



ARCTIC ECONOMIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS: RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The AEC has established four Working Groups based on the selected business areas set by the Arctic business community. The AEC's current Working Groups are Infrastructure: Maritime Transportation, Connectivity, Responsible Resource Development and Arctic Stewardship. The Working Groups consists of industry experts from across the Arctic. The Working Groups are open to all AEC members and invited external experts.

The way the Working Groups conduct their work:

- Analyze the current business climate in the Arctic
- Incorporate the five overarching themes of the AEC
- Define actionable recommendations and variables that will raise the standard of economic development in the Arctic
- Execute, Report, Review

The five overarching themes of the Arctic Economic Council:

1. Establishing strong market connections between Arctic states
2. Promoting stable and predictable regulatory frameworks
3. Encouraging public-private partnerships for infrastructure investments
4. Facilitating knowledge and data exchange between industry and academia
5. Disseminating traditional indigenous knowledge, stewardship and focus on small businesses

Working Group: Responsible Resource Development



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Lillian Hvatum-Brewster is the Vice President, Indigenous Community Relations & Development for ATCO Group. In this role, Ms. Hvatum-Brewster works with Community and Indigenous Relations representatives from across the organization to grow and enhance the positive working relationships ATCO has with communities across Canada through the sharing of best practices, materials and processes.



Bruce Harland is Vice President Business Development for Crowley Marine Services. Mr. Harland has business unit responsibility for Contract Services in Alaska, the U.S. West Coast and International Arctic markets.

The Responsible Resource Development Working Group's membership consists of representatives from large international companies within the energy sector, indigenous corporations and federation of industries as well as experts in the field of mining.

The focus of the Working Group on Responsible Resource Development (RRD) is mining as this is an area prevalent across the Arctic. The RRD Working Group takes stock of the current state of responsible resource development in the Arctic and considers key issues that stand in the way of successful future development. In developing their work, the Working Group will highlight four pillars that are essential both in responsible resource development and in improving the quality for life for the peoples living in the Arctic regions:

- **Human Capacity:** Workforce development; recommendations on consultation and accommodation with the local communities, indigenous peoples and core stakeholders; recommendations on organization of work; recommendations on earning a "social license" to operate; capacity building; and Health, Safety and Security.
- **Built Infrastructure:** Organization of work; infrastructure development; cost sharing; shared infrastructure
- **Regulatory and Governance:** Focus on all levels (national, provincial, regional and indigenous). Efficient permitting processes for projects; establishment of communication lines and predictability as a de-risking agent; concept of "one shop stop"; Traditional Knowledge.
- **Data:** Sharing/accessibility to existing data sources; baseline scientific and socio-economic data; traditional knowledge data.
- **Finances:** Sources for funding, commodity cycle planning, rate of return and risk management.

The report will also highlight the already existing Best Practices, thus providing a guideline for the industry. The aim of the RRD Working Group's deliverable is to lay out goals and recommendations for a regional strategy to promote successful responsible resource development throughout the Arctic.

The Working Group will organize an event focusing on Arctic Mining in collaboration with the Institute of the North on April 30-May 2, 2018. This event will be held in Kotzebue, Alaska. The Working Group plans to unveil its report in 2018.

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