

Pulling together to tackle energy transition

# **Energy Table Talk**

Can the NWT harness the winds of change?

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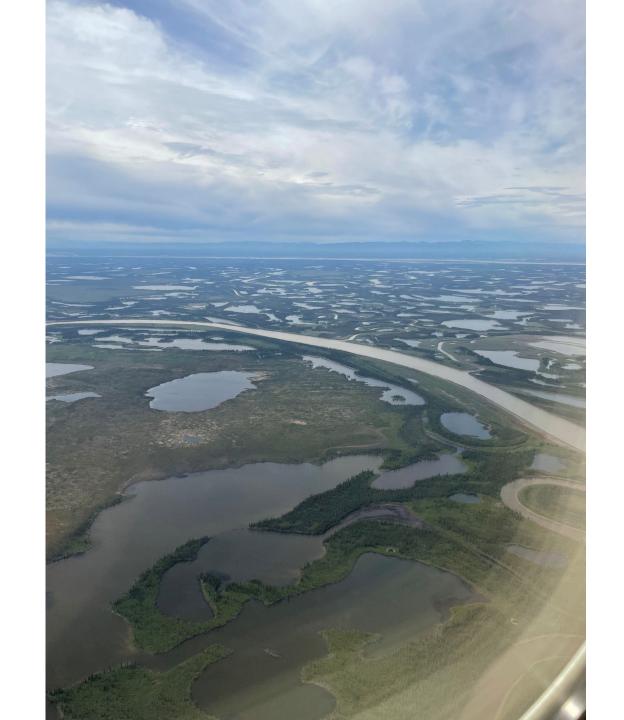
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### Today's Objectives

**Learning** opportunity on an energy topic

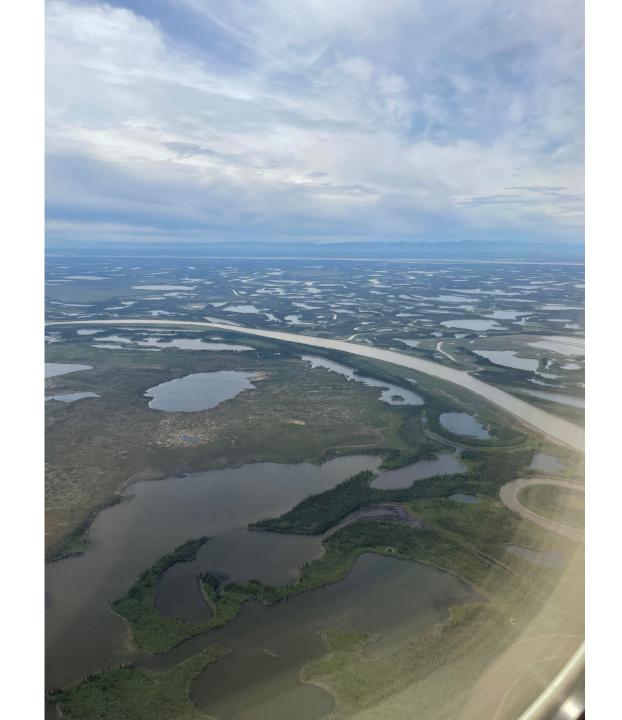
**Sharing** opportunity on Northern case studies

**Connecting** opportunity among multiple stakeholders



### Today's Agenda

- 9:00 ) I. Welcome, Opening remarks
- 9:20 ) II. Roundtable of introductions
- 9:30 ) III. Panel presentations
- Health Break 15
- 10:45 ) IV. Moderator-guided discussion
- (11:05) V. Open Q&A session
- VI. Closing roundtable
- VII. Closing remarks, Adjourn



# I. Opening remarks

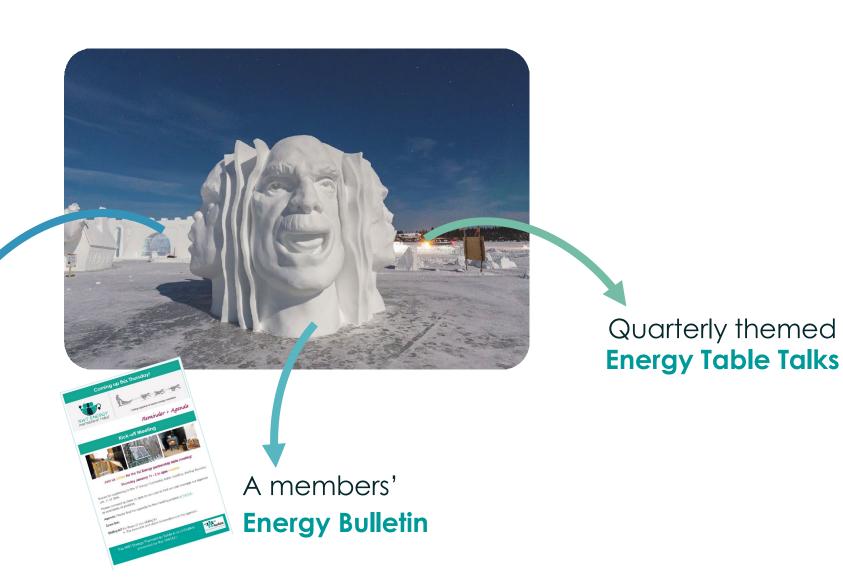
Marjolaine Chevet - NWTAC

#### Mission Statement

The NWT Energy Partnership Table is a **multi-stakeholder forum** where we exchange information, pool resources, and advance community and regional energy priorities.

### A Partnership Table with 3 faces

An online and public **Energy Toolkit** 



### Principles Statement

The Energy Partnership Table is a space for respectful dialogue,

where diverse perspectives are welcome

and collaboration and agility fuel creative solutions and hope.

### A multiple station journey

04-2022

RiRC Conference in Whitehorse

s2-2022

Energy Circle online meetings

12-2022

CC & AM Conference in Yellowknife

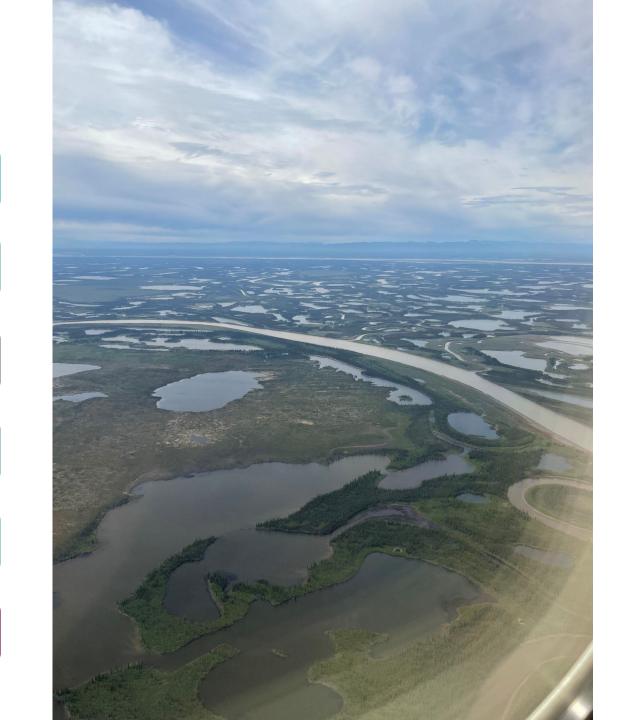
)7-2023

Multilateral Dialogue in Yellowknife

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1st Energy Partnership Table meeting

You are here! **Energy Table Talk** on **Wind power** 



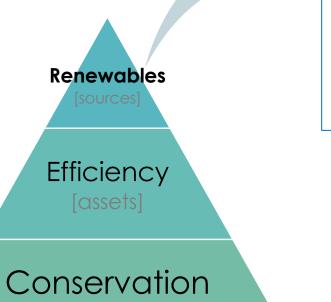
### II. Roundtable of introductions

### Participants list

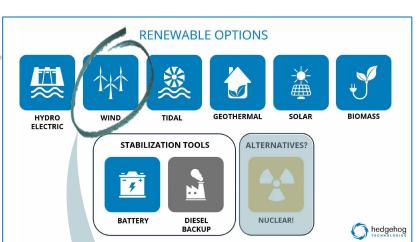
Bob	Bromley	Alternatives North
Mark	Heyck	Arctic Energy Alliance
David	Schwarz	Aurora Research Institute
Les	Wilson	Chu Niikwan Limited Partnership
Anil	Arora	CIRNAC
Mariah	StPierre	CIRNAC
Maliha	Tariq	City of Yellowknife
Dawn	Tremblay	Ecology North
Ben	Israel	GNWT - Energy Division
Loretta	Ransom	GNWT - Energy Division
Sheena	Adams	GNWT - Energy Division
Jason	Collard	Gonezu Energy Inc.
Maggie	Mills	Gwich'in Development Corporation
Becca	Denley	Housing NWT
Bronwyn	Rorke	Housing NWT
Lachlan	MacLean	MacLean Consulting
Grant	Sullivan	Nihtat Energy Ltd
Malek	Tawashy	Northern Energy Capital
Rudi	Van den Broek	Northern Energy Capital
Salah	Abouelnaga	NT Energy
Simone	Clark	NT Energy
Alexander	Love	NWT Power Corporation
Marjolaine	Chevet	NWTAC (host)
Miki	Ehrlich	NWTAC (co-host)
Sara	Brown	NWTAC
Grace	Nakimayak	Paulatuk Energy Working Group
Emily	Не	Pembina Institute

# III. Panel presentations

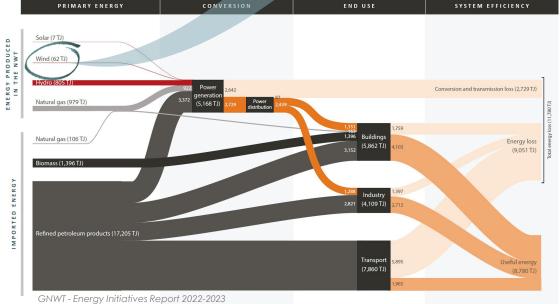
### Wind power generation in Northern communities: Why? How?



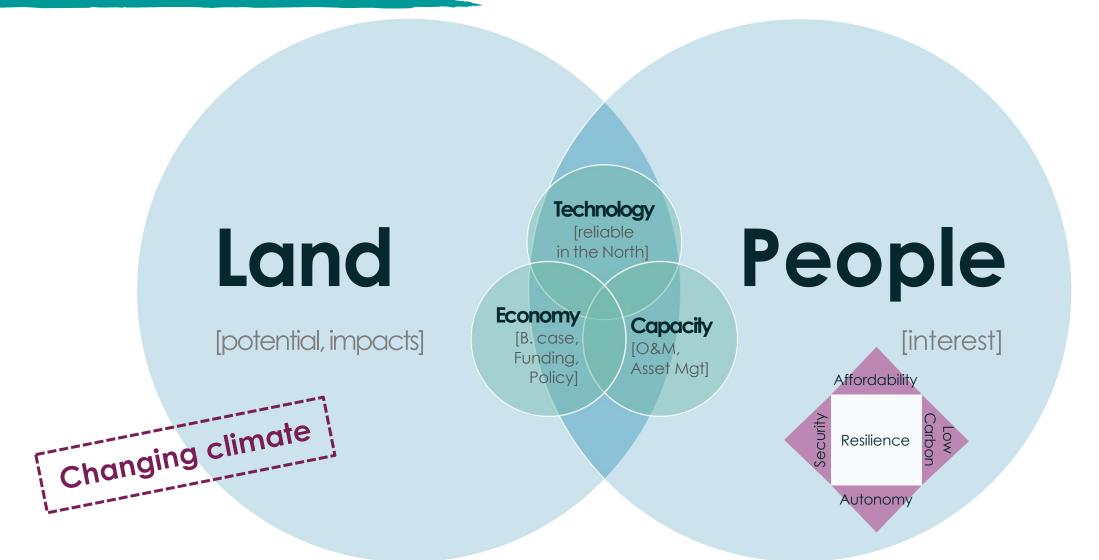
The Energy Pyramid







# Wind power generation in Northern communities: A multi-component journey



### Meet our panelists



Malek Tawashy President and CEO Northern Energy Capital, Yukon



**Les Wilson**Director of development, Chu Nîlkwän LP
Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Yukon



**Grace Nakimayak**Clean Energy Coordinator
Paulatuk Energy Working Group



**David Schwarz**Manager of Applied Energy Research Programs
Aurora Research Institute



**Alex Love**Chief Projects and Engineering Officer
Northwest Territories Power Corporation



# 1/5 - David Schwarz - ARI

#### **Short Bio**

David Schwarz, Manager of Applied Energy Research Programs at Aurora College - Aurora Research Institute has more than twenty years of experience leading energy research and development.

His current research focuses on conducting wind and solar resource assessments for communities throughout the Northwest Territories. He has developed and managed programs in industry for wind and solar preliminary assessment, monitoring and resource assessment engineering work, and tested and assessed emerging technologies and processes for use in operational implementations.

He has also worked as a research engineer at the National Research Council of Canada in fuel cells and hydrogen, and as an innovation and technology manager in the oil and gas industry. His scholarly impact includes numerous journal publications and conference papers in computational fluid dynamics.

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#### Wind Resource Assessment

David Schwarz, Manager of Applied Energy Research Programs



Aurora College's Aurora Research Institute (ARI) has conducted more than ten wind resource assessment campaigns in Northwest Territories communities over the last two decades including at High Point near Inuvik

We respectfully acknowledge that Aurora College is situated on the traditional territories and homeland of the Dene, Inuit and Métis peoples of the Northwest Territories (NWT). We are grateful to the many Indigenous peoples of the NWT for allowing us the opportunity to learn, work and live on their lands. We are also deeply grateful for the generous sharing of Traditional Knowledge, wisdom and ways of knowing, being and doing with our students and employees.

### Applied Energy Research Programs Goals



Inuvik Wind Project (NTPC)

- Build capacity for the measurement and analysis of wind data
- Provide decision makers with bankable data for wind energy developments
- Advocate for the importance of wind resource assessments

#### **Partners**



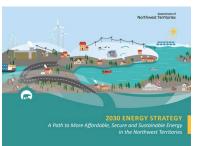
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**Empowering Communities** 



Industry





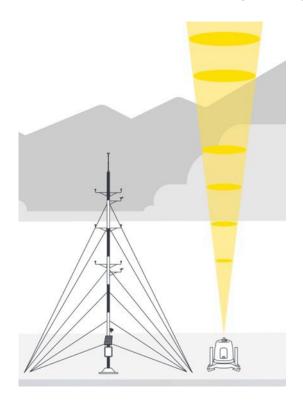
Department of Infrastructure, Energy Division





Indigenous Communities

#### Wind Resource Assessment



Site-specific short-term data from meteorological towers or remote sensing units (NRG Systems)



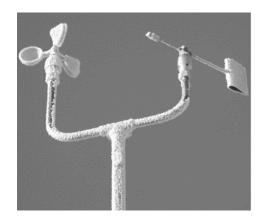


Local long-term data from Automatic Weather Stations (Environment and Climate Change Canada, Paulatuk)

### Wind Resource Monitoring Equipment

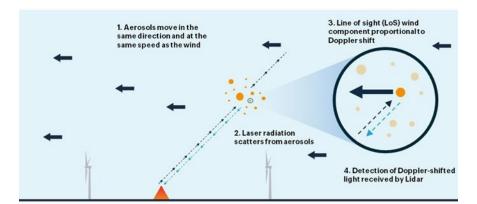


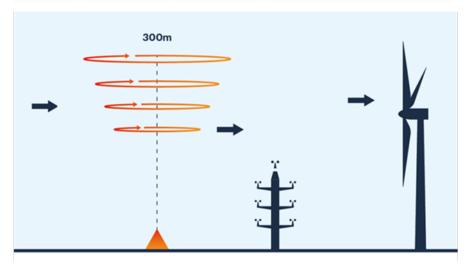
Meteorological Tower



Wind Speed (3 Cup Anemometer) & Direction (Wind Vane)

#### What is a wind Lidar?





**ZX Lidars** 

### Fort McPherson Wind Monitoring Campaign



### Tsiigehtchic Wind Monitoring Campaign



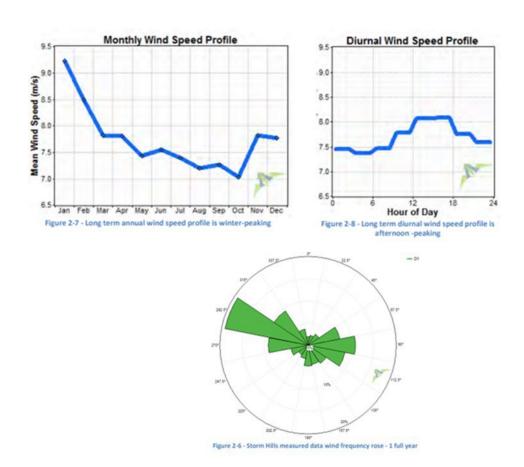
### Wekweètì Wind Monitoring Campaign



### Paulatuk Wind Monitoring Campaign



#### Wind Resource Assessment Results



Measured wind speed and direction data for Storm Hills near Inuvik

Results publicly available for future wind energy developments

#### Contact Details for More Information



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# 2/5 – Les Wilson - CNLP

#### **Short Bio**

Les was born and raised in Whitehorse Yukon and calls it home with his wife and two kids.

He studied science and engineering technology in Alberta and is currently working for the Kwanlin Dun Group of Companies focused on the economic development potential of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation's real estate holdings in the City of Whitehorse.

With over 20 years' experience working with Self-Governing Yukon First Nations and most recently as an Economic Development Advisor, he seeks to foster positive cooperative, collaborative relationships, and build on local resources and capacities. He loves to spend time with his family, woodworking and cooking.

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# 3/5 – Malek Tawashy - NEC

#### **Short Bio**

Malek is from Vancouver, BC. He is the President and CEO of Northern Energy Capital, a renewable energy development firm committed to empowering remote communities in their transition from fossil fuel consumption to clean energy asset ownership. He has a Master of Science in International Construction Management and brings almost 20 years of experience delivering large-scale capital projects.

He sits on the board of a number of Inuit and First Nation-owned renewable energy companies in the Yukon and Nunavut as well as being responsible for leading NEC's diverse portfolio of projects through development, construction, and operations.

Outside the office, Malek runs a competitive sailing team and mentors indigenous youth pursuing careers in the clean energy sector.

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#### Empowering Communities

in their transition from fossil fuels to clean energy

#### Who we are





#### We advance the energy transition

We are a Canadian company established in 2015 to empower communities in their transition from fossil fuel consumption to clean energy ownership.



#### We develop clean energy projects

We specialize in the corporate structuring, project development, and financing of indigenous clean energy projects.



#### We partner with local communities

We build successful indigenous clean energy partnerships and joint-ventures that span eleven indigenous communities across Canada.



### Renewable Project Benefits



#### **Energy Independence**

Enhance self-sufficiency with independent energy production and ownership



#### **Community Empowerment**

Strengthen community resilience and autonomy



#### **Energy Security**

Year-round local energy production, reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels



#### Sustainable Future

Move towards a renewable energy system reducing fossil fuels



#### Reliability

Ease of maintenance with local forces, 25 year power purchase agreements

# Haeckel Hill Wind & Battery Project Case Study



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Where: Whitehorse, Yukon

**How**: IPP: Eagle Hill Energy

What: First 100% indigenous owned renewable energy project in Northern Canada

When: Commercial operation March 2024

### Haeckel Hill Time line



Partnership agreement

Wind research

Community engagement

Start construction

Celebrate completion

Full operation

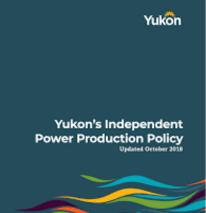


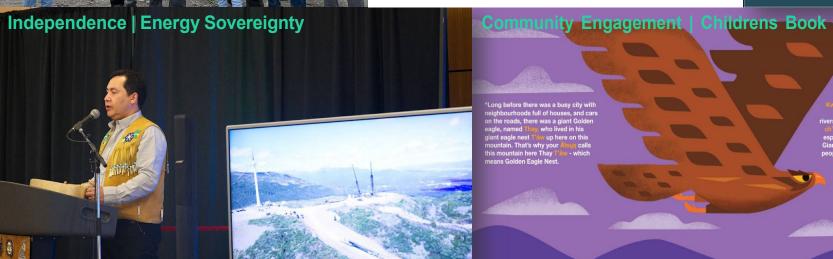
#### **Commitment | Active Policy Contribution**

#### **Yukon implements Independent Power Production policy**

January 28, 2019 By CCE

The policy allows First Nation governments, communities and entrepreneurs to generate renewable energy and feed it into the electrical grid to help meet local demands.





"Long before there was a busy city with

means Golden Eagle Nest.

rivers and lakes. People had to walk especially at the base of this hill, because people made too much noise or called too



Community Energy Plan Chesterfield Inlet

Rankin Inlet + Baker Lake Wind Energy Projects Construction Start

2018-2023

Wind Energy Study in Rankin Inlet

Coral Solar Project Construction Start Wind Energy Study Whale Cove

Clean Energy Project Planning Whale Cove

# THANK YOU

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## 4/5 – Grace Nakimayak - PEWG

#### **Short Bio**

Grace is the clean energy coordinator for the Paulatuk Energy Working Group.

She started in this role in October 2021 to carry out the clean energy ambitions of the working group, which includes community leaders from the Hamlet of Paulatuk, Hunters and Trappers Committee, Elders Committee and Paulatuk Community Corporation.

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## 5/5 - Alex Love - NTPC

#### **Short Bio**

Alex Love is a Professional Electrical Engineer with 35 years of experience, 25 of which are with Electric Power Utilities.

Alex has Operational, Capital Construction and Regulatory experience in the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and British Columbia. Highlights of Alex's career include leading his team to develop Canada's first Community Solar Garden, guiding a utility through a major infrastructure renewal, developing an award-winning energy efficiency program for customers, helping a city achieve a 25% reduction in GHG emissions and helping a utility reduce their power supply costs by 15%. In 2016 Alex was the President of the NWPPA (Northwest Public Power Association), which represents utilities from California to Alaska that provide power to over 5 million homes.

Alex assumed the role of Chief Projects and Engineering Officer in 2022 after serving as Director, Hydro Operations, for several years.

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## IV. Moderator-guided Q&A

- 1. Where do you see **opportunity** for wind power generation in NWT communities?
- 2. How did the **partnership** approach become real to you?
- 3. Is there anything you wish you had known or understood better at the outset of your project?

## V. Open Q&A

### Resources shared among participants

### On wind potential assessment

The Canada Wind Atlas

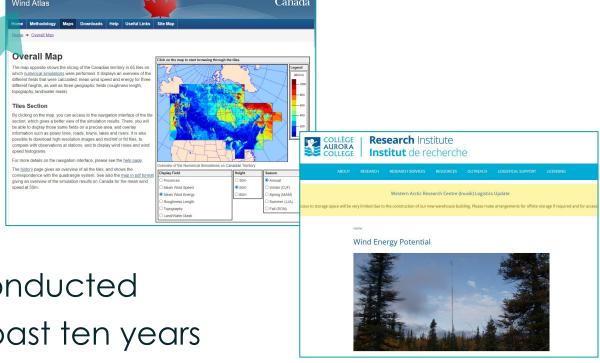
http://www.windatlas.ca/maps-en.php

2. Wind energy assessment reports conducted in communities by ARI over the past ten years

https://putrescareb.com/projects/energy/wind.energy/patential/

https://nwtresearch.com/projects/energy/wind-energy-potential/wind-and-solar-energy-reports

3. Reach out to David Schwarz (ARI) for a **free initial consultation call** 867-777-3298 x 252 - <u>david.schwarz@auroracollege.nt.ca</u>



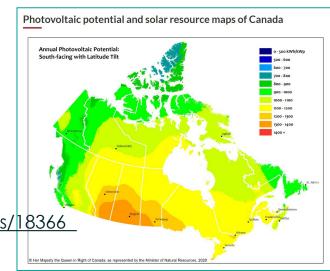


### Resources shared among participants

#### On solar potential assessment

NRCan solar potential map

https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy/energy-sources-distribution/renewables/solar-photovoltaic-energy/tools-solar-photovoltaic-energy/photovoltaic-and-solar-resource-maps/18366



#### On NordForsk's call for pre-proposals - deadline 4 June 2024

https://www.nordforsk.org/calls/sustainable-development-arctic-call-pre-proposals

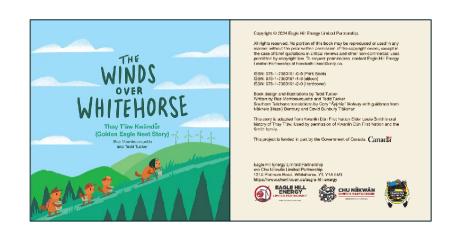
- NordForsk funds and facilitates Nordic research cooperation
- Three keywords can inspire applicants: Security, Natural Resources, and/or Societal Changes.
- Four aims are central to the call: Interdisciplinarity, Sustainable development, Arctic Added Value, Indigenous perspectives

#### On Haeckel Hill Wind Project children's book

The Winds over Whitehorse: Thay T'äw Kwändür (Golden Eagle Nest Story)

Download the eBook for free from EHELP's webpage

www.chuniikwan.ca/eagle-hill-energy (\*In progress)



>> Find these resources in the <a href="Energy Toolkit">Energy Toolkit</a> (\*In progress)

## VI. Closing roundtable

"Share your main take away of today's discussion in one sentence"

Look at several smaller turbines instead one large turbine

Climate change also impacts wind directions

Partnerships allow our voice to be heard

The absence of a clear IPP policy in the NWT is a barrier all 33 communities

Renewables build redundancy in the North and address vulnerability

Operating staff and service contracts

We need to increase the cap for energy purchase agreements

Partnerships can help address housing issues

Let's start a group chat to

continue this conversation!

developed in isolation – engagement

The IPP policy should not be

Look at locations easier to access balance/optimize wind potential vs road access costs

Communication is key

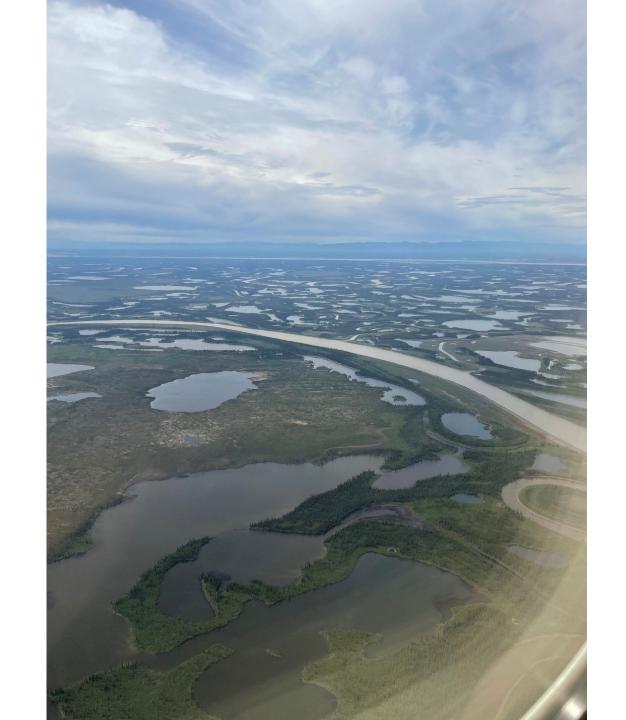
## VII. Closing remarks

### Today's Objectives

**Learning** opportunity on an energy topic

**Sharing** opportunity on Northern case studies

**Connecting** opportunity among multiple stakeholders



### Next steps

You are here!

**Energy Table Talk** on **Wind power** 

06-2024

Energy Table Talk

09-2024

RiRC Conference in Whitehorse

12-2024

Energy Table Talk



#### Save the date!





- ✓ Learning, Exchanging, Networking opportunity
- ✓ Indigenous Travel support
- ✓ Jurisdictional Half Days => NWT-specific conversation!
- ✓ Site visit: Haeckel Hill Wind Farm!

### A Partnership Table for you

An online and public **Energy Toolkit** 



Quarterly themed **Energy Table Talks** 











## Thank you!







### **Evaluation survey**

14/25 participants

## What other topics would you like to see covered in future Energy Table Talks? (8 answers)

- Indigenous leadership
- Community Solar
- Nuclear, solar viability and feasibility in the north
- hydro, housing/efficiency, policies
- solar, hydro, indigenous partnered major projects
- Breaking down barriers/silos creating collaboration... understanding possibilities... how can we adapt renewables into the NWT Energy supply?
- How to better work together
- Hydro power

uestion summary	
1. Have you gained some learning or a better understanding of wind power generation in the North today? (Si	ingle choice)
(14/14) 100% answered	,
Yes	(14/14) 100%
No	(0/14) 0%
Not sure	(0/14) 0%
2. Do you feel the format provided the right balance of presentations and dialogue? (Single choice)	
(14/14) 100% answered	
Good balance: I could both learn and interact.	(13/14) 93%
Would like more presentations and information sharing.	(0/14) 0%
Would like more time for dialogue.	(1/14) 7%
3. Please rate the length of this Energy Table Talk: (Single choice)	
(14/14) 100% answered	
Too short	(0/14) 0%
	(4/14) 29%
Too long	