

PANELISTS

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Lyn Brown, Vice-President, Corporate Relations and Social Responsibility, Catalyst Paper Corporation

Roy Francis, Chief Negotiator, Sliammon Treaty Society

Dr. Leslie A. King, Vice-President Academic and Provost, Malaspina University College

Dr. Peter Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, David Suzuki Foundation

David Waldron, Director of Sustainability, David Suzuki Foundation

Biography Shawn Atleo

Assembly of First Nations of British Columbia Regional Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo is a Hereditary Chief from the Ahousaht First Nation. Shawn is supported and gains strength from his partner of 20 years Nancy and their 2 children, Tyson and Tara. Traditional teachings guided Shawn to serve First Nations for 20 years as a leader, negotiator, facilitator, mediator, strategic planner, and President of Umeek Human Resource Development. Shawn graduated in 2003 with a Masters of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change from the University of Technology, Sydney Australia (in partnership with University of British Columbia, University of the Western Cape South Africa, and University of Linkoping Sweden). Regional Chief Atleo is truly honoured and humbled to have been elected for a 2nd three-year term by the Chiefs of BC. He again looks forward to working with the 203 First Nations: our communities, our children, and our next generations.

Biography

Corporal Dennis Blanch

Dennis Blanch has been a peace officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the past thirty years, offering a wide range of policing experience, having worked in 5 different communities during that time. Half of his policing was in service in uniform (ie. General Duty Policing and as Detachment Commander) and the other half dedicated to Serious Crime Investigation Units, City and Municipal Drug Enforcement Units. He was also an active member of the Emergency Response Team in both the West Kootenay and Kamloops Districts for over thirteen years, acting as Team Leader and second in charge.

He came to Powell River in 2002 as a General Duty Supervisor. In 2003 he became Supervisor in charge of a 3-man General Investigation and Municipal Drug Unit. This unit has been directly responsible for the arrest of over 250 criminal offenders, prosecution of over 150 of these offenders for illicit drug offences, property crime and assorted violent offenses. This unit has also been directly responsible for the seizure of approximately \$4 million worth of cocaine, heroine, cannabis marihuana, ecstasy, and methamphetamine / seizure of \$60 thousand in Canadian currency / seizure of 20 vehicles as offence related property / seizure of 25 illegal firearms / and the recovery of over \$200 thousand in stolen property.

He takes an active role in the drug awareness program. He initiated and promoted changes to the Municipal Bylaw for Second Hand / Pawn Shops to assist in reduction of Property Crime related to illicit drug use. He participated in the Mayor's initiative to create a Crystal Meth Coordinator to implement education and awareness in the community.

He works closely with other community agencies to assess and evaluate individual criminal behavior to better serve the community and the individuals before the Criminal Justice System in Powell River.

Biography

The Honourable Michael Harcourt

Michael Harcourt served as British Columbia's Premier from 1991-1996, as Mayor of Vancouver for three terms from 1980-1986, and was elected for four terms as Vancouver Alderman from 1972-1980.

Mr. Harcourt is Chair of the International Centre for Sustainable Cities, Senior Associate of the Liu Centre for the Studies of Global Issues at the University of British Columbia and Vice-Chair of CitiesPLUS along with Senior Associate with the Sustainable Development Research Institute at U.B.C. He works with Rick Hansen at the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation working on International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries-I-CORD. He leads the Spinal Cord Injury Quality of Life Advisory Group. He is also involved in a number of private business activities, as well as speaking and advising internationally on sustainability solutions.

In November 1996, he was appointed by the Prime Minister to the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy where he serves on the Executive Committee and chairs the Urban Sustainability Program. He is Director of the Asia Pacific Foundation, and the Honourary Chair at the Pacific Rim Council on Urban Development. He serves as Director at the Vancouver International Airport and the Vancouver Port Authority.

Mr. Harcourt has a B.A. and a L.L.B. from the University of British Columbia. He has an Honourary Doctor of Laws from the University of British Columbia.

Biography

Lyn Brown

Lyn Brown is the Vice President, Corporate Relations and Social Responsibility for Catalyst Paper Corporation. Lyn's portfolio includes reputation and issues management, government relations, stakeholder engagement, corporate communications, as well as oversight of the company's broad sustainability and brand positioning strategies.

Before joining Catalyst in 2004, Lyn served as vice-president, customer relations, communications, and government affairs at Aquila Networks Canada (now Fortis). She has more than 25 years of broad experience in journalism, professional associations, Crown corporations, electric utilities and telecommunications.

Lyn holds an MBA from Royal Roads University, a bachelor of arts from the University of Alberta and a college diploma in journalism. She also holds accreditation from the International Association of Business Communicators. Lyn serves on several boards and committees, including the BC Climate Action Team, the Canadian Business for Social Responsibility, Metafore, and she co-chairs the Forest Products Association of Canada market leadership and public affairs committees.

Biography Roy Francis

Roy Francis is a member of the Sliammon First Nation (Tla'amin). Sliammon has invested very heavily into its social, cultural, economic and environmental development. Roy currently serves as Chief Negotiator for Sliammon in the BC Treaty Process, and as President for the Sliammon Development Corporation.

Sliammon is very pleased with the positive relationships that have developed with our neighboring governments, and with industry in the local area. The positive relationships are vital to establishing and maintaining a balanced and sustainable future for all of us for generations to come.

Sliammon Treaty Negotiations:

- Sliammon entered into the BC Treaty Process in 1995
- Sliammon has become one the “lead tables” in the overall process
- Sliammon is currently working to complete stage 5 of a 6 stage process
- An intense schedule is underway to complete a Final Agreement

Sliammon Development Corporation:

- Sliammon has established a “business arm” to manage business development interests of the Sliammon First Nation
- Sliammon Development Corporation plays a role of generating revenues that Sliammon needs to further enhance our overall development
- The business development work has resulted in some very solid and positive partnerships

Biography

Dr. Leslie A. King

Dr. Leslie A. King has been appointed as Malaspina University-College's Vice-President, Academic. Prior to joining Malaspina, Dr. King was the Professor and Founding Dean of the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources at the University of Manitoba, a position she held since 2003. In addition to her role at the University of Manitoba, Dr. King has held academic positions with Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, St. Lawrence University, the University of Vermont and the University of Northern British Columbia. Dr. King holds a BA (Honours) from UBC, an MEd (Adult Education and Community Development) from the University of Toronto, an MES (Environmental Studies) from York University and a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr. King assumed her new role on August 1, 2007.

Biography

Peter Robinson

Peter Robinson was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the David Suzuki Foundation in 2007 after seven successful years as CEO of Vancouver Mountain Equipment Co-op.

Biography

David Waldron

David Waldron is the Director of Sustainability, at the David Suzuki Foundation. Dave brings over 20 years experience leading municipal engineering, environmental management, strategic planning and community change processes. Most recently, he led a team of internationally recognized experts in the design and delivery of an international, science-based Master's Program at the Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden entitled "Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability." Previously, in Whistler, he prepared an Environmental Master Plan and coordinated a community sustainability project involving public, private and nongovernmental sectors. This national award-winning partnership led to an innovative sustainability plan, Whistler2020, currently in its implementation phase. Mr. Waldron also participated in a partnership of European cities called IMAGINE – where leading European cities envision their sustainable energy futures. Mr. Waldron holds a Bachelor's of Applied Science from UBC (Civil Engineering) and a Masters Degree in Resource and Environmental Management from Simon Fraser University.