

# Yukon Recycling Summit

## November 1-2, 2022

### Keynote Speakers

#### Adam Minter

Adam Minter is a columnist with Bloomberg Opinion, where he writes about emerging markets, technology, waste, and other topics. From 2002 to 2014, he was based in Shanghai, where he covered the trans-Pacific trade in recycling; he continued that coverage from Kuala Lumpur, where he was based from 2014 until Covid. His first book, "Junkyard Planet: Travels in the Billion Dollar Trash Trade," is an insider's look at the world of globalized recycling. His most recent book, "Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale" is a deep dive into the secondhand economy that thrives around the world.

#### Jackie Olson

Jackie Olson is a Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizen who has spent most of her life in Dawson City, Yukon. Jackie is an Indigenous artist, entrepreneur, and educator who draws leadership and creative inspiration from cultural traditions and getting out on the land. Her art and teaching practices blend contemporary and the traditional approaches and she works hard to build resiliency and sustainability in her community.

### Session Speaker

#### Michael Hawco

Michael is a Unit Head in the Plastics Regulatory Affairs Division at Environment and Climate Change Canada. Michael and his team lead the development of instruments under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, including the Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations, proposed rules for recyclability labelling and a proposed federal plastics registry. He is also a lead analyst on issues related to extended producer responsibility and data-driven policymaking in the plastics field within ECCC. Michael holds degrees in political science and law from Memorial University of Newfoundland and the University of Victoria.

#### Natalia Baranova

Natalia is an Environmental Protection Analyst at the Department of Environment. She oversees waste diversion regulations in the Yukon and has been working to develop Extended Producer Responsibility in the territory.

#### Sara Thompson

Sara Thompson, the Environmental Coordinator II at the City of Whitehorse and one of the project leads on the Solid Waste Action Plan Update.



## Shannon White

Shannon has worked in the Solid Waste industry for over 10 years. She has worked at non-profits, private industry, and today, finds herself responsible for waste management at the District of Squamish, where she oversees a Landfill and curbside collection, and helps drive waste diversion, reduction and circular economy. Shannon continues to pursue moving the dial on waste reduction and welcomes collaboration on how we can do this together.

## Heather Ashthorn

Heather Ashthorn stepped into Executive Director shoes at Raven Recycling in 2021, just ahead of Yukon Government announcing the intent to implement Extended Producer Responsibility. Heather comes to Raven with over 20 years experience leading and managing projects within the non-government sector and has owned and operated several small businesses over her 30 years in Whitehorse. Heather is a big picture thinker and passionate about connecting organizations for collaboration, shared capacity and positive social and environmental outcomes.

## Derrick Hastings

Derrick is the President of Conservation Klondike Society for the last 9 years and current farm manager for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in farm. He is a waste reduction activist and entrepreneur, as well as a proud father and husband.

## Faith Green-Mykituk

I am a born and raised Yukon resident who has a lifelong passion for environmental science and protection. I am a mother of two who completed her degree late in life. I have a degree in Environmental and Northern Conservation Studies through the University of Alberta and have been with the City of Whitehorse since January. This position as an environmental coordinator has allowed me to utilize my degree for good. I hope my enthusiasm and creative thought process can help create a change in the minds of Yukon residents to see waste and compost in a new light.

## Garett Gillespie

Garret has been on the Yukon composting scene for over 20 years and has composted everything from slaughter waste and mortalities to diesel-contaminated soil and municipal food waste. As an agricultural engineer and owner of BCE for the last 13 years, he has worked on a variety of composting projects in North America, including the development and operation of the Whitehorse compost facility. BCE continues to develop its unique technologies that separate physical contaminants from compost, which are protected by international patents and licensed to a multinational composting equipment manufacturer.

## Joy Snyder

Who knew when Joy Snyder started at the Raven Recycling Society that she wouldn't leave until 30 years later. For the last 20 years she worked as the Executive Director. Working alongside a passionate



crew and led by a dedicated Board of Directors; Joy managed a unique social enterprise that educated Yukoners towards a Zero Waste lifestyle, gave them options to live that lifestyle and also encouraged local governments to support a Zero Waste system.

## Jaime White

Jaime White is New Projects Director at Loop Resource. Jaime was raised in central BC and currently lives on a farm near Dawson Creek AB with his family. Loop was formed to divert unsold food from grocery stores away from the landfill towards charities and to networks of local farms who use it as animal feed. As one of the first farms participating in Loop when it began in 2017, and with his background in business, Jaime set up the waivers and insurance that grocery stores required. His continued involvement has helped Loop expand coast to coast in Canada. Loop remains rooted in local farms connecting with each other and with local grocery stores, and has gradually grown to involve 300+ stores, 3000+ farmers and 200+ charities.

## Denise Gordon

Denise Gordon is the COO of ColdAcre. As an agrologist and botanist Denise continues to improve the efficiencies and effectiveness of the ColdAcre farm. ColdAcre is a year round farm operating out of Whitehorse, Yukon. They produce leafy greens, microgreens and herbs, with products being distributed locally to restaurants, grocery stores, and mining operations throughout the Yukon. ColdAcre also operates the WinterHarvest subscription program, delivering vegetables and a wide variety of local products to customer's doorsteps in Whitehorse and Dawson City. Since the beginning, ColdAcre has been committed to providing all its produce in reusable or BPI certified compostable packaging.

## Joie Quarton

The Whitehorse Community Thrift Store Society has been in operation since 2018 and opened the doors to its store in September 2018. It is a going concern, dedicated to increasing the circular economy in the Yukon.

## Devon O'Connor

Devon O'Connor is a water quality technologist with the Yukon Government Water Resources Branch and a graduate from the University of Waterloo. His current position has a broad scope of interest from municipal water use to mining and industrial uses, as well as unimpacted water in the natural environment. His previous experience afforded him incredible opportunities working in environmental monitoring, fish and wildlife biology, hydrology, the mining industry and more. He is currently working with the Water Resources Branch team to develop a monitoring program for microplastics in the Yukon.

## John Postma

John is a math, physics, and statistics instructor in the Academic Support Centre at Yukon University. He is an atmospheric scientist by training and has been sampling air in and around Whitehorse to establish a microplastic contamination baseline.



Dorothy Bradley

Friends of McIntyre Creek is an advocacy group wishing to preserve the wildlife corridor of McIntyre Creek in the middle of the city. We do garbage collections and Invasive species removal in the area, trying to preserve its integrity

