Al Loke is the CEO of New North, a position he has held for seven years over two periods, broken by a five year spell as a consultant with the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. Here he oversaw northern planning and road development projects. Before moving to La Ronge with his wife, Yvonne, Al spent 30 years with the Canadian military, serving this country in many parts of the world. Over the past 14 years, Al has sat on a number of Provincial Boards. In 2010, Al was the recipient of the Business Professional of the Year Award from Princeton Global. In his spare time, Al is a property developer and entrepreneur as well as a business consultant. Al has five boys, and enjoys the abundant recreational life that the north has to offer, including hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling.

Roger Parenteau currently serves as Director of the Housing Authority Network which includes Northern Saskatchewan for the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, and lives in Saskatoon. Roger has a Certified Property Manager designation through the Real Estate Institute of Canada. He also completed the Métis Housing Administration Program which was sponsored by Gabriel Dumont Institute, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Saskatchewan Housing Corporation. Roger was born and raised in Prince Albert. He is married and has three children. He enjoys coaching minor hockey, as well as playing recreational hockey; running, CrossFit, golfing and spending time at the lake.

Prairie Wild Consulting Co.
We’re honoured to be the facilitators for the New North Housing Summit. Prairie Wild Consulting is a comprehensive community and regional planning firm with a vision that speaks to “communities are prepared for the future.” We develop technical tools and processes to help communities, regions and community-based clients in shaping their vision, objectives, policies and actions. We’re known for delivering uniquely tailored planning solutions to governments and civil society.

Founding Director, Lenore Swystun, M.A., MCIP, is our lead facilitator for this Housing Summit. She is a full member with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP); a former elected representative; and, an awarded community member - recently received the James Pooler Award for Planning Excellence by the University of Saskatchewan’s Regional and Urban Planning Program. Lenore sits on the board of the Saskatchewan Environmental Industry Managers Association; is a member of the Saskatoon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee; and, recently co-authored the Democratic Engagement Report for the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.

Samantha Mark, a co-facilitator for this Housing Summit, is the lead on a number of Prairie Wild projects - providing facilitation, policy writing and project management to working groups within the west central area, eastern, and south eastern parts of the Province. Sam has roots in Frontier, SK. Samantha also serves as the Co-Chair of Professional Development for APCPS.

Danny Roy, a co-facilitator for this Housing Summit, is from Ile-à-la-Crosse and provides facilitation, policy writing and project management to a number of PWC projects located in the northwest, central and northeast areas of SK. Danny is honing a strong working knowledge of Aboriginal community-based development and planning processes that he applies to PWC projects.
**Housing and Health: The Pieces of the Puzzle**

Dr. Irvine will discuss some of the ongoing housing issues in northern Saskatchewan and the general evidence for the impacts of housing conditions on health conditions. He will also review the changes in health conditions across northern Saskatchewan over time and look at the present health circumstances that may be influenced by housing.

**Dr. James Irvine**, is a public health and preventive medicine physician with the University of Saskatchewan and is the Medical Health Officer for the three northern health authorities. He is a Professor with the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan’s Department and is an Associate Member with the School of Public Health. He has lived in La Ronge for over 30 years where his main public health interests involve communicable disease control, environmental health, health promotion, and Aboriginal health.

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**Northern Housing from Past to Present**

The evolution of northern housing can be traced back to the time when treaties were signed on the prairies, opening the door for settlement that gradually moved northward over the years. Using pictures that illustrate change in forms and standards of housing over time, the first part of the presentation seeks to help viewers understand the current state of northern housing from the perspective of what has come before, in order to appreciate what is needed going forward. The second part of the presentation highlights the significant improvements in access to housing that have been made over the years, and the challenges that lie ahead for northerners as well as all Saskatchewan citizens in helping to develop suitable housing solutions.

**Phil Parr** is the Northern Training Consultant for Plains Housing Authority, having worked in SHC’s Northern Region since 2000. Phil coordinates the Social Housing Management Learning Program that many northerners have successfully completed in order to work in the province’s northern housing agencies. Phil has a long and varied career that includes: social work; community development; economic development; tourism development; Tribal Council and Band development; consulting; and professional business writing. Phil enjoys playing recreational hockey and riding his recently acquired touring motorcycle, among other interests.

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**The North: Statistically Speaking**

Mr. Elliott will describe the North in statistical terms, including information about population trends, age distributions, living arrangements, Aboriginal identity, and other demographic factors that affect housing and the demand for housing. Economic characteristics such as employment, income and education among northern residents will also be included.

**Doug Elliott**, the owner of QED Information Systems Inc. and publisher of Sask Trends Monitor, has worked in Saskatchewan for more than thirty-five years with over twenty years in the consulting business. Doug was born and raised in small town Grenfell, Saskatchewan and attended the University of Regina from 1969 to 1974 where he obtained a Masters Degree in Mathematics. In 1987, he purchased Sask Trends Monitor, a monthly newsletter tracking social, economic, and demographic trends in Saskatchewan. He specializes in quantitative analysis, survey design, labour market analysis, and economic research.
Framing Sustainable Options for Northern Canada

It’s no secret that Canada’s North has a shortage of quality affordable housing options. A significant portion of the existing stock of Northern housing was designed by outsiders based on the decades-old premise that what works in the South should work in the North: that the single-family, owner-occupied home is the best environment in which to live and raise children; and that a housing market provides jobs and the options to establish financial equity. The North, however, requires specific Northern housing programs and policies. In this presentation, some of the options and lessons learned based on research the Conference Board of Canada’s Centre for North conducted on sustainable northern housing initiatives across Canada’s North will be explored.

Siomonn Pulla is an interdisciplinary scholar-practitioner who focuses his primary academic and professional efforts on developing a deeper and broader understanding of the historical, practical and theoretical models of participatory and collaborative research, including consensus-building and consultation processes. Dr. Pulla is also an Adjunct Research Professor affiliated with Carleton University’s School of Canadian Studies. Siomonn has spent a considerable amount of time in remote areas of Canada, and has a strong understanding of the different cultural, social, and economic values of Aboriginal peoples.

Northern Housing Action Plans

In working with smaller communities across the country, CMHC representatives have identified an interest in an information tool that would assist municipalities wanting to develop or enhance their own Housing Action Plan. A Housing Action Plan provides municipalities with a framework that allows them to implement strategies intended to create and develop housing opportunities. The Guide for Canadian Municipalities for the Development of a Housing Action Plan was designed to assist small municipalities in developing housing plans to address their specific housing needs, as determined by the community.

Liane Dagenais is the Corporate Representative for CMHC for the Province of Saskatchewan. Liane spent the majority of her career working in Alberta in the Real Estate Sector and then moved to Ottawa where she joined CMHC. In 2012 she was pleased to be relocated to Saskatchewan to take on the role as CMHC’s Corporate Representative. Liane was a member of the Judging Panel for the Saskatoon and Region Homebuilders Bridges Awards for 2012. She currently sits on the Board of Directors as an ex-officio member of the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership.

Planning for Growth in Northern Communities

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is the keystone of the planning process and is essential in managing future growth and development. The OCP is a growth management strategy, enabling a municipality to set development goals, objectives and policies which council can use to manage land use, subdivision, municipal services and public utilities. The Planning for Growth Northern Program facilitates the development of the OCP and Zoning Bylaw for municipalities.

Dee Johns, MCIP, is the Northern District Planner with the Ministry of Government Relations. Dee has worked with northern land and housing issues in different capacities for the past 14 years in La Ronge. Dee has a Bachelor’s Degree from McMaster University and a Master’s Degree from the University of Saskatchewan. Dee enjoys spending time on the lake, snowmobiling and being a ‘hockey mom’, ‘piano mom’, ‘gymnastics mom’…. etc. to her five children.
Encouraging Community Housing Options (ECHO)
The Encouraging Community Housing Options (ECHO) Program has two components which will help municipal partners develop and take action on plans that address the housing challenges in their communities. The Encouraging Community Housing Options Program provides cost-matched funding to municipalities and regions to assist with the costs of housing planning and to encourage action that will increase housing supply.

Kadian Gifford currently works as a Policy Consultant at the Ministry of Social Services, Housing Division. Her work there includes completing research and analysis, and writing policies. Kadian has a Master’s of Public Administration from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

Community Based Medium Density Design
This presentation will focus on the shared learning’s of successful medium density development which has enabled a community-based approach to affordable living.

Ellisabeth Miller, MCIP, is an urban planner with the City of Saskatoon with a specialty in urban safety. She currently runs that city’s Neighbourhood Safety Program. Her background and training include surveying, drafting, adult education, urban planning, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), and SafeGrowth. Ellisabeth has worked for the City of Saskatoon – Planning and Development on various projects, including: revisions to the Official Community Plan, various municipal Sector Plans, community based Local Area Plans, and Affordable Housing. Currently Ellisabeth is working as the Neighbourhood Safety Coordinator and is responsible for working with communities to identify issues, carry out risk assessments and safety audits, public engagement, and the implementation of safety recommendations.

Housing as a Business
The Housing as a Business (HaaB) model was developed in Ontario as a result of identifying elements common to successful on-reserve housing programs. The objective of HaaB is to promote the feasibility of housing as an economic driver, and to provide capacity support toward the development and implementation of policies and programs to achieve this goal. In Saskatchewan, there has been significant interest in HaaB and several pilot projects are currently underway. This presentation will explain the HaaB model, provide a status update, and outline how FSIN and Saskatchewan First Nations plan to move forward.

Kevin McLeod is the Director of Housing for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. Over the last 10 years he has held positions in his community, and at the regional and national levels with FSIN and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. He is considered an expert in on-reserve home ownership, social housing delivery and administration, and capacity development.
**Methy Construction**

*Doug Gailey* was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland, and immigrated to Canada in 1975 with the Hudson Bay Company. As a Manager Trainee, Doug was posted in Northern Ontario and then transferred to La Loche, SK. Doug began working with the Village of La Loche in various roles in 1977 before accepting the position of Village Administrator in 1982. Along with his role as Administrator, Doug has carried out the duties as Manager for Methy Construction since the late 1980s. Doug has been married for 31 years and has 5 children. He enjoys spending time outdoors and golfing.

**The NORTEP Advantage**

The Northern Teacher Education Program Council Inc. has transformed from a renter to an owner of 58 housing units. The program’s desire to provide safe, affordable housing to university students in northern Saskatchewan has led to forming creative partnerships, implementing a unique design, utilizing a northern labour force, and developing a strong housing management team. In addition, through the growth in affordable housing units, the academic success of the students enrolled in the program has increased.

*Jennifer Malmsten* is originally from Vancouver, British Columbia, where she earned a Bachelor of Education at Simon Fraser University. From Vancouver, she and her family moved to Toronto Ontario, and then to rural Saskatchewan, where they operated a mixed farming operation. Jennifer’s move to northern Saskatchewan was to pursue adventure. She expected to stay no more than five years; however, after 16 years she has succumbed to the lure of the North. Currently, she is employed by NORTEP as the Secretary-Treasurer. Recently, she also completed her Master of Education in Educational Administration at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Ile-à-la-Crosse Development Corporation**

This presentation will share the successes of the Ile-à-la-Crosse Development Corporation (IDC). IDC was originally established to meet the housing needs of doctors and nurses, and has since evolved into providing subsidized housing to local working people. Currently IDC is proposing 6 to 10 additional housing units for small and single family units, developing a duplex for doctors; and acquiring two more units from the local school division to provide for working people. Future discussion between IDC and Sakitawak Development Corporation include a local housing group in the community and administration of social housing units.

*Duane Favel* was born and raised in the historical Métis community of Ile-à-la-Crosse. He attended the University of Saskatchewan where he received his Bachelor of Education Degree. He went on to teach for the Greater Saskatoon Catholic schools where he spent 15 years. Duane is currently serving his third term as Mayor of Ile-à-la-Crosse. His long term vision is to have safe, healthy, stable, and sustainable communities in northern Saskatchewan.
Business Development, Mortgage Loan Insurance
For over 65 years, CMHC has helped millions of Canadians meet their housing needs. CMHC provides mortgage loan insurance that enables you to buy a home sooner with a minimum down payment of 5%. And CMHC is there with you every step of the way — with information before, during, and after your home purchase. This presentation provides a brief outline of the structure and benefits of CMHC Mortgage Loan Insurance.

Kim Tyndall has been employed with CMHC for over 25 years and has worked in a variety of positions, all aimed at helping to house Canadians. In her current role as Business Development Representative for over 6 years, Kim provides training and education on CMHC’s mortgage loan insurance products and services to CMHC’s housing finance clients. Her territory is SK North. Kim holds a Certificate in Business Administration from the U of S and is an Accredited Mortgage Professional recognized through the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals.

Home Mortgages
Conexus Credit Union offers clients a complete range of financial solutions including credit union banking services, financial planning and investments. Conexus subsidiaries also provide mortgage brokerage, personal and general insurance. Conexus Credit Union provides expert professional service, strong financial performance, and innovative products and services. This presentation provides a brief outline of the application process to purchase a home.

Clay Heffernan is a Relationship Manager with Conexus Credit Union and has been in the Teleservice Prince Albert location for 8 years. Clay provides service to members over the telephone who cannot attend a branch in person, and primarily deals in consumer lending and residential mortgage applications.

HeadStart on a Home
The presentation will provide an overview of the HeadStart on a Home Program and cover information as it relates to how builders and developers can make application under the Program, and how each municipality is involved in the process. The presentation will also include an update on results achieved to-date and how the Program works with partnering Credit Unions.

Rhonda Young is the Senior Director for the HeadStart on a Home Program. Ms. Young has more than fifteen years of experience financing both commercial and residential construction projects. Prior to joining the Westcap team, Ms. Young was Commercial Manager for Concentra Financial where she managed an $80 million commercial portfolio. For six years she led and syndicated a number of projects with Credit Unions and other Financial Institutions across Canada. From 1997 to 2006, Ms. Young worked for various levels of provincial government as a Senior Investment Analyst for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation (SOCO), Crown Investments Corporation (CIC) and Investment Saskatchewan.
Housing Cooperatives
With the need for safe, secure, affordable, and culturally appropriate housing being of immense concern, especially in northern and Aboriginal communities, it is vital that we think outside the box to find alternative and sustainable solutions. This vision can be realized by combining cooperative housing and sustainable building practices and, by doing so, we help to sustain our communities and our ecologies. This recipe helps people to develop their capacities by being integral to the planning, building, and maintenance processes and by developing their social and community capital. Visionary approaches help people place housing into the bigger picture, i.e. their total living environments and how they want to organize their community.

Dr. Deborah Campbell has been working in the area of sustainable community development for decades and sees housing as an essential element in this pursuit. She has combined her formal education, her MBA and her Ph.D. in Community and Regional Planning, with her diverse practical experience to help communities become sustainable and as self-sufficient as possible. Deborah is currently residing in Beauval as the Community Development Consultant for Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority and has seen for herself the various issues with housing in northern and Aboriginal communities. More importantly, she has seen first-hand the amazing potential people here have to co-create sustainable solutions to whatever concerns come their way.

Achieving a Healthy Housing Industry
The Canadian Home Builders’ Association – Saskatchewan has been the voice of residential construction industry in Saskatchewan for over 60 years. The Association works proactively with governments, community groups, housing agencies and Association members to promote sound housing policies for the industry and consumers. They also promote access to home ownership for all people in Saskatchewan and advocate for high levels of quality service and innovation from the professional building industry.

Alan Thomarat is the President & CEO of the Canadian Home Builders’ Association - Saskatchewan, its seven Regional Councils and the Saskatoon & Region Home Builders’ Association. In addition to his current roles, Alan also serves as Chair of the Canadian Home Builders’ Association CEO Council as well as a Director on the National Association Board. He previously served as the Board Chair of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science & Technology, President of the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership as well as holding Director positions on numerous Boards, including the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and Skills Canada Saskatchewan, and co-chair of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce’s HR Committee and is a current co-chair of the Construction Sector Council.