryl Bartlett, they encourage collaborative teams to engage in place-specific co-learning between Indigenous and Western knowledge systems, recognizing and drawing on the strengths of both.

Round Table Question: What stories can you share about the guiding principles, frameworks, or approaches being used in your jurisdictions, under different names perhaps, that engage in place-specific understandings of co-learning?

- Peter:
 - Experience: At the moment, I am not engaged in these processes, but have in the past. The local community had been lobbying the local govt for years as they were exposed to metal smelting. The community believed that their children had the highest prevalence of asthma and the only monitoring came from industry which they did not trust. I was contacted to find out what was going on, and it took me 18 months before we ever collected any data. Went to community to monthly meetings, met with representatives. Difficulty was getting the government to do their part and set up air quality monitoring in areas where communities believed they were exposed to pollution. Did collect data that showed that prevalence was not higher than anywhere else in Western Australia, and it was difficult to measure rates in children. Community believed us here, but then would not participate in the secondary data collection point as they felt there was no point in continuing.
- Heather:
 - Response: I am currently leading a project with Dee and Pictou Landing First Nation. Similar in that a number of reports from government and industry are available, but none came close to capturing what needed to be studied to consider all facets of health. Authors of these reports never asked what questions the community had. Two-Eyed Seeing arose from that territory, so we applied that to our research there.
 - Heather: We had to speak to the community at the outset and confirm that everyone was prepared that the results of the research might show that there is no difference in rates of illness by Western metrics. There was still impact on social, mental, spiritual health.
- Diana:
 - Response: I have been working with this community (PLFN) since 2010, and worked with the women in the community to develop an environmental health survey. Had a 60% response rate in the community, and from the data collected, I have been able to send information on the concerns that these women have had, and to provide quantitative data to be shared with government to prove these concerns were real. I was able to compare asthma rates in the community with those across the provinces and federally. Also received cancer rates data, and from pulling that data was able to demonstrate that they have very high incidents of certain kinds of cancers. Data was collected and guided by Two-Eyed Seeing and the community members telling us what their concerns were.

[Catherine Graham, NAFC, joined the call]

- Richie:

- Experience: In the Australian context, there has often been a discussion of “Two Way Learning”.
 - Writing with the country as a named author, and what that means. That work has come out in Progress in Human Geography. One of my indigenous post-docs is working with Indigenous youth here and collaborating with colleagues in the states and looking at intergeneration trauma.
 - One of the elements that is incredibly disempowering for Indigenous peoples is that the ‘urban’ is defined as non-Indigenous.
 - Another student is working on protocols in Indigenous communities, and one of the issues we have had is to negotiate with the university to allow for community-based protocols to be the governing protocols of the research. We consulted with community, had them approve our study according to those community protocols, and submitted that to the university ethical review committee. Most rigorous peer-review is presenting your work to community that is interested in the data, so we were confident that we were working in the right way.
- Heather:
 - Response: Notion of learning on country – this is absolutely happening here in Canada, and forming the conversations that Jeff Masuda, myself, and Catherine Graham are having on NAFC proposed project.
 - **Action: Heather to send papers around research ethics, TCPS2.**
 - In TCPS2, it states that these are guidelines that should not supersede the jurisdiction of Indigenous Peoples, those this note is ‘buried’ in the text and does not receive nearly the attention it deserves.
 - Renewable energy as the next ‘gold rush’ or commodity to be colonized, so this must be considered in our actions here as well.
 - Catherine:
 - Response: We tend to think that cement is the great eraser, and that once it covers the land, it is no longer Indigenous territory.
 - Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network is Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) that we organize and coordinate and something that the IAC could be interested in. We are fortunate to begin to change the funding structures at SSHRC and CIHR (by applying as an independent (non-university) organization).
 - NAFC developed a framework to be launched in July that includes a community REB, ethics, policy statements, screening tools to help communities to determine if they want to participate, and youth framework.
 - **ACTION: Share NAFC framework once it is released**
 - Need to work on a way to credit faculty for their work they do in a community that may not be based on publication outputs.

5 minutes

7. Future Round Tables Themes (Heather Castleden)

- Next: Culturally-relevant Sex and Gender-based Analyses.

- Heather: Can propose a question beforehand like last time, or suggest a paper to be read and discussed.
- Richie: I think linking it to the broader focus of Energy is a really important thing to do.
- Catherine: I like what we have here, and I am most excited about the CRSGBA and the discussion to follow there. Native Sexual Health Network could be good to speak to. The way they align the assault on the land and Indigenous bodies is really important.
- Proposed: Youth, Leadership, Energy.
 - Note: When we get to this point, brainstorm about a youth speaker to comment on this as well.
- Suggestions from team: N/A

10 minutes

8. Update from our 'Culturally Relevant Sex and Gender-Based Analysis' Co-Champions (Heather Castleden filling in for Jeff Masuda and Sarah Harney)

- Put together a team to create a compendium that can be used by researchers to help implement CRSGBA in their own work.
- **ACTION: Share compendium once complete**
- Goals include: Contribute to overall learning, contribute to proposal development, support research implementation by engaging in focused analysis around Sex/Gender, and to support ways in which Sex/Gender can be considered in the ways we share our work across the teams, in policy, etc.
- Largest focus on the compendium on reports, articles, presentations, other materials, that will be useful to our Principal Investigators and co-leads, and it also allows us to keep this at the top of their mind. A SHARED Future can make a huge contribution in this area, and so we are hoping to live up to that potential.

3 minutes

9. Feedback on New Format for Bi-Monthly Newsletter (Rob Stefanelli)

*Send comments/suggestions, if any, by email.

Questions to Consider:

- What do you like/dislike about the newsletter?
- What do you feel under-informed on/ any recommended changes?

Proposal for Future Newsletters:

- Showcase 1 IAC Member (short interview with Rob)
- Showcase 1 A SHARED Future Partner (short interview with Rob)

10 minutes

10. Wrap Up Question for IAC Members (Heather Castleden | Simon Brascoupé)

*in reverse alphabetical order, as listed above

- What are your key takeaways from this meeting?
- Catherine: Really keen on the conversation on recognition of Urban. This is something that we struggle with in both research and policy, and limits the programs that are available. To be able to re-vision these types of environmental and renewal programs to be inclusive of Urban Indigenous youth is exciting for me and NAFC
- Richie: Thanks, and enjoyed the meeting.

- **ACTION:** Regarding the meeting minutes, please send a probe to alert the IAC to the action items.
- Simon: I enjoyed the conversation, and particularly the 'slow' and 'fast' discussion on research. Slow food is better than fast food, so developing relationships is better than pumping out data. I was reflecting on my life because while conducting interviews with medical school applicants, a student said she should spend more time on relationship building rather than goal-setting and achieving markers. This is something I have been reflecting on since I heard her say that.

2 minutes 11. **Next IAC Meeting: Proposed – Oct 18, 2018** (Heather Castleden)

5 minutes 12. **Closing Remarks | Prayer** (Simon Brascoupé)

- Simon concluded the meeting with a prayer and thanked participants for joining.