

Northern Real Property PD Day / Journée de développement professionnel sur les biens immobiliers du Nord

Wednesday, Feb 28 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Opening Remarks & Opening Keynote

Crawford Kilpatrick

Director General, RCMP

Dean Janvier

Partner in Audit & Assurance, Deloitte

Description to come.

Wednesday, Feb 28 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Reflections on Northern Real Property: Collaboration in a Unique Environment

David Thompson

Director General, Portfolio Requirements - ADM(Infrastructure and Environment), National Defence

Diane Wilson

Executive Director, Real Property and Asset Program Management, Parks Canada

Ian Kydd

A./Regional Director, RCMP

Maria Rice

Regional Director, Professional & Technical Services, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Naim Ghawi

Director, Policy Operations, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

Northern real property assets are more challenging to maintain, construct, rehabilitate, and operate than non-northern ones. The recently completed Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat Horizontal Fixed Asset Review (FAR) report found that custodial departments are facing accumulating deferred maintenance, increasing costs, and pressure to modernize their real property assets. The four largest federal custodial departments with a northern real property portolio are National Defence, Public Services and Procurement Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Parks Canada. This panel features experts from these organizations to discuss their respective experiences in managing their northern portfolios, and potential opportunities for collaboration and ...

Wednesday, Feb 28 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Canadian High Artic Research Station (CHARS)- Presentation

Chris Chisholm

Director, Facilities, Polar Knowledge Canada

JP Lamberti

Sr Director, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Mathieu Bourdon

Director, RCMP

Sarah Kalhok

Director, Northern Science and Contaminants Research, Government of Canada

Working above the 60th parallel can be quite challenging. Harsh weather conditions, difficulties arranging transportation to the site and other obstacles were encountered during the construction of the Canadian High Arctic Research Station (CHARS) in Cambridge Bay, a remote northern hamlet in Nunavut. CHARS is an innovative facility that supports a wide range of research needs to help better understand the effects of climate change. Recently recognized at the 2023 RPIC National Workshop for Excellence in Engagement and Partnerships with Indigenous Peoples, the team ensured the new facility included a traditional knowledge centre, and a design inspired by Inuit culture.

Wednesday, Feb 28 12:30 PM - 01:00 PM

Break

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RCMP Northern Builds - Community Engagement and Collaboration - Presentation

Daniela Humeniuk

Project Manager, RCMP

Jim Shivas

Manager, RCMP

Peter Joice

Manager, RCMP

Ryan Gannon

Manager, Technical Standards, RCMP

The RCMP has recently delivered three successful detachment replacement projects in the north, using an innovative construction approach. The presentation will go over some of the RCMP's experiences delivering modular buildings in a northern environment, and the process related to community engagement and collaboration. The presentation will expand on considerations, constraints and foster discussion around lessons learned.

Wednesday, Feb 28 01:30 PM - 02:15 PM

Construction in the North-Panel

Byron Gilday

NGC Builders

Jorgen Kvist

Director, Industry Practices and Procurement, Canadian Construction Association

Murray Arsenault

Supported by the Canadian Construction Association (CCA), this private-sector panel of experts will discuss northern construction-related experiences, challenges, and opportunities from both a Civil perspective, and an Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional perspective.

Wednesday, Feb 28 02:30 PM - 03:30 PM

Greening Government Strategy and Closing Remarks- Panel & Closing Remarks

Alex Lothian

Asset Manager, Parks Canada

Gisele Amow

Defence Scientist, Defence Research and Development Canada

John Clarke

Director, Environment and Sustainable Development, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

Justin Tamasauskas

Research Engineer, Natural Resources Canada - CanmetENERGY in Varennes

Michael Bernardin

Sustainability Coordinator, Western Region, Public Services and Procurement Canada

Nelson Pisco

Director, Technical Services Division, Government of Nunavut

Nick Xenos

Executive Director, TBS-Centre for Greening Government

Northern communities face a unique set of challenges in mitigating and adapting to climate change, with limited use of renewables and heavier reliance on expensive and carbon-intensive energy sources. The panel will provide their views on addressing these challenges, and designing buildings suited to northern Canada, integrating renewable energy and adaptation to climate change. The panel features engineers, environmental scientists and senior policymakers, from federal and territorial governments, providing wide diverse perspectives on successes and challenges with government policies and incentives.