

*Meeting of the Science Committee, Laurier-GNWT Partnership Thursday December 4, 2014, 9:00 AM MDT / 11:00 AM EDT*

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Science Committee members present: J. Baltzer, D. Livingstone, B. Quinton, B. Sieben, M. English, P. Marsh, C. Parr-Vasquez T. Lakusta, A. Applejohn, K. Stevens

Staff: B. Hanna

Guests: Alex Latta, Dr. Terry Mitchell

Regrets: S. Kokelj, S. Carrière, J. Kanigan, E. Kelly, P. Berube, M. Wilkie

### **SUMMARY**

- High GNWT turnout expected at Fire Workshop in January.
- GNWT-WLU SC AGM January 14-15 in Yellowknife.
- Multiple SC members presenting at Arctic Net in Ottawa.

### **ACTIONS**

- B. Hanna to connect Dr. Mitchell with appropriate GNWT/ NWT contacts.

### **MINUTES**

1. Welcome and review of agenda.
2. Review of minutes from last meeting. Approved.
3. Review of action items from November 6 SC meeting.
  - MSDS sheets not required for what WLU is storing in Kam Lake Warehouse. Propane tanks have already been moved out.
4. Discussion with Dr. Terry Mitchell, Director of the Laurier Indigenous Health and Social Justice Research Group and Alex Latta.
  - Looking for areas of overlap and potential collaboration in resource governance work with applicable GNWT staff and other NWT organizations.
5. NWT employees pursuing gradates studies (standing agenda item, if updates)
  - Steady progress with first grad student through the partnership, Katherine Trembath.
6. Partnership budget, spending, purchasing, equipment
  - Pierre working on equipment charge back system that can be done retroactively. Easier for trucks than for scientific equipment.

## 7. Committee member project updates

### **Bill Quinton**

- Visiting aboriginal scholar Darren Thomas at WLU, should involve in partnership.
- Melaine Simba from Kakisa will be coming to WLU.

### **T. Lakusta**

- Forest management agreements being signed with First Nation corporate entities.

### **Jennifer Baltzer**

- Fire Workshop January 12-13 to develop a coordinated research plan. Working with A. Applejohn and Jill Johnstone.
- Presenting on Scotty at American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco.
- CIMP Letter of Intent submitted for impacts of 2014 fires on caribou habitat. Will be refined after January workshop.
- WLU greenhouse now to be completed by February, 2015.

### **P. Marsh**

- Presenting on Inuvik area projects at Arctic Net in Ottawa.
- Session on northern issues at American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco with O. Sonnentag and J. Baltzer.
- Will be receiving Environment Canada digital data in the next two weeks.
- Equipment purchased through CFI grant will be installed in April.

### **M. English**

- Arctic Net in Ottawa – presenting on snow/ caribou work and DOC chemical hydrology in peat lands.
- Providing overview of WLU activity and presenting on Wekweeti project at NWT Water Stewardship Strategy annual meeting in early February in Yellowknife.
- Planning to travel to Wekweeti to present on the 3 year snow/ caribou interactions study and attempt to get high school project moving.

### **K. Stevens**

- Processing Giant and Colomac mine vegetation samples.
- Talking to AANDC about returning to Colomac in 2015. Presentation with Mary Hewitt, Flat River Consulting and AANDC to Tlicho elders and high school students in January.

### **B. Sieben**

- Environment department currently moving.
- Hydrology course at Calgary field station next week.
- Will be attending CRIM workshop in January.

## **A. Applejohn**

- Lots of interest across GNWT departments for fire workshop in January.
- Arctic Net meeting in Ottawa, potential partnership meeting during that time with Oliver, Mike, Phil, and Jenn.

## **D. Livingstone**

- Meeting with Deline regarding Sahtu biosphere reserve process – making progress.

### 7. Science Committee travel updates

- P. Marsh, J. Baltzer, M. English, K. Stevens, B. Quinton in Yellowknife for SC AGM and/ or Fire Workshop in addition to other WLU staff.

### 8. Important Dates:

- Fire Workshop – January 12-13, 2015
- SC AGM – January 14-15, 2015

### 9. Additional business

NA

### 10. Next meeting date

February 5, 2015 - 9:00 AM in Yellowknife, 11:00 AM in Ontario.