

JOANNE BARNABY

Joanne Barnaby Consulting

Profile Introduction

Joanne Barnaby has extensive experience in working with northern communities. This experience includes over 27 years of working in Aboriginal organizations providing both leadership and senior management services to aboriginal peoples. While Joanne has not held a staff position in government, she has held positions of public trust including as a Special Advisor to the Premier of the NWT and as a Special Advisor to the Canadian Delegation on the Biodiversity Convention. More recently, she has been awarded contracts as a consultant to assist in the development of public policy in the management of northern and national resources.

Joanne now focuses her energy on creating the means for building on the strengths of both western science and traditional knowledge in the development challenges facing northern and aboriginal communities. Her two terms on the Board of Directors of the Science Institute of the NWT together with her pioneering work at the Dene Cultural Institute to bring forward traditional knowledge in a modern day context, has provided her with the unique experience to fully appreciate the needs and opportunities associated with development initiatives. Her work now emphasizes building economic, cultural, and environmental sustainability using western and indigenous traditional knowledge systems, developing management models for full aboriginal participation and for accountability to society. Ms. Barnaby uses an educational approach to facilitating public and aboriginal participation in the consideration of development projects, providing an opportunity to increase appreciation and understanding of the value of each knowledge system. Her long standing working relationship with northern leaders and elders as well as with science based managers has provided her with the communication skills required to bridge these understandings.

Recent Relevant Projects

- **Presentations:** National Energy Board -Integrating indigenous knowledge in project assessment; Natural Resources Canada- The use of traditional knowledge in the management of northern resources; Environment Canada- Working to establish partnerships with aboriginal communities.
- **Consensus Building:** DIAND – Identifying the capacity building needs of Industry, Aboriginal communities, governments and co-management boards in the full use of TK in the resource development process; Athabasca Cumulative Effects Management Association- Facilitating agreement between Aboriginal communities, industry, governments and environmental groups for a joint approach to using science and traditional knowledge in managing development and reclamation projects
- **Increasing Understandings:** A series of educational workshops delivered to Federal Agencies including Natural Resources Canada, the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, the Department of Environment and Parks Canada, all designed to recognize the value and understand the strengths of using both traditional knowledge and western science in the development process
- **Developing Guidelines:** DIAND- Facilitating the development of guidelines and recommendations for the NWT Cumulative Effects and Management Strategy for the full utilization of traditional knowledge in northern management; MVEIRB- Facilitating a territorial workshop to establish guidelines on the use of TK in the environmental impact assessment process; Canadian Environmental Agency- advisory workshop to consider changes to the Act related to TK
- **Traditional Knowledge Research:** Dogrib Treaty 11 Council- Advanced three areas for consideration under the Protected Area Strategy by working with Dogrib Elders and their knowledge of their regional environment; Ft Good Hope- Traditional Environmental Knowledge; Documenting traditional medicine in Fort McPherson and Wha Ti; Research on the Dogrib Traditional Governance and Justice systems

- **Annual Courses** on indigenous traditional knowledge and environmental assessments. Banff Centre for Management (began in 1997)
- **National Workshop** on indigenous traditional knowledge and development in the Atlantic region structured to solve problems and build capacity amongst stakeholders
- **Cross-Cultural Relations:** Diavik- A series of courses designed to create healthy cross cultural relationships within the company and with northern communities

**Employment
History
Summary**

Executive Director, Dene Cultural Institute: 1987- 1999
Special Advisor to the NWT Premier: 1996-1999
Advisor to the Canadian Delegation on the Biodiversity Convention: 1998-2001
National Comprehensive Claims Coalition: 1986-1987
Acting Research Director, Dene/Metis Land Claims Secretariat: 1985-1986
Director, Lands and Resources, Dene Nation: 1983-1985
Editor, Dene Nation Newsletter: 1982-1983
Consultant, Fort Good Hope Band: 1979-1982
Coordinator Community Development Training Program: 1978-1979
Community Development Officer, Dene Nation: 1976-1978
Coordinator, History Project, Metis Association of the NWT: 1974-1975

Graduated from Sir John Franklin School in 1974

**Business
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