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Panelist Biographies

Martin Olszynski

Martin obtained his science (biology) and law degrees from the University of Saskatchewan and his master of laws from the University of California at Berkeley. Martin joined the Faculty of Law at University of Calgary on July 1, 2013, following several years of public service in environmental and natural resources law and policy. From 2007 to 2013, he was counsel with the federal Department of Justice, practicing law in the legal services unit at Fisheries and Oceans Canada. During this period, he also spent time on secondment to the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Division at Environment Canada. Martin's primary teaching and research interests are in environmental, natural resources, and water law and policy.

Hannah Askew

Hannah Askew is a part of West Coast Environmental Law's Aboriginal and Natural Resources Law team. She is passionate about working at the intersection of Indigenous law and environmental governance. Prior to joining West Coast, Hannah produced legal syntheses on Coast Salish and Anishinabek law for the Indigenous Law Research Unit. Hannah graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and articulated with Crown Law Office-Criminal where she participated in the Implementation Committee to address the recommendations of the Honourable Frank Iacobucci in his report on First Nations Representation on Ontario Juries. Hannah's roots are in BC where her family has lived on Okanagan, Secwepemc and Coast Salish territory for several generations.

George Hegmann

George Hegmann, M.E.Des., P. Eng., is a Senior Principal in Environmental Services, Stantec, Calgary, Alberta. He also is a Discipline Leader as a member of the leadership for that office. His technical specialty is environmental impact assessments (EIAs) for major resource and infrastructure project regulatory applications under provincial, territorial, federal and joint review. Following 10 years focused on energy conservation and technical writing, he has the last 20 years provided EIA project management, technical and regulatory services, predominantly for energy projects (conventional oil and gas, oil sands, upgraders, pipelines, electric transmission lines, hydroelectric, wind, solar). His geographic focus is western (Alberta and British Columbia) and northern (Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut) Canada. He also has provided advice, guidance and training to federal, provincial and territorial governments and boards on project and regional cumulative effects assessments (CEAs).

Nicole Kapell

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Environment and Archaeological Stewardship Manager
Ktunaxa Nation Council, Cranbrook, British Columbia

Nicole joined the Ktunaxa Nation Council (KNC) in 2010 and currently manages KNC engagement in major environmental and archaeological assessment projects within the Ktunaxa Territory. In this capacity, Nicole has overseen KNC participation in both federal and provincial environmental assessment process, including co-developing a methodology for more meaningful interaction between the Ktunaxa Nation, other government agencies and proponents through the EA process within Ktunaxa Territory.

Carolyn Whittacker

Carolyn is a Founding Director of the Firelight Group Research Cooperative and currently leads the Firelight Group Ecology Research Area. Carolyn's research with the Firelight Group focuses on three key areas: traditional ecological knowledge studies of culturally important species and species at risk; community-based planning; and the development of community-based monitoring programs. Much of our work also supports community-based regulatory review where we review proposed project application for communities compiling

teams of highly qualified technical experts to ensure that community interests are protected. Carolyn also leads an ecology team facilitating pre-application assessment of environmental impacts on aboriginal rights and interests. Carolyn's recent work includes development of management recommendations for species at risk such as moose, bison and caribou in Canada and drafting environmental assessment applications for coal mine impacts on Ktunaxa Nation rights and interests in Southern B.C. Current work includes developing monitoring systems and protocols for a community-based caribou monitoring program in Ontario and for culturally important ecosystems and plants in the East Kootenays of B.C.

David Savage

David is founder and President of Savage Management Ltd., Think Sustain Ability Consultants and The Collaborative Global Initiative.

David is cofounder of the Company to Company Dispute Resolution Council (2003, www.c2cadr.org), the Alberta Energy Regulator Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (1999), the Global Negotiation Insight Institute (2008) and Synergy Alberta (2004, www.synergyalberta.ca). After a successful thirty-two-year career as a leader in the Canadian petroleum industry, since 2007 David has focussed on engaging and developing collaborative leaders and sustainable business development. David is past Chair of the Rosen Lake Ratepayers Association and has been very involved in bringing together diverse interests to focus on collaborative agreements on lakeshore and lake environmental protection that, also, respects the diversity of interest groups. The Columbia Valley Recreation Advisory Committee, facilitated by David, brought together conflicting interests to make recommendations to the governmental authorities on land use policy.

David is currently focused on his work with The Collaborative Global Initiative (founded in 2013), a global community of collaborative and dispute resolution professionals, located in Canada, the United States, and the Netherlands. CGI is committed to addressing and embracing conflict, and supporting a more peaceable, healthy and sustainable living environment in families, communities, business and our world. Think Sustain Ability assists companies build their culture to serve our future. David brings 40 years of professional negotiation and agreement building expertise, 30 years of facilitation and 20 years of alternative dispute resolution experience. He is committed to building capacity for parties to negotiate, collaborate and reach agreements that serve the business, the community and the environment.

Bruce Fraser

Dr. Bruce Fraser, Phd, is an ecologist by training and has worked extensively as an educator, government official, and consultant on issues from land use planning to community economic development and environmental conflict resolution in rural communities throughout British Columbia. His international development work in education and environment has taken him to countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, South Asia and the Caribbean. He is a past president of both Selkirk College in Castlegar and Malaspina College in Nanaimo. He spent five years with the provincial government as Executive Director of Post Secondary Education, responsible for development of programs in the community colleges and institutes of the province. As Special Consultant on Public Involvement for the BC Forest Service he developed public involvement programs dealing with forest practice issues throughout the province, from Creston watershed to the islands of Haida Gwaii. He chaired the Forest Practices Board of British Columbia and has volunteered with the CVRD Environment Commission and the Cowichan Watershed Board. Most Recently Bruce has been the Shawnigan Lake Director on the Cowichan Valley Regional district and has been spear heading multiparty collaboration for watershed planning and working to establish the Shawnigan Basin Authority in Shawnigan Lake.

Kathleen Porter, Panel moderator

Kathleen Porter, civil mediator, BPE, PBDE, offers the benefits of her 35 years of experience as a facilitator of community development and planning initiatives in Western Canada and Internationally. In addition she brings 17 years of experience as a mediator leading complex multi-stakeholder environmental, resource use and human resources policy development. Over the years of working with other disciplines, Kathleen developed an Integrated Decision Support model to integrate expert opinion with local knowledge and values. Leading by example, her curiosity sparks interest and makes computer models and other technical tools accessible.