

BRIDGING THE GAP

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, CONTENT AND CONNECTIVITY IN THE NORTH

20 APRIL, 2017

9:30AM – 4:30PM

ROOM 134 TELUS CENTRE



SCHEDULE

9:30 - 10:00	Meet and greet over coffee/tea
10:00 -10:15	Welcome (UAlberta North) Introductory Remarks (moderator)
10:15-11:30	Panellists introduction and moderated discussion
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion and Q&A with audience
12:00 -1:30	Lunch and networking
1:30 – 2:30	Panellists speak on the questions/themes assigned in advance
2:30 – 3:30	Community discussants round table with panellists
3:30 – 3:40	Concluding Remarks (moderator)
3:40 – 4:30	Coffee networking

PANELLISTS

LINDA VENNARD



Dr. Linda Vennard is the Regional Commissioner for Alberta and the Northwest Territories for the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). Dr. Vennard holds a PhD, a Master of Arts (MA) and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree, all from the University of Calgary. She sat on the University of Calgary Research Ethics Committee for six years. Her PhD area of specialty is the social context of science and technology, and advanced communication technologies and digitization in particular. Dr. Vennard has researched extensively in areas involving ethical and societal impacts of the adoption of science and technology, including ethical issues associated with nanotechnology and genetic testing, broadband in rural and remote communities, critical infrastructure protection, and advanced communication technologies in national security.

LYLE FABIAN



Lyle Fabian is highly accomplished in design, installation, and support of IT networks with emphasis on fiber optic infrastructures. Lyle has played a key role in many projects such as Katlodeeche First Nations very own fiber optic network, and the commissioning of DeBeers Canada new Gahcho Kue diamond mine, bringing online their fiber optic automated plant network, as well as the design and deployment of a wireless broadband network for the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. This connected communities over a ten-kilometer wireless network. Lyle has worked in the IT sector for the past 13 years, and has earned designations as a Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) and Fiber Optic Certification (CFOT) from the Fiber Optic Association (FOA). Lyle continues to work towards assisting both the mining industry, and First Nation communities in building new IT networks.

JERRY LANOUCETTE



Jerry Lanouette, Senior Manager OCAP® and Information Governance, FNIGC, is from the Mitchikanibikok Inik (Algonquins of Barriere Lake) First Nation. Over four decades, Jerry has worked in the federal public service and with First Nations' public service in senior positions, dealing with major portfolios in the areas of Data Governance, sovereignty, health, RCAP, Access to Information, Band Membership and the Indian Act. He has also advised senior officials of both government and non-government organizations on issues affecting First Nations. Through personal tragedy and experience, Jerry continues to advise on issues affecting First Nations people, more specifically surrounding the legacy of Indian Residential Schools, homelessness, mental health and youth issues.

He continues to volunteer in First Nations communities and organizations to promote his belief of understanding that ***"Those Who Do Not Learn from History Are Bound to Repeat It"***, as it leads to his passion of helping provide good tools and skills on ***"Good Governance"***. He has also appeared as a witness to Canada's Senate Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples proceedings a number of times.

MICHAEL CORBETT



Michael immigrated to the NWT in 2002 managing the Smart Communities, Community Access and the Computers for Schools Programs for the North, working with Governments, communities and non-profits throughout the Northern Territories.

He later went to the Government of Canada as an Economic Development Officer with INAC and later CanNor. While there he held the IT file and was the champion for connectivity within the Agency.

Michael was key partner of the Northern Communications and Information Systems Working Group which produced the Arctic Communications Infrastructure Assessment (ACIA) and the Northern Connectivity - Ensuring Quality Communications reports.

ROB MCMAHON



Dr. Rob McMahon is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Extension at the University of Alberta. He teaches in the Master of Arts in Communication and Technology (MACT) and Master of Arts in Community Engagement (MACE) programs. Rob is a co-investigator with the SSHRC-funded First Nations Innovation Project, and is the coordinator the First Mile Connectivity Consortium, a national non-profit association of Indigenous technology organizations. He is also involved in rural broadband research in Alberta, including through the Digital Futures conference series.

Rob's research focuses on the appropriation of broadband and internet technologies by rural, remote and Indigenous communities. His approach involves working with communities to ensure that their voices are heard in all stages of research and knowledge mobilization. He and his partners are exploring ways to build digital literacy capacities in communities, and are involved in efforts to contribute to digital policy and regulation.

ALI SHIRI



Ali Shiri is a Professor at the School of Library and Information Studies in the Faculty of Education, teaching graduate courses in the areas of digital libraries and information organization and retrieval. His research areas centre on digital libraries, search user interfaces, user interaction with digital information, big data and more recently learning analytics.

From 2009 to 2011 he completed a SSHRC-funded project, developing **multilingual visual search interfaces for the UNESCO digital library**. Ali's current SSHRC-funded research project, titled Digital Library North, focuses on the development of a digital library infrastructure in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the Western Arctic to address the information needs of northern communities and to provide a digital platform for cultural heritage preservation.

CHUCK HUMPHREY (moderator)



Chuck Humphrey is the Director of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) Portage research data management network. Prior to this appointment, Chuck supported data services in the University of Alberta Libraries (UAL) beginning in 1992 and has worked on numerous regional, national, and international initiatives to increase access to data for teaching and research. He has been a strong advocate for preserving research data and served on the Canadian National Data Archive consultation, the National Consultation on Access to Scientific Data, and the Canadian Digital Information Strategy. From 2010-2012, he was a lead investigator for a data centre in the Canadian International Polar Year (IPY) Data Assembly Centre Network. He currently serves on the Steering Committee of Research Data Canada; is a Board member of the Consortia Advancing Standards in Research Administrative Information; and is a participant in Research Data Alliance interest groups.

COMMUNITY
DISCUSSANTS

MARK BUELL



Mark Buell is the Regional Bureau Director for North America. In this role, Mark oversees the Internet Society's engagement activities in Canada and the United States.

From 2009 to 2016, Mark held a variety of positions with the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA), the registry for the .CA country code top-level domain. At CIRA, Mark provided senior level support for the organization's activities in the domestic Internet policy and global Internet governance fora. In 2010, Mark initiated the Canadian Internet Forum, Canada's IGF and continued to coordinate the event until 2016. He also established CIRA as a leader in the domain name industry in the use of social media.

Prior to joining CIRA, Mark spent a decade working in Indigenous health policy, first as a Community Development Officer at an Inuit land claim organization in the Western Canadian Arctic, then as the Director of Communications and Research at the National Aboriginal Health Organization in Ottawa.

Mark is based in Ottawa, Canada.

DOUG MCKENZIE



Doug McKenzie is Falcon's Project Leader for the NWT Broadband Agreement. He is a chartered accountant with over 25 years of experience in the public sector as an auditor of value-for-money and performance of government programs. He has worked closely with Falcon's Project Manager in developing the business plan, project management services proposal, negotiating and drafting amendments to the federal contribution agreement and vendor contracts, analyzing network performance information, and preparing and presenting reports to various government agencies and the Falcon board.

MAXINE TRENNERT



Maxine Trennert is Manager, Northern Partnerships & Initiatives for the Edmonton Northern Partnership and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. A business professional with 10+ years of experience, Maxine has strengthened infrastructure, expanded revenue growth and production output for start-up to high-growth companies across sectors—resource, healthcare and government.

Since 2001, Maxine has connected people and shared business expertise using best practices to develop and improve systems. She has worked with companies and government pioneering non-technical and social risk management programs that benefit current and future generations. In developing strategic plans that meet client and shareholder demand, Maxine works to identify, assess and bridge operational gaps that guide teams through change and economic uncertainty. She also develop tools for building capacity, increasing productivity and delivering quality improvements to business.

As a champion of sharing lessons learned and best practices, Maxine is passionate about sustainability and capacity development.

TIM KLASSEN



Tim Klassen has been a librarian since 1992 and was recently appointed to serve as library liaison for the North. Tim is currently Head of the Science and Technology & Winespear Business Libraries. He's been working with University of Alberta Libraries since 2012 and previous to that worked at University of Illinois at Chicago, Southern Connecticut State University, Wesleyan University and University of Oregon. His interests include Science Librarianship, Open Access and other Scholarly Communications issues. He currently serves on the arXiv Members Advisory Board.