

Arctic Sovereignty Fact-Finding Mission to Ottawa Hosts and Schedule - 24-31 January 2009

The fact-finding mission to Ottawa is designed to introduce students to major stakeholders and perspectives in the discussion regarding Arctic Sovereignty, top legal experts in the field, and scientific research. The mission is funded by a grant from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada with additional support from the University of Washington's Office of Global Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, and the Center for Global Studies and Canadian Studies Center in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

This trip was made possible thanks to the generosity of the organizations and individuals below who agreed to meet with the students to enrich their understanding of Arctic sovereignty issues and to welcome them to Ottawa. To all of our hosts - we look forward to meeting you and to establishing new ties between your organization and our institution. - Thank you, *merci beaucoup, Nakurmiik!*

Hosts

Departments / Organizations / Embassies

- [Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada](#)
- [Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada](#)
- [Delegation of the European Commission to Canada](#)
- [Embassy of Denmark, Ottawa](#)
- [Embassy of Iceland, Ottawa](#)
- [Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada](#)
- [Embassy of the United States of America, Ottawa](#)
- [Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa](#)
- [Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada](#)
- [Indian and Northern Affairs Canada](#)
- [International Polar Year, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada](#)
- [International Relations Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada](#)
- [Inuit Circumpolar Council, Canada](#)
- [Inuit Relations Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada](#)
- [Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami](#)
- [Northern Affairs Organization, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada](#)
- [Northern Strategy, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada](#)
- [Oceans Law Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada](#)
- [Polar Continental Shelf Program, Natural Resources Canada](#)
- [Royal Norwegian Embassy, Ottawa](#)
- [United States Relations, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada](#)

Speakers

- Avdoshi, Evgeny A., Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada

- Bergmann, Martin, Director, Polar Continental Shelf Program, Natural Resources Canada, Ottawa
- Borbey, Patrick, Northern Affairs Organization, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Chumakov, Valery, Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada
- Duschenes, Christopher, Inuit Relations Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Di Girolamo, Giovanni, Delegation of the European Commission to Canada
- Finkler, Harald W., Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Graham, Angela, North America Outreach and Mission Liaison Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
- Henningsen, Jakob, Embassy of Denmark, Ottawa
- Heynen, Jeff, U.S. Relations, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
- Kadas, Robert, Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
- Kadluk, Henry, Communication and Liaison Office, Inuit Relations Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Kozij, John, Strategic Policy and Integration Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Lalonde, Suzanne, Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal
- Locklear, Lonzell, Embassy of the United States of America
- Loring, Eric, Environment Department, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
- McRae, Donald, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- Morse, Bradford, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- Moss-Davie, Pitseolalaq, Research Coordinator, Inuit Circumpolar Council
- Naess, Tor B., Royal Norwegian Embassy, Ottawa
- Okalik, Paul, Nunavut
- Pelletier, Benoît, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- Pharand, Donat, International Law, University of Ottawa
- Rees, Stephanie, International Polar Year, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Reimer, Chester, Chester Reimer Consulting Inc.
- Savoie, Donat, Inuit, Arctic and Circumpolar Affairs
- Silundika, Cecilia Sithembile, Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Northern Affairs Organization, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Sim-Nadeau, Sue, Polar Continental Shelf Project
- Steele, Earl James, Embassy of the United States of America
- Stewart, Allison, Oceans Law Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
- Thériault, Sophie, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- Thordardottir, Embassy of Iceland, Ottawa
- Vatne, Per, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Ottawa
- Whitaker, Marilyn, International Relations Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Cultural Tours

- [Museum of Civilization](#)
- [Nunavut 10th Anniversary Celebration](#)
- [Parliament of Canada](#)

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Schedule

Monday-Friday Organization

Each morning the team will meet for breakfast where the designated student hosts provide an overview of the organizations / individuals for the day including reference to the importance of those perspectives to the team's Task Force report. One or two *rapporteurs* will be responsible for taking thorough notes during the meetings, compiling those notes at the end of the day, and sharing them with the team in the evening. The coordinator will take the *rapporteur* notes and reduce these to short summaries to be used in a follow-up report for the fact-finding mission.

Sunday, 25 January 2009

8-9 a.m. - Breakfast, Lord Elgin

10-11:30 a.m. - Canadian Museum of Civilization Tour

Canada Hall - Remarkable journey through one thousand years of Canada's social history.

First Peoples Hall - Highlights the cultural, historical and artistic achievements of Canada's First Peoples.

Lunch - Voyageurs Cafeteria, Canadian Museum of Civilization, Québec

1 - Parliament of Canada Tour, Ottawa

Evening - dinner on own

Monday, 26 January 2009

7 a.m. - Breakfast, Lord Elgin, overview of day

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Welcome by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada

Host - Nancy Hector, Senior Program Advisor, US, International Academic Relations Division
Program:

9-9:10 a.m. - Welcoming Remarks by Foreign Affairs and International Trade / International Education and Youth Division (Chris Greenshields or Nancy Hector)

9:10 - 10:00 a.m. - Presentation on the Canada-US Relationship, Jeff Heynen, Deputy Director, U.S. Relations

10-11:00 a.m. - Presentation on the Arctic Relationship, Robert Kadas, Deputy Director, Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs Division

11 a.m.-Noon - Presentation on Arctic Sovereignty, Allison Stewart, Oceans Law Division

Noon-1 p.m. - Lunch for all participants hosted by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Location - 125 Sussex Drive, Rendez-Vous Room

1:30-4 - Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Inuit Circumpolar Council

Hosts - Stephen Hendrie, Senior Communications Officer, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Oxana Golovkina, Russian Liaison, International Development, Projects Coordinator, Inuit Circumpolar Council

Location - 75 Albert St., Suite 1001

Evening - dinner on own; team meeting to discuss / integrate day's meetings

Tuesday, 27 January 2009

8-9 a.m. - Breakfast, Lord Elgin, overview of day

9:30 a.m.-Noon - Embassy of the United States of America, James Steele, Environment Counselor
Location - 490 Sussex Drive, Ottawa

Noon - Lunch with Giovanni Di Girolamo, First Counsellor and Head of the Political and Public Affairs Section, Delegation of the European Commission to Canada
Location - Lord Elgin, Board Room 200

2 - Polar Continental Shelf Program, Natural Resources Canada, Ottawa, Director, Martin Bergmann
Location - Lord Elgin, Board Room 200

Evening - dinner on own

Wednesday, 28 January 2009

8-9 a.m. - Breakfast, Lord Elgin, overview of day

10-Noon a.m. - Royal Norwegian Embassy, Jo Sletbak, Minister Counsellor / Deputy Head of Mission
Location - 150 Metcalfe Street, Suite 1300, Ottawa

Noon - Lunch with Benoît Pelletier, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, former member of Québec's National Assembly and Minister in the Québec Government
Location - Lord Elgin Hotel, Board Room 200

2-4 p.m. - Jean-François Arteau, Legal Counsel and Executive Assistant to Pita Aatami, President of Makivik Corporation, and Donat Savoie, Former Chief Federal (Canada) Negotiator for Nunavik (Northern Québec, Canada)
Location - Lord Elgin Hotel, Board Room 200

Evening - dinner on own; team meeting to discuss / integrate day's meetings (instructors meeting with afternoon speakers)

Thursday, 29 January 2009

8-9 a.m. - Breakfast, Lord Elgin, overview of day

10 a.m. - Embassy of Iceland, Ottawa, Ambassador Siridur Anna Thordardottir
Location - 360 Albert Street, Suite 710, Ottawa

Lunch - on own

12:40 p.m. - Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Host - Cecilia Sithembile Silundika, Circumpolar Analyst, Russia, Circumpolar Liaison Program:
1-1:20 - Welcome Remarks and Introductions
1:20-1:40 - Overview Brief on Indian and Northern Affairs, Marilyn Whitaker, International Relations Directorate
1:40-2 p.m. - Discussion
2-2:30 - The Northern Strategy, John Kozij, Director, Strategic Policy and Integration Directorate

2:30-2:40 - Discussion

2:40-3:20 - Inuit Relations Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Christopher Duschenes, Executive Director

3:20-3:30 - Discussion

3:30-4 - Arctic Cooperation multilateral and bilateral programs by Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Harald W. Finkler, Director

4-4:30 - International Polar Year, Stephanie Rees, Research Coordinator

4:30-4:50 - Discussion

4:50-5 p.m. - Concluding Remarks

Location - Northern Affairs Organization, Assistant Deputy Minister Boardroom, 25 Eddy Street, 10th Floor, Gatineau, Québec

Dinner – on own

Public event of interest:

Nunavut 10th Anniversary Celebration - <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/democracy/index-e.html>

Program:

6 p.m. – traditional food, music and drum dancing

7:30 p.m. – Nunavut at 10: What's working, what's not and what's next

A panel discussion with: Jim Bell, Editor of Nunatsiaq News, Iqaluit; Ed Picco, former Minister of Education and of Health and Social Services, Government of Nunavut; Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Member of Parliament for Nunavut from 1997 to 2008; Jose Kusugak, President of the Kivalliq Inuit Association and former President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (simultaneous translation: English, French and Inuktitut)

Location – Library and Archive Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa

Friday, 30 January 2009

8-9 a.m. - Breakfast, Lord Elgin, overview of day

10 a.m. - Embassy of Denmark, Ottawa, Deputy Head of Mission, Jakob Henningsen, Embassy of Denmark, Ottawa

Host - Linda Friis Petersen, Communication and Cultural Advisor

Location - 47 Clarence St., Suite 450, Ottawa

Lunch - on own

1-5:00 p.m. - University of Ottawa Symposium on Arctic Sovereignty - Legal Issues / Inuit Rights

Host - Sophie Thériault, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

Program:

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

1-2:30 Donat Pharand, Professor Emeritus, International Law, University of Ottawa

Pharand is one of the foremost experts on the international law of the sea, particularly as it relates to the Arctic regions. Thanks to his research and writings, Canadian sovereignty over the Northwest Passage is generally accepted.

2:30-4 Donald McRae - Professor of Law, University of Ottawa and Suzanne Lalonde, Faculty of Law, Université Montréal

McRae specializes in the field of International Law and has been an Advisor to the Department of External Affairs of the Government of Canada and Counsel for Canada in several international fisheries and boundary arbitration.

Lalonde's work focuses on the legal aspects of Arctic sovereignty with a focus on the Northwest Passage and challenges to Canada's sovereignty over the region.

Indigenous Rights

4-5:30 Sophie Thériault and Bradford Morse, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

Thériault specializes in Inuit food security in the age of climate change and melting sea ice and the role of law in securing access to traditional food.

Professor Morse has been directly involved in the establishment of Aboriginal land claims, environmental disputes, and other Aboriginal governance matters. In the mid-90s Morse served as Executive Assistant to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and was involved in all aspects of the Department's responsibilities concerning First Nations as well as in the North.

Location - Faculty of Law, Room 201, University of Ottawa

7:30 p.m. - Reception and Student Presentation for Week's Hosts

Location - Confederation Room, 11th floor (with a beautiful fireplace!), Lord Elgin Hotel

Saturday, 31 January 2009

7:30-8:30 am - breakfast

9 - depart for airport