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Peter C. Dobell established the Parliamentary Centre in 1968 as a non-profit corporation dedicated to strengthening the Canadian Parliament and its committees, as well as to assist Members of Parliament in becoming more effective. Since 1994, the Centre has been engaged in parliamentary development in some dozen countries. Mr. Dobell founded the Centre for Legislative Exchange under which members of the Canadian Parliament and the U.S. Congress visit the other country to study specific topics with officials and experts. In 1971, he assisted in forming the Institute for Research on Public Policy and has just completed a history of the Institute entitled The First Thirty Years. In 1978, Mr. Dobell launched the magazine, Parliamentary Government, a periodical devoted to commenting on developments in Canadian legislatures and, a year later, inaugurated a training seminar for newly elected MPs. In 1986, he established the Parliament, Business and Labour Trust, which organizes visits by MPs for short periods of time to large corporations and trade unions. Mr. Dobell served as coordinator of the Canadian-Russian Parliamentary Program (1994-2001) and is the author of many studies and books relating to parliamentary practice. He is a Member of the Order of Canada and a Member of the Trilateral Commission. Mr. Dobell holds a B.A. in history from Toronto University and a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and M.A. from Oxford University. He has received an honorary doctorate from Trinity College.

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John Knox joined the faculty of Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law in 1998, where he teaches environmental law and international environmental law. From 1994 to 1998, he was in private practice in Austin, Texas. From 1988 to 1994, he was an attorney advisor at the Department of State, where he represented the U.S. in the negotiation of international agreements, including the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation and served as a delegate to international organizations including the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization, and the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation. In 1987, he clerked for the Hon. Joseph T. Sneed on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. His co-edited book: Greening NAFTA: The North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, was recently published by Stanford University Press. Prof. Knox graduated with distinction from Stanford Law School in 1987 and magna cum laude from Rice University in 1984.

Barry Lacombe is President of the Canadian Steel Producers Association (CSPA). The CSPA represents Canada's primary steel producers, and Mr. Lacombe leads its efforts to achieve a supportive framework of government policies. These include effective trade policies for an era of global competition, as well as flexible and costeffective policies for environmental management. Before joining the CSPA, Mr. Lacombe served at the level of Assistant Deputy Minister at Revenue Canada, Deputy Secretary to the Treasury Board Secretariat, Senior Vice President, Policy and Research, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. In addition he has worked at the Bank of Canada and the Economic Council of Canada. Mr. Lacombe is a graduate of Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS, where he obtained a Bachelor of Commerce with honours in economics. He is also a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Canadian Center for Management Development.

**Chief Joe Linklater** is Vuntut Gwitchin from the community of Old Crow, Yukon. He is serving his third term as Chief of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation. Chief Linkater is one of the founding members of the Gwich'in Council International (GCI). He assumed Chairmanship of GCI in 2002 for a two-year term while the file was managed by the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation. During this term, Chief Linklater provided leadership to GCI Directors in terms of full and active participation at the Arctic Council meetings. He is a spokesperson and lobbyist for the Gwich'in on a number of issues related to the environment, education, economic development, and capacity building.

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**Councilor Sandra Newman** was born and raised in Old Crow, a small village at the heart of the Gwitchin Nation in northern Canada. After completing high school in Whitehorse, Yukon in 1984 and then attending the University of Fairbanks for Human Services studies, Sandra has returned to Old Crow with her twelve-year-old daughter. Deeply proud of her Vuntut Gwitchin (people of the lakes) heritage, Sandra is working for her First Nation Government as the Director of Government Services and Caribou coordinator. She is thankful to her past and present leaders for their strength and courage in preserving a culture and way of life for Vuntut Gwitchin people. She thanks her ancestors for their wisdom, courage and knowledge. "I want to thank my ancestors for taking care of this land for us, Mahsi Choo."

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