



MEETING NOTES

Topic: Community-Driven Research and Monitoring Working Group

Date/Time: 2:30-4:00 pm ET, Friday, October 21, 2024

Location: Google Meet Video Conference Call

Chairs: Maude Durand, Oceans North

Attendees: Dante Torio - CERRI
Serena Panaktalok - Hudson Bay Consortium Secretariat
Emily Koide - Polar Knowledge, on behalf of Lynda Orman
Molly Morse - Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Ryan Barry - Hudson Bay Consortium Secretariat
Jackie Kidd - Hudson Bay Consortium Secretariat
Tanya Ilias - Mushkegowuk Council
Colleen Parker - Indigenous Stewardship and Protected Areas WG Lead
Alessia Guzzi - University of Manitoba
Martin Tremblay - ArcticNet
Paul Watts - Presenters

Notes on Agenda Items:

1) Welcome and introductions to new members

2) Presentation - Paul Watts

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- Bioregional Resilience Professional Coastal Resource Management Planning
- Energetics - provides the physics and currency of sustainability
- Global Arctic Leadership Initiative - Churchill, Hudson Bay interpretive Centre in the community
- Community-driven geospatial planning
- Supporting monitoring and research with GIS hubs - dedicated lab at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, to provide input to local hubs - climate change information; best practice transfer, youth development through sequential learning
- Looking for collaboration/partnerships
- A weather platform, integrate with SIKU.org
- Food security - knowledge exchange and the availability of local resources and renewable approaches
- Questions
 - Colleen - has the youth component begun or is that part of the future planning?

- Paul - in Churchill there is money to mobilize for youth involvement, but we would need more partners in the other areas.
- Serena - National Inuit Youth Council, ITK - might be worth reaching out to for partnership/collaboration

3) Member Updates

- Martin Tremblay - Partner Research Program, a list of eligibility and information is available on the website: <https://arcticnet.ca/>
- The call is until December 20th
- The Partnered Research Program supports projects that address ArcticNet's key priorities in Well-Being, Infrastructure, Energy, Ecosystems, Economy. Eligible recipients include:
 - Post-secondary institutions;
 - Research hospitals;
 - First Nations, Inuit and Métis and Territorial organizations and governments;
 - Research networks;
 - Public engagement networks;
 - Companies that deliver public engagement activities;
 - Start-up companies (including those housed in Canadian post-secondary-linked incubators); and
- SurveyMonkey for proposal submission: <https://arcticnet.smapply.ca/>
- Dante Torio, CERRI - just completed the feasibility study, 2-year program (with ECCC0 north of LaGrande up to Cape Jones)
- People are preferring IPCA over NMCA
- Guardians Program is continuing - extending to gather more information about the practicalities of Protected Areas north of Chisasibi, south of Chisasibi has already been approved by the Grand Council and the Feds
- Hoping to expand our sampling area with the Northern Contaminants Program; we plan to cover areas south of Chisasibi next year
- Maude - 24,000-26,000 kms² - Eeyou Istchee NMCA/IPCA (co-designation) feasibility study has been approved
- Lynda Orman will include an email with updates to the group
- Molly - The Standards Council Canada work: <https://scc-ccn.ca/resources/publications/climate-monitoring-guide-indigenous-communities>
- Hosting a Community-based Monitoring Session at ArcticNet (5 speakers)
- Alessia - two students went up to Sanikiluaq to work on water sampling
- Tanya - biodiversity and monitoring project, carbon samples, early 2025 will hopefully have something to share
- Have some funding for bio blitzes to fill in gaps from their data
- The Hub is working on setting it up for each community to reflect their needs (through data sharing agreements) and keeping full autonomy over their data
- Hired a SIKU coordinator

4) Secretariat Update

- A new working group with Emergency Response in partnership with CCG launching in October
- Rebranding the Consortium with a new name and logo
- Website is being re-launched in February
- Newsletter launched

5) Roundtable Update

- Save the date went out last week
- Roundtable 2024 focused on Emergency Response
- Roundtable 2025 is focused on Research and Monitoring
- Agenda development: looking at space for small scale community fisheries
- Representation from all communities around Hudson Bay and James Bay and an opportunity to get updates on community priorities
- More time for in-depth discussions on a smaller range of issues
- Continuing with the youth delegation through support from the regions

6) Building the Agenda with this WG

- The Secretariat is putting together an agenda to be reviewed by this group
- New initiatives or programs that have had significant updates
- Further the work and discussion between regions and communities
- Mushkegowuk is scheduled to present on their research and monitoring efforts in their Area of Interest
- Colleen - bring in the research and monitoring happening around Indigenous Stewardship and Protected Areas
- Potential side meeting for the youth to allow for a more flowing discussion
- Inviting feedback on ways to make these meetings as successful as possible - last year's was longer coffee breaks, this time, no evening events, but a space to hold a more focused group during the evenings if wanted
- Molly - putting together project list and an inventory of who is doing what where
- We will be sharing that map at the Roundtable, hopefully will be able to share it with this group beforehand
- Molly, youth - tried to organize activities for just the youth thinking they would feel more comfortable with their peers; this particular group thought they were being segregated and wanted to learn from community members (mix of opportunities for youth to be part of the big group and their own group) - a concrete skill that they could leave the event with
- Training for youth - a way to really engage youth in community based research and monitoring
- Colleen: Youth could have their own panel potentially; would just need to prepare for it with them
- Talk about what some of the needs are for training with a youth panel
- Something more applied in a sidebar with them
- Think about knowledge transfer - how can we recognize that many of the community leaders want to pass the torch to the next generation of leaders
- Trying to advance the overall involvement of youth in their community-led initiatives
- Martin - one-on-one discussion, agencies to present something on a poster and invite people to see what funding is accessible/eligible, etc.
- Ryan - we will have the graphic illustrator at the event again, will share the resources again across our social media platforms and our website
- Dante - Leadership involving the youth - if we could invite an elder/leader, who could have a leadership role in one of the communities and talk to the youth about it (side event); help the youth realize their role within the community, help youth realize their importance in their communities
- Serena - Indigenous knowledge and integration with community research and monitoring and western science

- Sharing values (ownership, stewardship, determination)
- Molly - data sovereignty, data sharing agreements, OCAP principles, especially in community-led, community-driven research with external partners - be clear about who can use the data and how (some previous work: <https://indigenoussclimatemonitoring.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Guidance-Documents-for-Community-Knowledge-Protocols-and-Data-Sharing-Agreements1.pdf>)
- Alessia - would be great to include this in the roundtable discussion - including how to proceed as universities, external partners, etc.
- Tanya - Mushkegowuk is interested in developing policy beyond agreements (how have other people done it, how do we negotiate with provincial governments for permitting)
- New research authority in Nunavik - The Secretariat has asked if they want to make a presentation
- Dante - how to have more collaboration with Inuit communities

7) Date for next Working Group meeting

- Going to try to have another meeting before Christmas holidays, otherwise early in January