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MORGAN BAMFORD

CEDI PROGRAM COORDINATOR CANDO

Morgan Bamford is the Program Coordinator for the First Nations – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDO). He holds a BA (Hon.) in Native Studies and Sociology from the University of Alberta and is currently pursuing his MBA in Community Economic Development through Cape Breton University.

Prior to CEDI, Morgan worked with Alberta Enterprise and Advanced Education's Community Partnerships and Literacy branch. In this role, he supported Aboriginal adult education in the province by working on initiatives that support greater inclusion for Aboriginal post-secondary students and that support and further literacy initiatives. Morgan's past experience also includes a decade working in various roles with urban Aboriginal children, families and youth through community agencies in Edmonton and in 2013 he and a partner founded a small research and consulting business. He is passionate about traveling, especially in Canada, and lives in his home community of Edmonton, Alberta.



RT. HON. JOE CLARK

CANADA'S 16TH PRIME MINISTER

The Rt. Hon. Joe Clark served as a federal Member of Parliament for 30 years and held most senior Cabinet positions, including those of Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Minister of Constitutional Affairs and President of the Privy Council. He is the author of *How We Lead: Canada in a Century of Change* and *Canada: A Nation Too Good to Lose*. He continues to work with international foundations, associations, and businesses on issues of governance, democratic reform, security, and peace.



Clark is now vice-chairman of the Global Leadership Foundation, and a member of the Inter-American Dialogue, and the Friends of the Inter-American Charter. He serves on the advisory boards of Save the Children Canada, SOS Children's Villages Canada, Canada Without Poverty, and other Canadian and international organizations. He is an "Honorary Witness" of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, seeking to heal the trauma of abuse of young Aboriginals in residential schools in Canada. He co-founded the underwater forestry company CSRD in Ghana, was founding chairman of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, which coordinated the Commonwealth campaign against apartheid, served as Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Cyprus, and has led international Election and Governance teams in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. Clark is a Companion of the Order of Canada, a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence and l'Ordre de la Pleiades, and the first recipient of the Vimy Award.

JESSIE DAWSON

Jessie – was born and raised in the Yukon and is a citizen & beneficiary of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. She is a member of the Wolf Clan. She is the longest running leader on KDFN Council (15 years) and is a strong advocate of programs related to our youth and lifelong learning. She is very active with many programs both within and outside of Kwanlin Dun First Nation. She has worked for many years with Education and School Councils. She has always been a spokesperson for her First Nation and others see her as an ambassador. Jessie is well known throughout her first nation, Yukon and Canada.



DAKWÄKÄDA DANCERS

Based in Haines Junction, Yukon, the Dakwäkäda Dancers have been teaching young people in Southern Tutchone and Tlingit cultures through the tradition of song and dance for more than 20 years. The group was established by four sisters, all granddaughters of the late Annie Ned. A well-known and respected Southern Tutchone Elder,

Annie Ned taught many people to dance, sing and become knowledgeable about the traditional way of life. Her songs and dances form the basis of the group's repertoire. With a focus on youth, the Dakwäkäda Dancers include child performers who begin as young as two years of age. Audiences witness the older youth and adults demonstrate leadership and the Southern Tutchone culture alive, vibrant, and being passed down to new generations – native and non-native. Each song is introduced with its origin and story, thus the audience understands the importance of what is being shared. The Dakwäkäda Dancers are ambassadors of their culture, their community, and the Yukon Territory. Establishing and achieving a performance goal is gratifying for the children and a source of pride for the community.



JENNIFER DONNELLY

PROGRAM MANAGER, FCM

Jennifer is a Program Manager with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) specialising in the design and development of local government programs for FCM's international department. For close to a decade, Jennifer has facilitated the development of local level innovations in policy, management, and service delivery by connecting Canadian municipalities with their peers in other countries. Prior to FCM, Jennifer worked in business development at Canada's National Institute for Research in Construction. Jennifer holds a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of British Columbia and a M.Sc. in Program Management from the University of Quebec.



CHRIS FIELDS

SENIOR BRAND AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIST, TWIST MARKETING

Chris has been around the marketing block a few times – the result of 23 years of marketing, communications, and economic development experience in enterprise, government, and not-for-profit settings....and a bunch of time learning things the hard way as 'fire hydrant to the corporate dogs.'

Chris has spent the last 10 years in a consulting capacity as an unconventional thinker and doer who challenges his work environments to think more creatively and aspirationally about branding, marketing, strategic positioning, and community-building.

Chris and his B.C., Alberta, and Ontario communities have received 24 provincial, national, and international awards. Chris has a Master's Degree in Environmental Design from the University of Calgary.



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Background

Educational and work experience background represents a convergence of collaborative governance, planning, economic development, and branding/marketing.

23 years of marketing and communications experience in government, not-for-profit, and enterprise settings.

- 10 years in municipal government in planning/economic development/communications positions.
- 5 years in a marketing director capacity in the information technology sector and 9 subsequent years on contract as communications advisor with TRTech (www.trtech.ca) – Canada's largest information technology research consortium.
- Last ten years as an independently entrepreneur consulting in a breadth of strategic marketing and communications activity:
 - Has led collaboration-based strategic branding/communications/marketing initiatives with 10 B.C. communities, 19 Alberta communities, one Ontario community, and five regional economic development organizations since 2006.
 - Has led collaboration-based strategic branding/communications/marketing initiatives with more than a dozen enterprise clients in areas including land development, architecture, wind energy, promotional products, oil and gas, packaging, equipment rentals, and ICT.
- Professional speaker at 35+ conference events in the last 5 years on the subject of branding and destination marketing. *"Energetic...made me think out of the box in marketing."* *"Great sense of humour and able to explain marketing in a unique way."* *Travel Alberta Conference Comments, 2013.*

PHIL FONTAINE

SPECIAL ADVISOR, ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Mr. Fontaine serves as a director for numerous private and public companies including Chieftain Metals and Avalon Rare Metals. Mr. Fontaine served as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations for an unprecedented three terms. He is a Member of Order of Manitoba and has received a National Aboriginal Achievement Award, the Equitas Human Rights Education Award, the Distinguished Leadership Award from the University of Ottawa, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and most recently was appointed to the Order of Canada. Mr. Fontaine also holds sixteen Honorary Doctorates from Canada and the United States.



FLO FRANK

CANDO

Flo is an internationally recognized consultant, trainer, facilitator and community development specialist. She helps groups, organizations and governments get from where they are to where they want to be. In recent years her emphasis has been on communities in transition, place-based economic development, cultural and demographic changes and working effectively with diversity.



Her background includes being one of the 7 original founders of the Canadian Community Economic Development Network; lead consultant on developing the competencies and training for CANDO's (Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers) EDO training program; senior positions in both the Federal and Provincial governments and executive positions on 25 boards of directors. Flo works across Canada and in various places around the world (Australia, Hawaii, Circumpolar Nations and South America), has author/co-authored 31 community self-help books, and is currently the mayor of a small community in Saskatchewan.

Her post-secondary education includes degrees and advanced studies in Community Development, Adult Education, Career Management, Business Development and International Marketing.

CHIEF KRISTINA KANE

Chief Kristina Kane was born and raised in Whitehorse and comes from the Chief Jim Boss Family of the Ta'an Kwach'an Council. She was elected on October 15th, 2012, after serving as Councillor for her First Nation for 3 years. In 1902, Chief Kane's great-grandfather, Chief Jim Boss wrote to England and the Commonwealth to articulate the need for First Nations government to be respected. His message was clear: protect the rights of citizens and the power of the Ta'an Kwach'an self-government. Chief Kane strives to honour her ancestors and the important work that they did as well as working towards a bright future for Ta'an Kwach'an citizens and the whole of the Yukon through effective collaboration.



JANE KOEPKE

Jane is a lifelong Yukoner and principal of a small consultancy that provides a range of services in the fields of parks, recreation, tourism, and community development. Jane's work seeks out connections between citizen engagement, health and wellness, and environmental and economic sustainability. Her experiences planning and developing trails in Whitehorse and Carcross have helped shape her belief that the interface between built and natural environments is a rich source of such connections. Jane has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and is currently working on a Masters of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism at the University of Illinois. She is also a Candidate member of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Jane lives in Whitehorse with her husband and two children.



SHANE KOYCZAN

In a realm where poets rarely intersect with stardom, the Opening Ceremonies for the 2010 Winter Olympics introduced us to Shane Koyczan. With a collective “wow” across Canada and beyond, we found the poet of our generation. And we weren’t even looking for one. The world took notice when Shane’s influential, anti-bullying, *To This Day* Project video went viral in early 2013 with over 14 million views and counting. Powerfully engaging and authentic in attitude, his explorations are relevant to our times in the way that Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Gordon Downie and Leonard Cohen are to theirs. But unlike the musicians that he’s often compared to, poets rarely infiltrate pop culture. Koyczan emerges in a new wave of 21st century poetry that dares to belong to the people and speak directly to them in their own voice.



Shane Koyczan is not only a writer and spoken word virtuoso, but also a multi medium spoken word artist. His first published collection, *Visiting Hours*, was the only work of poetry selected by both the Guardian and the Globe and Mail for their Best Books of the Year lists in 2005. Destined to become a future classic, *Visiting Hours* is now in its third edition, and includes *We Are More*. The book remains in heavy demand and was the motivation for releasing Shane’s entire written catalogue in [EBook](#) formats.

Koyczan followed up on the success of *Visiting Hours* with *Stickboy*, a novel in verse that chronicles the dark and lonely journey of a bullied child gripped by helpless rage. Koyczan shines a light into the bleak world behind some of the most incomprehensible acts in our culture, and also shows the healing power of love. Written for anyone who has ever been a child, *Stickboy* continues to be hailed by teachers, academics, and mental health experts alike for its deft handling of the subject of bullying.

Shane returned to his roots with a collection of poetry titled, *Our Deathbeds will be Thirsty*, which was released in 2012. This book features the piece, [To This Day](#), a poem about bullying that was made into a video by collaborating animators. That video, released in 2013, quickly received worldwide recognition by going viral on Youtube, receiving over a million views in a matter of days. It was released as a project to acknowledge and support national Anti-Bullying day. Since the videos release Shane has presented at TED Talks, where the audience leapt to their feet in applause. Sir Ken Robinson has listed that talk as one of his top ten talks on education. That [TED Talk](#) lead to him collaborating with [TED-ED](#) to create a classroom tool that provides teachers a way to discuss anti-bullying with students.

Now this extraordinary work has been adapted into an equally moving and visually arresting book. Thirty international artists, as diverse as they are talented, were inspired to create exceptional art to accompany “[To This Day](#).” Each page is a vibrant collage of images, colors and words that resonate powerfully with anyone who has experienced bullying themselves, whether as a victim, observer, or participant.

September 2014- Shane's latest and highly anticipated release, "[Silence Is A Song I Know All The Words To](#)" is his first graphic novel. Encapsulating incredible imagery illustrated by Gareth Gaudin, Shane once again covers many beautiful and though provoking pieces relevant to our time. "Troll" a poem about cyber-bullying and the challenges of managing and understanding this new breed of abuse by critically examining the deep and hurtful wounds of participating in this digital generation.

"[Silence Is A Song](#)" graphic novel is accompanied by a collection of songs of the poems featured in the novel, an astonishing musical collaboration with Cayne McKenzie of We Are The City and Hannah Epperson. It was produced by McKenzie, Epperson and Koyczan; mixed by Aiden Knight, and mastered by Brock McFarlane (Hey Ocean, Marianas Trench, Hedley). The assembly of songs creates a dimension to Shane's message that is carried through into the amazing visual art in the graphic novel and further into the video collection that will accompany this incredible body of work.

Shane takes us from the page and further displays his talents as a multi medium spoken work artist in his latest collaboration with the [Vancouver Opera](#) on his novel in verse "Stickboy". Shane takes on a new challenge as a first time Librettist as he transforms his work into the operatic drama, which will premiere at Vancouver's Playhouse Theatre this October.

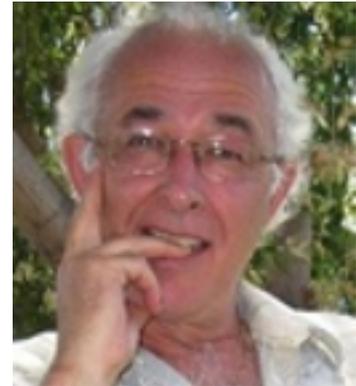
Shane Koyczan however, is best known for his award winning spoken word performances. With his rhythmic verse in high gear, he navigates his audience through social and political territory with a furious honesty and a tender humanity that has brought audiences to their feet in New York, London, Edinburgh, Sydney, Stockholm, and Los Angeles, to name a few. He has received 5 star reviews for his performances around the globe. Winner of the US Slam Poetry Championship and the Canadian Spoken Word Olympics, Koyczan is truly an extraordinary talent that has blown the dust off of the traditional designation "poet".

"Homer must have sounded [like this]... or Ginsberg or Kerouac." - Amy Brown, The Lumiere Reader

MICHAEL LEWIS

DIRECTOR – CANADIAN CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY RENEWAL

LEAD INVESTIGATOR – BC-ALBERTA SOCIAL ECONOMY RESEARCH ALLIANCE ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY.



At 25 Mike founded what is now known as the Canadian Centre for Community Renewal. Ever since he has been engaged community economic development (CED), development finance, business start-ups and research related to the social and co-operative economy. He is a prolific author and a respected practitioner. Entrepreneurial development, building national networks, strategic and technical assistance to CED organizations, designing tools and curriculum to strengthen community resilience, the presidency of two forestry firms involving First Nations; these reflect just some the diversity within Mike's background. Over the last 8 years, the issues and innovations highlighted in the recent book he co-authored have become his central pre-occupation. (The Resilience Imperative: Cooperative Transitions to a Steady State Economy) How to diffuse and scale the impacts of proven innovations that aid transition to low carbon and more equitable communities and regionals; this is his primary agenda and that of the organizations he leads.

MR. BARRY MATHERLY, CECD, FM

BOARD VICE-CHAIR, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, WASHINGTON, DC

PRESIDENT AND CEO, GREATER RICHMOND PARTNERSHIP, INC., RICHMOND, VA

Barry I. Matherly is a certified economic developer with over 20 years of leadership experience at the city, county, regional and university levels. He also interned 3 years for the United States Department of Commerce.



Currently, Barry is President and CEO at the Greater Richmond Partnership, a public/private regional organization that is the single point of contact for domestic and international businesses looking to locate or expand in the Richmond Virginia Region.

Previously, he was the executive director of the Lincoln Economic Development Association in North Carolina, the Director of Economic Development for the communities of Goochland and Pulaski, Virginia and the Special Projects Manager at the Economic Development Assistance Center at Virginia Tech University. Mr. Matherly has a bachelor's degree from James Madison University and a master's degree from Virginia Tech University. He is also a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and a recipient of the Robert B. Cassell Leadership Award.

Barry serves as the Vice Chair of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Board and is on the Governance Committee. Barry also serves of the Executive Board of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and is chair of the Scholarship and Development Committee.

Locally, Barry serves on the University of Richmond School of Business Executive Advisory Council, the Virginia Commonwealth University Innovation Advisory Board and the Richmond Public Schools Superintendent's Business Advisory Council. In addition, he is Vice Chair of the Legislative Advisory Committee for the Virginia Economic Developers Association and a member of the Greater Richmond Association for Commercial Real Estate.

Barry Matherly, a graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond, was named one of the 40 Leaders Under 40 (2002) by the Charlotte Business Journal, recognized as a North Carolina Main Street Champion, designated as a Fellow Member by IEDC and is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum.

STEPHEN MEAD

DIRECTOR, FARO REMEDIATION PROJECT

Born and raised in London, England, Stephen graduated from Aston University with a degree in Chemical Process Engineering. He started his career with London Underground Limited, measuring and modeling airborne particulates generated as a result of operations of the London subway. Following a two year research project in conjunction with Texaco Oil Co., developing a fire retardant grease, Stephen moved to North America. After receiving a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Fairbanks, Stephen spent six years developing curriculum and teaching applied Industrial Science in alternative high schools in Alaska.



Following a move from Alaska to the Yukon, he spent time as Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Whitehorse. He also worked for a private environmental consulting firm, focusing on remediation of contaminated hydrological sites before joining the Yukon government as technical advisor to the Faro Mine closure planning process in 2005.

Stephen has been the Director of the Faro Remediation Project since 2008. During that time, he oversaw the transition of the site from Receivership to Government control, was responsible for executing over \$30 million of related construction and infrastructure improvement work and recently led the successful commissioning of a brand new water treatment facility. In addition, Stephen leads and directs Yukon Government's remedial efforts on three other contaminated sites in the Yukon.

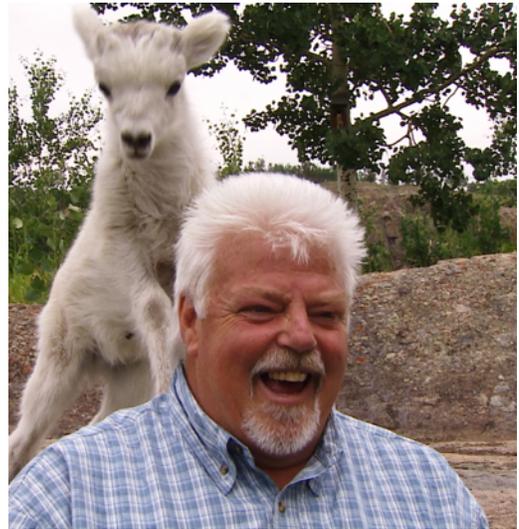
When he isn't cleaning up messes, Stephen can be found by the river or on a pond, throwing feathers at fish.

GREG MEREDITH, M.SC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YUKON WILDLIFE
PRESERVE OPERATING SOCIETY

Greg presently holds the enviable position as the Executive Director with the Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society.

Located only 25 minutes from downtown Whitehorse and open year round, the Yukon Wildlife Preserve enables visitors to view, photograph and learn about 11+ species of Yukon mammals. Visitors can walk, ski, snowshoe or cycle our 5 km viewing loop at their leisure or join a guided bus tour. Both experiences provide excellent opportunities to view and photograph Yukon mammals in natural habitats.



We are a center of northern education, conservation and research excellence and are a proud member of Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums. Our mission is to promote knowledge and foster appreciation of arctic and boreal ecology. Our 700 acre facility also includes the Wildlife Research and Rehabilitation Center where injured wild animals are cared for by specialists who work to release healthy, capable animals back into the wild.

Recent statistics show that in the past five years the Wildlife Preserve has realized:

- Increased visitation by 94%; and
- Increased self-generated revenues by 114%.

Greg also maintains a small consulting business as principal of Silvertip Business Consulting. Located in Whitehorse, his firm specializes in tourism, business and community economic development and is experienced working with private and public sectors – both in Canada and internationally. Greg has unique experience in developing and facilitating cooperative economic development, marketing and policy initiatives with state/provincial, regional and municipal governments – in cooperation with local communities and the private sector. He brings a unique balance of formal training and first-hand business & operations experience to all of his tourism and economic development endeavours.

- ✓ Strong project management and organizational skills
 - ✓ Extensive Management & Operational experience
 - ✓ Strong communications & facilitation skills
 - ✓ Community and regional economic development (including First Nations)
 - ✓ Over 30 years of hands-on tourism design and delivery
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STEPHEN MOONEY

Stephen is a Canadian technology and innovations specialist who guides the development, commercialization and export of sustainable cold climate technologies.

As the Director of Cold Climate Innovation (CCI) at the Yukon Research Centre, Mooney promotes the practical application of cold climate technologies for subarctic regions around the world. The main thematic areas of research for CCI include: Food Security, Alternative Energies, and Cold Climate Housing.



AILEEN MURRAY BCOMM., EC.D.(F)

MELLOR MURRAY CONSULTING

Aileen Murray is the president of Mellor Murray Consulting, specializing in economic development, strategic planning, tourism, workforce development and marketing. A trusted advisor and coach, Aileen combines 15+ years of hands-on economic development experience and a decade of consulting experience to develop practical, achievable strategies and programs.



Aileen is a Director of the Economic Developers Association of Canada and a Past President of the Economic Developers Council of Ontario. She holds the Ec.D professional certification and fellowship from the Economic Development Association of Canada.

AMANDA PARKINSON

PROGRAM MANAGER, MUNICIPAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Amanda has a background in Sociology, Economics, and Facilitation and works as the Manager of the Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) in Regina, SK. The MCDP is a unique partnership between the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), and the Ministry of Government Relations and the Program receives funding through the interest of the Federal Gas Tax.

The MCDP was created with the goal of promoting growth and the MCDP is dedicated to helping Saskatchewan municipalities build their capacity through inter-municipal cooperation. The role of MCDP is to encourage and assist municipalities in developing long-term working relationships that identify local priorities and carry out a strategy to achieve community goals. The MCDP staff includes a Program Manager and a Project Facilitator that travel across Saskatchewan to work with municipal leaders to facilitate development of inter-municipal projects; educate on the potential for regional cooperation; and research issues that matter to municipalities.



HELEN PATTERSON

CEDI PROGRAM MANAGER FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

Helen Patterson is the Program Manager for the First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI). She has a B.A in Economics (McGill University), a M.Sc in Agricultural Economics (University of Wales) and an M.A in Organizational Development (Concordia University).

Helen has over 20 years in strategic planning, project management and organizational development in Canada and internationally working with municipalities, local governments, national and international organizations. Most recently (2009 – 2012) Helen worked in post-conflict Sri Lanka as Project Director for a \$10 million vocational training and leadership program for marginalized youth focused on engaging private sector in training for employment. Prior to CEDI, her work with First Nations has included working with Carcross Tagish First Nation and the Yukon Council of First Nations on capacity building in needs assessment, planning and evaluation as well as with Wabano Aboriginal Health Centre and Minwaashin Lodge in the Ottawa area. Helen lives in Chelsea, Quebec with her two boys and partner and is an active community volunteer, hiker and cross- country skier.



WINNIFRED PETERSON

Winnifred Peterson was born and raised in Whitehorse. She comes from a Teslin Tlingit mother and a Norwegian father.

In 1960 her oldest brother bought a house for their mother in Whiskey Flats. Winnie then rented a small house down there after she started her own family. She lived there until all her children were born then moved to another location in Whitehorse, the Shipyard. Today, she has one daughter, three sons, two granddaughters, two grandsons and two great-grandsons. Winnie likes to leave some written stories for all of her children and grandchildren.



SHEILAGH ROWLES

Shelagh joined Yukon College in 1991 and brings 24 years of experience in developing programs with Yukon First Nations, Yukon communities, government and industry stakeholders to the newly established Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining (CNIM). Through strong partnerships with industry and Yukon Aboriginal governments, CNIM offers a range of industry specific programming -from underground mining to apprenticeships to environmental monitoring



STEPHANI ROY MCCALLUM, CPF

MANAGING DIRECTOR, DIALOGUE PARTNERS INC.

Stephani Roy McCallum is the Managing Director of Dialogue Partners Inc. Stephani specializes in bringing people together to create momentum for positive change. Specializing in public engagement in situations of high emotion, conflict and controversy she has an international track record for success in supporting people and organizations to move forward on challenging issues. She has worked across Canada, and in the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, South America and Europe.



Stephani has a background in Sociology, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Outrage Management, Community Development, and Authentic Leadership. She is a Certified Professional Facilitator with the International Association of Facilitators (IAF) and was the 2008 global President of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2). She is a licensed trainer for all of IAP2's training programs, and was lead developer of IAP2's Emotion, Outrage & Public Participation program. Stephani is also a Life and Leadership Coach. She regularly teaches, speaks and writes on advanced issues and innovations in the engagement field.

JIM SCOTT

Jim is the Mayor of the Town of The Pas, Manitoba, which is located 40 kms east of the Saskatchewan border and about 700 kms north of the U.S. Boarder. He was elected Mayor last October after spending a four year term as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor.

He has an extensive background in both creative design and writing and spent 20 years as a journalist working at a number of radio stations across the prairies. When not busy with his job as Mayor, Jim is also the Director of Communications at University College of the North. It is there he developed a marketing strategy to promote the post-secondary institution as a true destination for the North in the North.

His second highest passion is community development. His first are his three kids and five grandchildren.



DÄN NÄTTHE ADA KAAAXNOX - CHIEF STEVE SMITH

CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

Kaaxnox (Steve Smith) is the elected *Dän nättthe ada* (Chief) of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN). He is a member of the *K'etlèmbet* (Killer whale) clan and was raised near Whitehorse, Yukon and on the land by parents Elijah and Irene Smith.

Chief Smith has a strong background in economic development and executive management (16 years experience and his Master's degree in Business Administration) and has served two previous terms on the CAFN Council.

"I believe that everything is intertwined, from health and culture, to housing and economic development. We need to take a holistic team approach to solving the problems facing our people," said Chief Smith. He works closely with the CAFN Council, which includes four Councillors, an Elder Councillor and Youth Councillor. Their collective vision focuses on the overlapping priorities of self-reliance, connecting and better government.

Steve is a continuing student of his Southern Tutchone language and culture and has learned from his parents, uncles, grandparents and many Elders in the Yukon. He strives to bring cultural values into his work for the CAFN government and his own life. He is an active traditional drummer and often performs with the Dakwäkäda Dancers.



COLIN TERAMURA

Colin was born and raised in the concrete jungle of Vancouver, BC. His childhood consisted of spending time on fishing boats travelling up and down the west coast.

Colin attended University of British Columbia to pursue a degree in Human Kinetics and Education. He moved with his family to Dease Lake to begin his career in teaching, starting an alternative program that built curriculum around individual students. After five years of amazing experiences of working with amazing people, Colin relocated to Whitehorse, Yukon in 2010.



Employed as the Education Coordinator at Northern Cultural Expressions Society, he began to create programming that connected public schools with traditional and cultural programming. His current position is the Carving Program Supervisor and enjoys every minute of his job.

“Here at the studio, we dream big but more importantly, we strive to make those dreams reality.”

FRANK TURNER

Frank Turner has been involved with sled dogs in the Yukon for the past 35 years. He arrived in the Yukon because he lost the toss of a coin – he wanted to go to Mexico for a vacation before his final year in university, but his friend wanted to go to the Yukon. He may have lost the coin toss, but he won in the long run.

Born and raised in Toronto, Frank followed a fairly ordinary route through university, completing a BA at the University of Guelph, and then a Masters of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. After that fateful vacation, Frank knew his future was in the north. He returned as soon as he graduated, and settled near Whitehorse.



Within a few years, he moved to Pelly Crossing, a small First Nations village three-hour drive north of Whitehorse. He lived there for ten years, working with the Selkirk First Nation in management development and capacity building. For the past four years, he has been developing a home-based tourism business with his beloved huskies, with guests participating in Rookie Ranch – which sometimes resembles a sled-dog version of the *City Slickers* Dude Ranch. Muktuk Adventures now offers a diverse selection of active adventures all year-round, along with a Bed & Breakfast / Guest Ranch. The focus is on an authentic Yukon experience, with activities, décor and food that all are reflective of where we live.

Frank participated in the running of the Yukon Quest International Sled-dog race 24 times. He consistently finished among the top ten teams. In 1991, Frank was the first recipient of the Alyesku Pipeline *Vet's Choice Award*, a highly respected award given for superior care of dogs during the race. He won the Vet's Choice Award a second time in 2001, making him only the second musher to receive the award twice. On many other occasions since, he has received honourable mention or other recognition for excellent and humane care of his dogs. Frank always placed great importance on achieving a balance between race competition and care of the dogs. In 1995, Frank won the Quest, finishing with 10 dogs – the largest team among the top five finishers. What's more, the team finished in record time – 10 days 16 hours and 22 minutes. That record stood for 12 years.

In addition to the Quest, Frank participated in a range of mid-distance races – including the Percy de Wolfe, Copper Basin and Silver Sled – and other long-distance expeditions. He also participated in the Hope Race, an international distance mushing event that went from Nome, Alaska to Providenya in Siberia. And in 2001, he joined Japanese explorer, Kazuo Kojima on one leg of his epic journey, recreating an ancient migration route from Lake Bakal in Russia to Greenland. Frank and 8 of his Quest veterans travelled the section from Cambridge Bay to Grise Fjord (on Ellesmere Island).

Frank does presentations about team work and "trying your best" at whatever you do for a wide range of groups, from corporate to non-profit to education. His decades of working with sled-dogs provides him with a unique perspective on teams.

GARRY UMBRICH

TAKHINI HOT SPRINGS LTD

Garry has been involved with Takhini Hot Springs Ltd. for 16 years, the last 8 as President and "visionary" for the corporation. He jokes that the hot springs project is his retirement project.

Having moved to the Yukon in 1980 to "get away from the big city", Garry followed an eclectic career path, having managed a waterbed shop, sold Xmas ads for radio, taught business courses and First Nations management courses at Yukon College, worked as a business developer at Yukon Economic Development, worked as a field service officer for Indian Affairs, worked as an executive director in 5 Yukon First Nations, etc. He even finds time to sit as a director in nearly a half dozen other corporations.

His life goal at this time is to develop an authentic northern resort community at Takhini Hot Springs and then actually retire.



RAY WANUCH

CANDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Born in Edmonton, Alberta, raised on the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement and is of First Nations descent from the Ermineskin Cree Nation. Obtained a Bachelor of Management degree from the University of Lethbridge in 1989; and also possesses the Technician and the Professional Level Certification from Cando.

Prior to working with CANDO, was the CEO of Settlement Investment Corporation. Then moved on to facilitate and manage the Métis Settlements Economic Viability Strategy, which received international recognition for sustainable development. Also managed and taught a self-employment program for the Métis Nation of Alberta. Volunteer work includes being appointed to the Alberta Water Council by the Métis Settlements General Council; as well as serving as the former Cando Co-President and Director representing Alberta.

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