

APPENDIX E

BIOGRAPHIES

THINK TANK MEMBERSHIP

Allen, Graham

Graham Allen is a Partner in the Vancouver based law firm of Snarch and Allen, a firm that practices in business, real estate and securities law with a particular emphasis on native matters. Graham has worked with the First Nations People of British Columbia for over thirty years. With a strong background in land appraisal, including a M.Sc. degree, he originally worked as a land management consultant, assisting many Bands and native organizations. Then, with law degrees from both London, England, and the University of British Columbia, he was called to the bar in 1979.

Graham is best known for his long involvement with the Sechelt Indian Band, including the achievement of self-government in 1986 and the signing of the Treaty Agreement in Principle in 1999. His most recent achievements are the legal work on the Osoyoos Band winery expansion with Vincor International and the negotiation of a property taxation agreement with CP Rail where he represented the Cook's Ferry, Seabird Island, and Skuppah Bands.

Fregin, Cliff G.

Cliff Fregin, a Haida from Old Massett, has been associated with the field of First Nations community economic development for sixteen years on the pacific north coast of British Columbia. For the past seven years, Cliff has worked with the Haida and non-Haida residents of Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) in the capacity of Executive Director of Gwaii Trust, a sixty-three million dollar trust fund socio-economic development initiatives program. Most recently, Cliff has been appointed to the position of Director of Operations for the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association,

which is a partnership between Aboriginal Business Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and is based out of the nations capital. Cliff is serving his third consecutive term as an elected councilor for the Old Massett Village Government, and serves on various boards and committees locally, regionally, and nationally.

Krekic, Zeno

Zeno Krekic is a graduate of Ryerson University's Urban Planning School, and member of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Zeno's experience includes work with municipalities, private developers and First Nations. Since 1979, Zeno has worked in both the public and private sectors, primarily within the context of community planning, land development, and economic development. This experience includes many years working with First Nations organizations and communities. Zeno immigrated from Yugoslavia in 1970, and is formally adopted into the Haisla Nation of Kitamaat Village, and belongs to the Fish Clan.

Martin, Clarence A.

Clarence Martin, Nisga'a from Lakalzap, currently serves in the capacity of Chief Executive Officer of a northern-based radio station, Northern Native Broadcasting. Clarence was part of a team effort that assisted in establishing the *Pathways to Success* model, which has since led to the current and nationally H.R.D.C. funded Aboriginal Human Resources Development Associations. Clarence has served as a BC Native Court Worker, and also as a Local Government Advisor with the North Coast Tribal Council for several years prior to moving to private industry.

McKay, Kevin

Kevin McKay, Nisga'a from Lakalzap, currently serves as the Speaker of the House for the Nisga'a Lisims Government. With an extensive public service record with the Nisga'a Lisims Government in the capacities of Trustee, Executive Chair of the Nisga'a Tribal Council, Chair of the Economics/Finance and Negotiating Team, Kevin also served for eleven

years in his community as the Village Social Worker.

Mercer, Arthur

Arthur Mercer, Nisga'a from Gitlakdamix, is the Economic Development Coordinator for the Nisga'a Lisims Government. Arthur has served on the Board for Tribal Resources Investment Corporation, Northern Native [radio] Broadcasting, and the National Aboriginal Economic Development Board. He currently serves as a Director to the BC's Native Economic Development Advisory Board. Arthur has extensive experience in providing economic development guidance to individual entrepreneurs and the Nisga'a Lisims Government, and has worked with both the private and public sectors in various capacities.

Mitchell, Dave

Dave Mitchell, is a Chartered Accountant and Partner in the White Rock based accounting firm of Kirstein, Neidig and Vance. Having articulated with Arthur Anderson & Company in 1988, and after achieving his C.A. designation, Dave took on the role of Partner in 1991 and now specializes in entrepreneurial business. Dave has many First Nations accounts, including various advisory roles to several economic development initiatives, and is very active in community volunteer activities.

Mitchell, Dr. Ronald K.

Dr. Ronald Mitchell is currently an Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship with the University of Victoria Faculty of Business, and is Head of the Entrepreneurship Program. Dr. Mitchell served in various private sector capacities as a Certified Public Accountant in the U.S. Having co-designed the University of Victoria's Entrepreneurship Program, Dr. Mitchell continues to spend considerable time in Greater China where he is assisting to establish and develop economic structures for the Government of China.

Nyce, Clarence

Clarence Nyce, a Haisla from Kitamaat, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Skeena Native Development Society, and has been the Chair of the Think Tank on Wealth Creation since inception. Clarence received his formal post secondary education from University of Calgary and Brigham Young University in the U.S. Clarence has both public sector and private sector experience, most notably as former Executive Director of Kitamaat Village Council, and in Human Resources with Alcan Primary Metals, BC. Clarence was part of a team effort that assisted in establishing the *Pathways to Success* model, which has since led to the current and nationally funded H.R.D.C. Aboriginal Human Resources Development Associations. Clarence sits as a Director with the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce.

Tolmie, Frederic

Frederic Tolmie, Tsimshian from Kitkatla, is a Chartered Accountant and serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Assembly of First Nations based in Ottawa. Degreed in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University, Frederic also received his C.A. designation. Frederic notably remains one of a small group of First Nations to achieve this designation. Frederic has served in the capacity with an international C.A. firm, Industry Canada, Bank of Montreal, and Tribal Resources Investment Corporation.



Front Row: Dave Mitchell, Greg Smith, Ronald Mitchell, Clarence Nyce, Frank Parnell, Clarence Martin, Kevin McKay
Back Row: Cliff Fregin, Arthur Mercer, Graham Allen, Frederic Tolmie, Zeno Krekic

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