

Business Advisory Council: Members & Biographies

MEMBERS	
Jenni Bruce, Chair NWT Chamber of Commerce	Tim Syer, Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce
Kyle Wright, Norman Wells & District Chamber of Commerce	Linda Martin, Thebacha Chamber of Commerce
Pat Rowe, Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce	Denny Rodgers, Delta North Alliance, Beaufort Delta
Sean Crowell, NWT Manufacturing Association	James Thorbourne, Delta North Alliance, Beaufort Delta
Trevor Kasteel, NWT & Nunavut Construction Association	Gary Vivian, NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines
Sara Brown, NWT Association of Municipalities	Harold Grinde, NWT Tourism
Darrell Beaulieu, NWT Indigenous Leaders Economic Coalition	Trevor Wever, Northern Air Transport Association
Terry Rowe, Hay River Chamber of Commerce	Kevin Hodgins, NAPEG and ACEC-NT (Association of Consulting Engineering Companies Northwest Territories)

**Jenni Bruce, Chair
NWT Chamber of Commerce
Area Manager, Midwest Property Management**

Jenni has worked in accommodation and hospitality for over 25 years and has called the north her home for more than 20 years.

Jenni has extensive board experience in the north. She chaired the Northern Frontier Visitor's Association for 9 years, NWT Tourism for 5 years, and was a founding member of the Yellowknife Hotel Association. Other organizations Jenni has been involved in include the Aboriginal Tourism Champions Advisory Committee, Yellowknife Golf Club and the Northern Safety Association.

Jenni values being on the NWT Chamber as it helps unify businesses into one voice to ensure that NWT businesses are heard, their interests are protected, and that all residents and communities recognize the vital need for NWT businesses to grow and thrive.

**Darrell Bealieu
NWT Indigenous Leaders Economic Coalition
CEO, Denendeh Investments Incorporated**

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Darrell Beaulieu was appointed President and CEO of Denendeh Investments Incorporated (DII) and Denendeh group of companies in October 2005. DII is the General Partner of Denendeh Investments Limited Partnership (DILP) which holds investments on behalf of all the NWT Dene First Nations in Mineral Exploration, Communications Infrastructure Logistics, Power Generation and Supply, Food Supply and Real Estate. Mr. Beaulieu has previously served three terms as the Chief of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. He is a founder and past President of Deton'Cho Corporation from 1990 to 2000 and served as CEO from 1997 to 2002. From 2005 to 2019, Mr. Beaulieu served as a Director and Chair of the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation (BDIC). Mr. Beaulieu is the owner of Taidene Corporation based in Ndilo, providing medical services to the mining industry in partnership with United Healthcare. He was born and raised in Yellowknife where he resides with his wife, Cecilia Beaulieu. They have four sons, a daughter, a grandson and two granddaughters.

Sara Brown

NWT Association of Communities

CEO NWT Association of Communities

Raised in Yellowknife, Sara started out in construction and consulting working with communities as clients. Sara took her first job as a Municipal Engineer and then Town Manager in Iqaluit over 20 years ago. Sara has dealt with the varied issues facing communities as SAO, Manager of Engineering, Director of Public Works and By-law.

Sara is now Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Territories Association of Communities and is enjoying focusing on the issues that are important to NWT communities and working to assist them as much as possible. Sara has been Chair of the Technical Committee for the development of the Permafrost Guide and 7 Northern Infrastructure Standards. Sara was involved in the development and implementation of the NWT Economic Opportunities Strategy.

Sean Crowell,

NWT Manufacturing Association

General Manager, Canarctic Graphics

Sean holds the position of General Manager and has been an employee of Canarctic Graphics for over 18 years. With a degree in Graphic Design and over 30 years' experience in the print industry, he is able to provide his clientele with various and inventive solutions to all their printing needs. He currently holds the position of Vice President of the NWT Manufacturing Association and Secretary of the Somba K'e Paddling Club. When he is not working Sean spends as much time as he can in his kayak, exploring as many lakes as possible in the Northwest Territories.

Terry Rowe

Hay River Chamber of Commerce

General Manager, Ptarmigan Inn Hotel

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Born and raised in Hay River, Terry returned home after graduating from NAIT in 2016 to the position of General Manager of the Ptarmigan Inn Hotel. While in this role, Ptarmigan Inn has expanded the Food & Beverage departments by purchasing the Back Eddy Lounge and Grill in 2018 and provided the food contract during the 2018 South Slave Arctic Winter Games hosted in Hay River and Fort Smith.

Terry joined the Hay River Chamber of Commerce Executive in 2016 and has been acting President since 2020. Terry is also a proud member of NWT Tourism since 2017 and in May 2019 he was selected to sit on the Town of Hay River's Recreation Committee and Chair the Towns Tourism and Economic development Committee. Terry has been the president of the Hay River Men's Rec Hockey and Fastball Leagues since 2018. He is a huge believer that community involvement and volunteering is the key to a healthy and prosperous town.

Harold Grinde
NWT Tourism
Partner, Gana River Outfitters

Harold was born and raised on a small farm at Rimbey Alberta. He has been married to his wife Laura for 12 years and they have 5 children. He have worked many jobs over the years: farmer, logger, catskinner, seismic driller, log builder, carpenter, electrician, plumber, mechanic, welder, horse trainer, guide, cook and big game outfitter. He has been a partner in Gana River Outfitters for the past 23 years and have managed the business for the past 15 years.

Harold have served on many boards and committees over the years including: the Alberta Wild Sheep Foundation for 6 years—the (last 4 as president) , as the president of the Association of Mackenzie Mountains Outfitters for the past 10 years and as the outfitting representative on the Stakeholders Wildlife Act Advisory Group in Yellowknife.

Kevin Hodgins
Association of Consulting Engineering Companies Northwest Territories (ACEC-NT) and
Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of the Northwest
Territories (NAPEGG)
Sector Lead, Stantec, Northern Engineering and Architecture

Kevin Hodgins is a professional engineer with significant experience delivering infrastructure design and advisory services across northern Canada since 1987.

Kevin was nominated to the NWT Business Advisory Council to represent NAPEG (NWT and Nunavut Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists) and ACEC-NT (Association of Consulting Engineering Companies Northwest Territories). Kevin's experience includes planning, design and project management of improvements or new construction of northern airports and aviation facilities, northern highways and transportation systems, cold regions municipal water

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and sewer facilities, community recreation facilities, northern fuel storage & dispensing systems, marine facilities, northern health care facilities and land development. Kevin has served in leadership capacities at multiple Associations, Societies and Councils including serving as President of NAPEG, Director of Engineers Canada, and National Chair of the Cold Regions Engineering Division of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE).

**Linda Martin,
Thebacha Chamber of Commerce
General Manager Thebacha Business Development Services**

Linda Martin is the General Manager Thebacha Business Development Services, the East South Slave Community Futures office (CF), and the Aboriginal Financial Institution (AFI). She is also the Treasurer for the Thebacha Chamber of Commerce.

Growing up in a very entrepreneurial family, Linda understand the challenges faced by many small businesses and entrepreneurs. With over 20 years of management experience and working within SME operations, providing excellent client service and assisting clients to achieve success is her priority. Linda has been the General Manager of Thebacha Business Development Services since 2010. Linda has served as a Director of the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association (NACCA), and is the Treasurer and executive member of the Thebacha Chamber of Commerce, and is currently an executive member of the Community Future Network of Canada representing the NWT and Nunavut.

**Denny Rodgers
Delta North Alliance, Beaufort Delta
Director of Business Development Inuvialuit Development Corporation**

Denny Rodgers have been a resident of Inuvik since 1994. Denny is currently the Director of Business Development for the Inuvialuit Development Corporation responsible for Northern based business operations. He oversees strategic planning and financial management mechanisms for IDC subsidiary operations as well as developing a clear understanding of potential investment opportunities for the IDC. He sits as director on several IDC fully or jointly owned businesses including as president of Delta North Alliance. Denny has over 15 years of financial experience with the Town of Inuvik, the Inuvik Housing Authority and as the owner/operator of Haylor Financial Services. Denny served 8 years as a member of Inuvik Town Council and one term as Mayor of Inuvik. He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Business Development & Investment Corporation as well as the Public Administrator for Aurora College.

**Tim Syer
Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce
Lawson Lundell LLP**

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Tim Syer practises corporate and commercial law as an associate in Lawson Lundell's Yellowknife office. Tim advises local and national clients on corporate matters including purchase and sale transactions, financings, commercial real estate, joint ventures and mineral tenure. In addition to advising both public and private companies, Tim advises territorial and municipal governments on corporate matters.

Tim is the current President of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce. He is also involved with a number of other organisations, including as the Northwest Territories Ambassador for Wounded Warriors Canada, a Director of the Institute for Circumpolar Health Research, and Chair of the North of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council. Tim served as a naval officer in the Royal Canadian Navy for eight years before practising law.

Trevor Kasteel

NWT & Nunavut Construction Association

President, Kasteel Construction and Coatings Inc.

Trevor was born and raised in Yellowknife and has worked in the Northern construction industry for 23 years. His career started out at the age of 24 when he was elected to Yellowknife City Council (1994-1997) where he was a reliable and respected voice for his constituents. Trevor then went on to obtain a Diploma in Journalism. Being an entrepreneur, Trevor started his own construction business which became an incorporated company in 2008. As the President of Kasteel Construction and Coatings Inc., Trevor built the company from the ground up which has maintained a solid reputation in the North for being a highly reputable contractor.

Trevor is an active community member and works collaboratively with various organizations to support many initiatives in the North while focusing on development of well trained local and indigenous workers. Trevor's approach is "from the heart" and his main directives are integrity, commitment and passion while promoting safety excellence, giving back to the community, helping people in need and building relationships within our Northern communities.

Gary Vivian

NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

Chairman, Aurora Geoscience

Gary Vivian is the Chairman of Aurora Geosciences Ltd in Yellowknife, NWT. Gary's career as a Professional Geoscientist spans over 35 years of geological mapping, prospecting, sampling and geophysical surveying - predominantly on projects "North of 60". Gary first trained as a Geological Technologist at Sir Sandford Fleming College, in Lindsay, Ontario. He later completed B.Sc and M.Sc degrees in Geology at the University of Alberta. Gary has been actively involved in the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines for over 30 years and sat as its President for 4 years and currently serves as its Past-President. For his many contributions he was awarded Geoscientists Canada's 2014 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award, given to recognize the achievements of an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and practice of professional geoscience and who has advanced public recognition of the

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profession in Canada in his or her capacity as a registered professional geoscientist Gary is married to Jean and they have 2 children and four grandchildren

Trevor Wever

Northern Air Transport Association

VP Business Services, Air Tindi

Trevor has been with Air Tindi Ltd. & Group of Companies for over 9 years and has a professional aviation career of 25 years; all of which has been in the NWT. He has worked as a Line Captain, Training Captain, apprentice Engineer, Chief Pilot, Director of Flight Operations and General Manager and various Executive positions for regional, air taxi, fire suppression and executive flight departments with domestic and international service. Outside of aviation, Trevor's personal business holdings involve equipment rental and maintenance along with commercial property development. He serves at the executive level on various Boards of Directors for the Northern Air Transport Association and the NWT Chamber of Commerce and has been invited by various Government and Industry organizations to participate on several special focus groups. Trevor's current business activities span all 3 northern territories and western provinces. He is passionate about Aboriginal business and holds Board positions on several Aboriginal and Inuit owned enterprises.

Kyle Wright

Norman Wells & District Chamber of Commerce

General Manager, Northridge Contracting, Norman Wells, NT

Kyle was nominated to the BAC to represent the Norman Wells and District Chamber of Commerce. He is currently acting president for the Norman Wells Chamber. Previous to living in Norman Wells, Kyle lived in Yellowknife for 6 years and is originally from Hay River. Prior to joining Northridge in 2018, Kyle worked for Finning (Canada) in Yellowknife supporting heavy construction and mining clients across the NWT. He also spent 5 years as a board member on the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce and has been an active participant with the NWT Chamber.