

**Wilfrid Laurier University-Government of the Northwest Territories  
Partnership Agreement**

**Science Committee Annual General Meeting  
February 26-27, 2014**

**GNWT North Slave Regional Office (wildlife lab building)  
3803 Bretzlaff Drive (Old Town)  
Yellowknife, NWT**

Conference Call: 1-866-969-8429

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**Wednesday, February 26**

**8:45:** Coffee, tea, muffins, danishes and croissants. Coffee will be refreshed throughout the day. Sponsored by Laurier

**9:00 - 9:15:**

- Welcome, round table introductions (chair and participants)
- Housekeeping, review of agenda (chair)

**9:15 - 9:30:** GNWT-WLU Partnership Agreement – Challenges and Opportunities (Hanna)

**9:30 - 9:45:** Meeting with Fred Mandeville, Superintendent ENR North Slave Region, and Dean Cluff, ENR Biologist- tour of lab facilities and discussion regarding potential use of facilities by WLU researchers.

**9:45 - 11:00**

- Round Table update (participants) – presentation by Pete Cott
- CALIBER – what opportunities the new lab represents for the GNWT

**Expanding the Partnership**

**11:00-12:00:** Meeting with GNWT Department of Transportation

- Pietro Debastiani - Senior Transportation Planner
- Greg Cousineau – Senior Transportation Planner

**12:00-1:00 Lunch:** Catered by the Smoke House Café. Sponsored by Laurier

**1:00 - 1:45:** Meeting with GNWT ENR (wildlife and cumulative effects)

- Nicole McCutchen – Manager, Wildlife Research and Management

**1:45 - 2:30:** Meeting with Aurora College to discuss partnering opportunities for courses/ programs.

- Kevin Smith - Program Head, Environment & Natural Resources Technology  
Aurora College Thebacha Campus
- Sarah Rosolen - Manager, South Slave Research Centre, Aurora Research  
Institute Instructor, Environment and Natural Resources Technician and  
Teacher Education Programs

**2:30 - 3:15:** Meeting with GNWT Health and Social Services

- Duane Fleming – Chief Environmental Health Officer
- Heather Hannah – Territorial Epidemiologist
- Nancy Hicks – Contaminants Graduate Student Intern
- Laurier Health Sciences representative(s) – by phone

**3:15 – 3:45:** New opportunities-Sahtu Settlement Area

- Sahtu Regional Science Plan/ regional working group
- Shale Oil deposit – baseline, monitoring, industry support

**3:45 - 4:15:** Opportunities in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region

- Group discussion on how to increase partnership activities in the Inuvik area  
and develop better links with community groups and the Western Arctic  
Research Centre.

**4:15 - 4:45:** Working with Communities

- Ways to enhance existing relationships and build new ones (building capacity  
through training, hiring of community members)
- Marian Watershed Community-Based Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program  
(Tlicho Govnt interested in partnering on this initiative)

**4:45:** Day 1 Wrap Up - Meeting adjourned

**7:00:** Dinner with the Minister, DM, and ADM – Trader’s Grill, Explorer Hotel –  
sponsored by GNWT ENR

## **Thursday, February 27**

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### **Expanding the Partnership (continued from Day 1)**

**9:00 – 9:45:** Meeting with GNWT Industry, Tourism and Investment

- Dave Nightingale – Director
- Dr. Steffen Ziss - Chair, WLU Department of Economics & Associate Professor (by phone)

### **The Partnership Strategic Plan**

#### **9:45 – 12:00 Group Discussion**

- What are the current partnership goals and objectives and what is their rationale? (e.g. focus on the NWT Water Strategy, Scotty Creek)
- How are research and monitoring priorities of the NWT determined and how does WLU effectively participate in this process?
- What has worked and what hasn't when working with communities?
- Science Committee membership and ability to access other appropriate experts when required. Status quo or changes required?
- Leadership: what is the best way to ensure that the partnership is relevant in both the GNWT and WLU organizations?

#### **12:00 – 1:00 Lunch**

- On own for lunch, we can make a reservation at Bullocks or The Dancing Moose depending on people's preference.

#### **1:00 – 2:00: Communications**

- How do we effectively report on the activities of the partnership? (e.g. what should the annual report look like, different reporting for different audiences?)
- Partnership newsletter and website.
- Continued and expanded participation by WLU researchers in NWT workshops, conferences, meetings related to partnership goals and objectives.

- How to effectively link specific aspects of larger studies to needs of GNWT departments such as transportation? Without this link, partnership potential is reduced.
- Link to NWT co-management boards/ decision makers making research relevant to them – e.g. Land and Water Boards, Fisheries Joint Management Committee, Renewable Resources Boards, First Nations, federal departments.
- Research results provided to NWT Discovery Portal/ Research Gate.

**2:00 – 3:00:** 2014 Work Plan

**3:00 – 3:30:** Meeting with AANDC, DFO, GNWT regarding opportunities with Giant and Colomac mines remediation.

- Adrian Paradis - Head, Technical and Environmental Services, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Contaminants and Remediation Directorate (CARD) Giant Mine
- Ron Breadmore or Andrew Richardson – AANDC CARD Colomac Mine
- Erika Nyysönen - GNWT

**3:30 – 4:00:** 2014 Work Plan cont.

**4:00 – 4:30:** Wrap up and adjournment

## **Attendance List**

David Livingstone, Chair

Bruce Hanna, Project Liaison

Pete Cott, Research Associate

Andrew Applejohn, Science Committee member, ENR

Suzanne Carrière, Science Committee member, ENR

Brian Sieben, Science Committee member, ENR

Erin Kelly, Science Committee member, ENR

Julian Kanigan, Science Committee member, AANDC

Steve Kokelj, Science Committee member, AANDC

Bill Quinton, Science Committee member, WLU (by phone)

Jennifer Baltzer, Science Committee member, WLU

Mike Wilkie, Science Committee member, WLU

Kevin Stevens, Science Committee member, WLU

Phil Marsh, Science Committee member, WLU

Mike English, Science Committee member, WLU (by phone)

Sally Gray, Director, Office of Research Services, WLU

Charity Parr-Vasquez, Research Facilitator (Natural Sciences), WLU

Alison Blay-Palmer, Associate Professor WLU

Paul Dickson, Associate Director of Development, Faculty of Science WLU

## **Maps and Contact Information**

Please see attached map for AGM location.

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