



## **Lisa Mueller-Founder & Creator Nation2Nation Forums**

Lisa Mueller is the founder and creator of the Nation2Nation Forums. She is an aboriginal consultant, community builder and workshop facilitator who is recognized as a young and upcoming voice and connector in the First Nation Community in BC. Lisa is passionate about building long-term relationships with First Nation leaders, government officials, industry, and to share their perspectives on economic development. She is known for her ability to bring together First Nations, private industry and government so they can have meaningful and respectful conversations. Her focus is always on connecting people and being a bridge between First Nations, private industry and government. She works hard to bring the right stakeholders to the conversation.



## **Kitselas Nation - Councilor Geneva Mason and Councilor CJ Bennett Nabess**



## **Chief Don Roberts - Kitsumkalum**

Chief Don Roberts is currently serving his seventh term as elected Chief Councillor of the Kitsumkalem First Nation. Chief Roberts is known for his leadership regarding the assertion of his community's marine interests, particularly in port developments in the Prince Rupert area and with prospective liquefied natural gas plants also in the Prince Rupert area. Locally, the Kitsumkalum have developed a quarry and benefitted from the construction of BC Hydro's Northwest Transmission Line which passed through its traditional territory on its way north.



## **Dave Gordon - City of Terrace, Deputy Mayor**

Dave Gordon is a Councillor with the City of Terrace, elected to office in June 2021. He has a long history in business in northwest BC, having opened the Triton Environmental Consulting office in Terrace in 1996 and subsequently operating his own consulting business, Cambria Gordon Ltd. in Terrace. As a professional biologist he has had the privilege of working with most of the regional First Nations, as well as local and regional governments and agencies, and industry players across the northwest.

Dave is also a busy volunteer in the community. He is past president of the Terrace Downtown Improvement Area Society, is a director and corporate liaison with My Mountain Coop, Shames Mountain and the founder and president of the Skeena Salmon Arts Fest Society.

## Tsimshian Territory

The Tsimshian are an Indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest Coast. Their communities are mostly in coastal British Columbia and far southern Alaska, around Terrace and Prince Rupert in British Columbia, and Alaska's Annette Islands. The Tsimshian people consist of approximately 10,000 members of seven First Nations (including the Kitselas, Kitsumkalum, and the "Allied Tribes" of the Lax Kw'Alaams; the Metlakatla, Kitkatla, Gitga'at at Hartley Bay, and Kitasoo at Klemtu). The Tsimshian are one of the largest First Nations peoples in northwest British Columbia. Some Tsimshian migrated to Annette Island, Alaska, where their descendants in the Metlakatla Indian Community number about 1450.

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[KITSELAS.COM](http://KITSELAS.COM)

The original name Gits'ilaasü means "people of the canyon." The tribe is situated at Kitselas, British Columbia, at the upper end of Kitselas Canyon, which is on the Skeena River.



[KITSUMKALUM.COM](http://KITSUMKALUM.COM)

Kitsumkalum First Nation is a Tsimshian community, located at the confluence of the Skeena and Kalum Rivers. The community lies just west of the city of Terrace, British Columbia.

**Thank you to Kitselas Nation:**  
**Kitselas Dance Group - Sue Clayton**  
**Opening Prayer and Blessings - Elder Edward Innes**

## Indian Residential School Survivors Society

IRSSS provides essential services to Residential School Survivors, their families, and those dealing with Intergenerational traumas. These impacts affect every family and every community across B.C. and Canada. This fact is most evident in the Corrections Canada Services-the numbers of First Nations people incarcerated, Child and Family Services child apprehensions, the high number of people on social assistance, unemployment and underemployed, lower levels of education, the lowest number within an ethnic minority of “determinants of health”, the list of impacts is extremely high while the services available to effectively assist impacts of Residential Schools remain quite low.



### Arlene Roberts - IRSSS

Arlene Roberts is from the Nisga'a / Tsimshian Nations and has 34 years of sobriety. Her son is Mike Dangeli, she has three stepchildren who call her mom (a title she dearly treasures), and is the grandmother of five wonderful grandchildren. Arlene also served for seven years as a firefighter in her community. She was raised in the culture of her nations and in accordance with the matrilineal tradition and responsibility to family, clan house, and community.

## SAFE SPACE & SMUDGING

**If any attendees are feeling triggered during any of the speaker presentations or sessions, there will be a safe space in a mobile trailer outside of the Community Centre for their use.**

Nation2Nation is working closely with IRSSS to provide attendees and speakers with a private space where they can reflect, find support or smudge. If you have any questions about using the space or where it is located, please speak to the N2N registration desk staff.



**Ben Wither, Manager HSEC & Permitting, health, Safety, Environment and Social Performance, Newcrest**

**TOPIC: Co-management**

My experience within the environmental management field has included a variety of facets, including Impact Assessments, Environmental Monitoring, Rehabilitation, Management System (Design and Implementation), Risk Management, Business Strategy and Talent Management.

Through this experience I have developed a comprehensive knowledge in the application of Environmental Management Systems, to achieve compliance with Internal and External performance expectations (Company Standards, ISO14001, ICCM "Cyanide Code", Legal Obligations, and Financial Commitments). This knowledge coupled with my operational experience ensures that the systems are practical and aligned with the Business objectives.



**Chief Mel Grandjamb - Fort McKay First Nation**

**TOPIC: Economic Sovereignty**

Mel Grandjamb was elected chief of Fort McKay First Nation (FMFN) on April 5, 2019. In this role, Chief Grandjamb also serves as the Board Chairman for Fort McKay Group of Companies (FMGOC) – which operates three limited companies, 100 per cent owned and controlled by the Fort McKay First Nation.

With designations in Building Construction Engineering Technology and Project Management from NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology), Chief Grandjamb has 30 years of construction and industry experience. Previously, he has held roles as Project Manager of Capital Projects with Frog Lake First Nation and Construction Specialist at Syncrude Canada. Within Fort McKay First Nation he has held a variety of leadership positions such as Chief, Project Officer, Director of Capital Projects Department, along with Board of Director of Fort McKay Group of Companies.



**Kúkpi7 Chief Rosanne Casimir - Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc**

**TOPIC: 215+ The Impacts and our Journey Forward**

Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir is a strong Secwépemc Woman leading by example. She is the 14th elected Kukpi7/Chief for Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc.

Kukpi7 Rosanne's personal mission statement is "Know your Passion, Visualize your Plan, Collect your Resources, and be Determined to Succeed!" She upholds these values in both her personal and professional life. She will continue to stand tall in her code of ethics which includes honesty, fairness, and trust.

During her tenure as Kúkpi7, the remains of 215 children were found buried on the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.



## **Keivan Hirji, Senior Sustainability & External Relations for N. America, Newmont**

**TOPIC: New Approaches: How the Roles of Industry and Government are Changing in a DRIPA World**

Keivan Hirji is an expert in sustainable resource development and cross-cultural relationship building with a blend of public and private sector experience. Over the past decade, Hirji has held senior roles with the Province of B.C. and the Government of Canada. He has worked to bring Canada's natural resources to global markets and ensure local communities were involved in decision-making and benefited from projects. Currently, Hirji works for Newmont, the world's largest gold mining company, where he leads sustainability and external relations initiatives across North America.



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## **Maynard Angus, President Indigenous Canada Solutions**

**TOPIC: Transformational Pandemic**

Maynard Angus, the founder of Indigenous Canada Solutions (ICS), formerly Indigenous-Corporate Solutions, links corporate and indigenous cultures to common ground. As a thought leader on Indigenous culture, governance, strategic management planning, protocol, and third space engagement, Mr. Angus' knowledge, experience, and unique style bring clarity to Indigenous and Corporate engagement challenges. Mr. Angus received his education from Royal Roads University in Leadership Management and Public Relations Management, including Crisis Management and Strategic Communication.



## **John Rustad**

**TOPIC: Climate Change Realism and the Opportunities it Presents**

John was first elected as MLA in 2005 and has served his constituents of Nechako-Lakes in various capacities since that time. For four years, John had the honour of serving as Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. During this time, he assisted with the signing of 435 provincial agreements with First Nations across the province. John also served as Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for a short time.

John grew up in Prince George and has lived in Northern BC all his life. He and his wife Kim have lived at Cluculz Lake the last several years and thoroughly appreciate all the joys of lake life, especially the otters and geese that visit. John enjoys golfing, spending time outdoors, and the beauty and tranquility of rural living. With the recent change to sitting as an Independent MLA, John looks forward to continuing his advocacy for the people in his riding by raising the issues and policies that affect them most.



## **LNG Canada**

**TOPIC: Project Update**



### **Barry Penner, KC, Vancouver International Arbitration Centre**

#### **TOPIC: Resolving business conflicts**

A practicing lawyer with extensive political and international experience, Mr. Penner provides practical strategies, policy and legal advice for addressing issues involving First Nations, various levels of government and the media. Working with a range of private and public sector clients, Mr. Penner's focus is on delivering practical advice which integrates his clients legal needs with their broader corporate and social interests.



### **Donna St. Louis, Business Development Manager, Western Canada & NWT, FNFA**

#### **TOPIC: FNFA: Financing Economic Development for First Nations**

As Business Development Manager, Donna St. Louis is increasing awareness of the FNFA in Western Canada and the North West Territories while supporting First Nations with accessing capital markets through membership with the FNFA.

A member of the Coldwater Indian Band and Nlaka'pamux Nation, Donna has centered her career around supporting the social and economic development of Indigenous people. Prior to joining the FNFA, Donna worked with Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation and assisted Indigenous businesses with accessing financial support.



### **TC Energy**



### **Manon Joice, NFNA**

#### **TOPIC: Intro to Northern First Nations Alliance**

Manon is the owner of Skeena Coach in Kitimat, BC and is an experienced business development writer specializing in population health. Manon studied Nursing at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall, Ontario. Further to her clinical experience, she continued her education in preventative medicine and population health at Athabasca University. She recently completed the specialization, Impacts of the Environment on Global Public Health, through the University of Michigan.

## TOPIC: Indigenous and Local Governments Working Collaboratively to Advance Development in the North: A Case Study / 'Discussion'



**MODERATOR**

### **MODERATOR: Chris Sankey, Chief Executive Officer Blackfish Enterprises**

As President and CEO of Blackfish Management, Chris's expertise is in Business Development, Negotiations, First Nations Government, Community Engagement, HR strategy, Facilitation and Training-to-Employment. Chris was part of the team that helped negotiate and facilitate the Pacific Northwest LNG agreement and was one of 2 negotiators for Lax Kw'Alaams that reached the first ever Environmental Monitoring Agreement between the Coast Tsimshian, BC and Canada.

Chris is an extremely influential person and believes "strengthening communities, one person at a time" should be a company's goal.



### **Chief Councillor Crystal Smith, Cedar LNG**

Crystal Smith has served the Haisla people for 12 years through her work with Haisla Nation Council, starting as Executive Assistant to Chief and Council from 2009 to 2013, then being elected Chief Councillor in 2017. She holds business certificates from Northwest Community College and Thompson Rivers University.

In November, 2019, she was named Chair of the First Nations LNG Alliance, a group committed to encouraging First Nations development of the LNG industry to provide employment and other sustainable benefits for BC's aboriginal people.



### **Phil Germuth, Mayor of Kitimat**

Mayor Phil Germuth has enjoyed more than 10 years serving in Kitimat's municipal government. He was first elected as Councillor in 2011, and is currently in his second term as Mayor. He also serves as Chair of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine. He is a passionate representative of Kitimat and dedicated to fostering a healthy and vibrant community.

## TOPIC: Tahltan from an Economic Perspective



### **Paul Gruner, Chief Executive Officer - Tahltan Nation Development Corp**

Paul is a senior executive leader with 15 years of experience in delivering business results in partnership with Indigenous stakeholders. He has a dynamic range of experience in strategic leadership, mergers and acquisitions, business development, strategic partnerships, financial management, project management, corporate governance, contract negotiations, capacity building and job creation for citizens, and environmental, social, and corporate governance.

Paul has experience in transformation strategy that strengthens organizations and builds them into sustainable, profitable entities that have the leadership and resiliency to operate for generations.



### **Justin Himmelright, Senior Vice President, External Affairs & Sustainability, Skeena Resources**

Justin Himmelright is the Senior VP of External Affairs and Sustainability for Skeena Resources. Skeena is currently advancing the Eskay Creek Revitalization Project, reopening an iconic gold mine in Tahltan Territory. Mr. Himmelright has over 25 years of experience in environmental management and developing social licence for natural resource projects. He's a graduate of Simon Fraser University (B.Sc.) and the University of British Columbia (M. Eng.) and is a Registered Professional Biologist in BC. Mr. Himmelright previously served as Vice President responsible for sustainability matters for several publicly listed companies and has also worked as a consultant to Indigenous communities on mining proposals within their Territories and with non-profit organizations. He is currently an adjunct professor at the Norman Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering (UBC) on the topic of Indigenous peoples and mining in Canada.



### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REFERENCE DURING THIS PANEL**

Tahltan Nation Development Corp  
2022 ANNUAL REPORT





## TOPIC: Language Revitalization



**MODERATOR**

### **MODERATOR: Ryan Bruce, BC Manager of Government Relations - CLAC**

Ryan Bruce grew up on Vancouver Island on the traditional territory of the Penelakut and Halalt First Nations. He now lives on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation. Inspired by The North American Indigenous games held in his hometown of Cowichan in 2008, Ryan established and co-chaired the "Walk of the Nations" an event focussed on building new levels of understanding, mutual respect, and trust between indigenous and non indigenous communities. Ryan is CLAC's BC Manager of Government Relations. He is excited to be part of an organization that understands the importance of building meaningful relationship with the nations who's territory our members are working on. CLAC recognizes the value of training to employment initiatives aimed at helping members of indigenous communities train for jobs of today while building careers for tomorrow.



### **Rebecca David, First Nations Education Foundation**

Rebecca David brings exceptional qualifications in both Education and community leadership with 20 plus years experience working with First Nation communities, on and off-reserve, and in non-profit organizations working towards enhancing programming and advocating to enrich programs to the FNEF management team. She served her community, the Pauquachin First Nation, as an elected Chief from October 2014 to 2020, served on the Board of the BC Assembly of First Nations from 2015-2020 and as the BC Representative for the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund from 2015-2021. Rebecca has excelled in Education, Marine & Environmental Stewardship, Addictions & Mental Health, Finance & Policy writing and earned a Diploma in Social Work at Malaspina College University, a Bachelor's degree in Child and Youth Care from Vancouver Island University, a Master's in Business Administration from Vancouver Island University and a Master's of International Business and Science from the University of Hertfordshire.



### **Nelson Grant, Haisla Elder**



### **Dan Commons, Ledcor**

I am a Senior Project Manager for Ledcor-Haisla in the Kitimat region and have been working in the region and closely with the Haisla since late 2018. My wife and I moved up to Kitimat from the Lower Mainland in 2019 and started our family there and have been involved in the community. I have a civil engineering background and have been working for Ledcor for 11 years.

## TOPIC: Generation of Change



MODERATOR

**MODERATOR: Hope Regimbald**

An Indigenous Relations specialist. Extensive experience in the energy industry, Indigenous communities, media, and non-profit organizations. Professional experience is underpinned by an exemplary history of community development; reinforced by an on-going commitment personal and professional diversification and growth.

I have a strong and genuine commitment to collaboration, respect and building relationships. Committed to meaningful engagement with Indigenous partners and supporting diversity in a growing organization. An innovative thinker with effective presentation and marketing skills. Sound knowledge in developing strategies, growing professional networks, building trust, fostering good relations and engaging Indigenous communities and businesses.

**Lisa Grant, Interim Deputy CAO Haisla Nation**

Experienced Community engagement consultant with a demonstrated history of working within industry. Skilled in Stakeholder Engagement, Event Management, and Internal & External Communications. Strong media and communication professional with a Masters degree focused in Global Management from Royal Roads University. Current RRU Indigenous Economic Development

Graduate Certificate and MBA student.

**Chief Carmen McPhee, Telegraph Band**

Chief McPhee grew up in Telegraph Creek, resulting in very close relationships with all the families and people living in the territory. Prior to becoming chief, she worked in several management areas of the Tahltan Band: managing the Fisheries Department, Project Management, and Event Planning.

Her passion is working with the Tahltan people and helping build their communities. She will always want the best for her people, because she believes success for one, is success for all.

**Jasmine Thomas, Councillor with Saik'uz**

Jasmine Thomas is a Dene (Carrier) woman and Noolhk'ai Whu't'en (frog clan) member currently residing in her community of Saik'uz where she is an elected Councillor. She has been involved in various national and community-driven research projects and other educational initiatives related to the inter-connectedness of the environment, health, and community well-being. Jasmine has done advocacy work on a broad range of issues based upon an Indigenous rights framework. She has experience in community engagement, planning processes, and is also the Environmental Services Manager for the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMP). She volunteers on numerous boards and committees and enjoys being out on the land with family.

## TOPIC: Global Energy Demands - Northwest Opportunities | Energy Security



**MODERATOR & MC**

### **MODERATOR: Stewart Muir, Resource Works**

Stewart Muir is a researcher and award-winning storyteller who looks at the connection between people and the natural environment. As an advocate for responsible resources, in 2014 he founded not for profit Resource Works, based in Vancouver. He is working to develop leadership in resources and Reconciliation, and building support for shared prosperity among all who reside in Canada.



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### **Karen Ogen, CEO FNLNGA**

Karen Ogen-Toews is the CEO of the First Nations LNG Alliance, a society of First Nations in support of responsible LNG development in B.C. – with a priority on the environment, and on First Nations consultation and engagement.

Karen brings extensive experience to her role, having served as Chief of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation for six years. Previously was a council member for the nation holding the Natural Resources, Energy & Economic Development portfolios.

She is familiar with the needs of Indigenous communities throughout B.C. and seeks to increase economic opportunities for First Nations through providing information and education regarding responsible resource development.



### **Rob Kopecky, CAPP**

Rob Kopecky is the manager of Indigenous Affairs with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers. CAPP represents Canada's natural gas and oil producers across Canada. Rob has dedicated his professional life to working in the Natural Resource sector. After completing a BSc in Biology in 1991, Rob began working in Forestry and spend 22 years with the BC Forest Service in locations that included Prince Rupert, Fort St. John and Dawson Creek.

Rob moved to Alberta in 2014 to take on a new role as a Director of Consultation with the Aboriginal Consultation Office within the Ministry of Indigenous Relations. In February 2022, Rob started in his current role at CAPP.