We're in a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone's arguing over where they're going to sit. .....David Suzuki

THINGS NEVER HAPPEN IN ISOLATION AND HERE I WILL EXPRESSS WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE ALL VARIOUS MITIGATING FACTORS TO A VERY VERY BAD DECISION THAT IS PLAYING OUT HERE IN OUR TERRITORY.

AS WELL THAT VIEWING THINGS FROM A MORE WHOLE PERSPECTIVE IS IN THIS TYPE OF ASSESSMENT PROCESS IS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT, IT IS VITAL TO THE INTERPLAY OF THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED, ARE OCCURING AND WILL OCCUR IF THIS PROJECT GOES FORWARD AND TO ISOLATE ANY EVENT WITH OUT LOOKING AT THE WHOLE PICTURE IS A FOOL'S GAME AND LEADS TO DIRE CONSEQUENCES WHEN THERE IS A REFUSAL TO ASSESS THE PARTS THAT MAKE A WHOLE.

To look at this Project and refuse to relate to what's happening all over the world is a profoundly irresponsible way to make an evaluation in a decision making process that will affect the entire population of Yukon. Any regulatory and assessment processes that refuse to look at the big picture and then anoint the part with their blessing is refuting the interconnectedness of all things that plays out in literally everything we do on this earth.

At the last YESAB public meeting - - -- - - it was commented that YESAB could only look at the specific project of LNG in relation to its specific application to be installed or not installed, but the public found fault with that interpretation of the rules and for good reason. It is erroneous and faulty logic to interpret the rules as such because there can be no separation of the product that will be contained in that storage tank, the horrific monetary cost of that product and the cost to human and environmental health from whence it came to name factors that are worth serious mention. The issues of consequences as regards oil extractive practices as regards conventional gasoline, and refineries to produce oil, although not without major environmental concerns - these pale compared to the concerns that one has to consider as regards hydraulic fracturing to obtain natural gas and <u>the horrendous consequence to our atmosphere.</u>

- And most importantly in a hierarchal system of governance verses consensus and full collaboration with PEOPLE where all parties input is important and valued for their knowledge and where all parties have power and they are not token agencies whose decisions can be vetoed if another governing party does not like their knowledge as it interferes with their $ making plans, this loss of say in decisions that affect us is the most unhealthy form of governing that could exist. - - - - - People who hold positions that affect people and families and affect our environment and people who are given executive powers of decision-making on how our communities or lands are run and managed - - - - these people need to be accountable. Democracy is seriously being undermined nationally and it would be nice if Yukon carved out their own destinies at this point in time.

- As well – what is a community - - PEOPLE - - -communities ARE THE DECISION MAKERS – NOT A HANDFUL OF ELITES - - - the formation of committees, YESAB, the government they are people / FAMILY MEMBERS and as elected officials they are charged with carrying out decisions approved by the people, by their community members, We all know that democratic principles are really mis-handled on so many levels, and putting up with any institution that erodes democratic processes in order to push their own agendas is undermining our most sacred principles of democracy. It has been obvious from the beginning that Yukoners are dead against this conversion.

- In today's terms of oil and gas corporate takeover, humans are just users of a product and other than that of no value if it weren't for the fact they need millions of us to use that product, so we facilitate their making their billions. Our health and well-being are not only irrelevant to these industries, we are expendable – our life long hard work to build farms for instance is irrelevant, as are children and sick children are of no consequence to their love of profits. **There is no morality no ethics. By joining in and using LNG – we endorse the processes that have cost trillions of dollars of consequences to PEOPLE families. We endorse a process that costs:** the health of children getting chronic life-long illnesses; of workers who have died and left their families destitute; of whole communities that have had to leave and abandon their towns; of environments that are polluted permanently and will not recover for an estimated thousand years; OUR PLANETS ATMOSPHERE WARMING AT UNPRECEDENTED RATE – WHICH BY THE BEST SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE WILL CONTINUE TO WARM – EXHIBITING CONSEQUENCES FOR THE NEXT 2 GENERATIONS EVEN IF WE STOPPED ALL EMISSIONS TOMRROW AT 12 noon .

  DO WE WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT GENOCIDE TO OUR PLANET TO OUR NEIGHBORS, our wildlife our plants and vegetation our children of the world, OUR ATMOSPHERE;

YESAB in their reviewing the legitimacy of the LNG conversion project, to approve or not this project, prefers to not attach ethics or morality in their considerations. Having power and not being accountable to the life on this planet is not acceptable.

Might want to profoundly consider the implications --of such an approval if that would be the case, --

Where we are in time – in history – in our human relationship to our homes and family; to our villages or communities; to **our** urban centre where we procure our supplies – **our** city, our neighboring communities, our Territory - most importantly (as it's whole sustains us), to our neighboring provinces and Territories, to Canada ; to our international neighbors – other countries, and to the entire world our planetary home, with our inter-connected waters at home and near and far , our precious atmosphere - - - where we need to morally and ethically consider our survivals as it relates to all these interconnected aspects of life – material mineral our fellow human brothers and sisters, and our relationship to all species that share this planet.

You are living in the territories of 1st Nations peoples. This is their Home Lands – no matter what 'colonialist' power claims the non-native believes are his due rights - - -but that is a whole other story - but worth mention as it relates to respect and acknowledgement of valuing others, our neighbors and their unique historical knowledge of how you live with the land and how you don't live with the land.

It is a time in history for Yukon to significantly shift from the older views of mining and fossil fuel use to an emerging critical analysis of our human behaviors and belief systems and how that relates to the importance of understanding our relationship to fossil fuel use and how that relates to issues of human health, environmental health, health of wild life species, and maintaining the health of eco-systems, instead of using them for endless resource extraction.

Sharing this process with the public is a great marriage as it brings forward people who have different expertise. It provides those checks and balances most importantly, that are vital to Safety and Environmental integrity.

This project does not have “social licence” from Yukoners and it is a shame that the hard work that is done by the Board is viewed as advisory and we all know that this project has already been sanctioned and blessed by the oils and gas Industry and Stephen Harper and his minions the Yukon Party, and their minions.

In a world that exploits environment for profit, your roles hopefully provide safety for people and their families to be protected from the environmental infractions that undermine the health that is necessary and vital for our inter-connected eco-systems; and as well for the safety of the environment itself and for our precious Yukon wildlife, as well as our selves. This is critical I believe in your role as a Board. I pray that you all recognize that this project is a threat to human safety on many levels.

I am disgusted with the fact that your role in Yukon, thanks to the hierarchy under which you work and the laws and whoever made those laws, make you people toothless.

The Government can exercise Veto over you and your hopefully ethical role in the assessment part of the process. It begs the question - Why are you pawns in a charade that gives the public the illusion that we have a process that looks out for improperly thought out projects, inappropriate projects, unsafe projects, polluting projects and those fiscally motivated presented with fraudulent rationales and deception?

I would like to publically state it might be expedient for you all to consult with the public on your plight of being token assessors and ask them to question the government why your role is demeaned and sabotaged the way it is.

If the government isn’t happy that you find a project not safe, - because you are interfering with their object of profit, then the hell with the environment and the safety concerns of People who interact with that environment, and the hell with YESAB, YUB - - - the government is disrespecting your role and disrespecting the people of this Territory.

This exercise could benefit “joe” and “sally” public very importantly, as well, to raise some noise about poorly thought out projects. Your role to our lands and the projects that are submitted cannot be minimized.

It is now the situation that the decision to bring in LNG generators and storage tanks for LNG was conceived by the Yukon Party with their notion to manipulation the mentality that we should consent to fracking in the Yukon and concede to the justification that the oil and gas industry should be given free entry into our Territory so that Yukoners can source their own Natural Gas. Yukoners do not want any part of it.

YEC is falsely stating that Yukoners want this project.

Where how and when did YEC decide that Yukoners are IN FAVOR of this ????? It was asked by a member of the public at the YEC charette held _ date__ __ by a show of hands who wants LNG generators installed in our Territory. Only 3 people raised their hands out of an audience of approximately 80 people.

On YESAAB web-site – asking for public comment, almost all the people who submitted comments and gave many well researched, educated and expert responses of why this project should not go ahead. Again only a few responders thought the project should go ahead.

As well the generators were ordered before all the steps of the process were even barely started and where is the referendum of Yukoners on whether they deem this a wise decision or whether there are other more viable ways to address the concerns of 2 diesel generators in Whitehorse that supposedly need replacing, yet there are buyers lined up already who want the generators – so that must mean they can easily be refurbished for continued use.

The location chosen for the storage tanks, etc. is of critical concern. There are too many safety factors for too many people and infrastructures to see this as a viable location. There is no question that the site chosen is not a good idea at all.

Yukoners, if the government listened, want to introduce sustainable energy projects and they want their tax payers dollars invested in these endeavors, **and in the meantime want to continue to use diesel.** Many educated people have offered the viable and logical suggestion that they stagger electrical use and this would be a very successful exercise for Yukon's electric use.

I have always believed Yukon is unique in the world (for millions of reasons) and I believe Yukon could without a doubt be leaders in the world of hundreds of innovations using the best of the already successful and proven experiences of those people on the planet that have switched to renewable energy projects. We are such a small and remarkable Territory with people who have vast expertise as it relates to governing, energy, science, education, renewable energy tools etc. We are such a small population base and it is 2014 and all it would take is will and research to learn from the examples and successes of others on this planet.

Dawson Creek is a good example of a population that decided they wanted to reduce their carbon foot print and they should be our role models, and we should jump on this band wagon, not this manipulated scheme of bringing in LNG generators to our Territory.

As well, Statistically 95% plus of **Yukoners are vehemently opposed to** Yukon Party's full blown plans to bring Fracking to our Territory, and as well you could bank on it that at least 90% would not want to use LNG due to the issue of fracking but even more importantly – Methane release into the atmosphere is a CH4 nightmare with thousands of scientists in total agreement that we humans on the planet are asleep and we need to aggressively limit fossil emissions NOW. It is really nightmarish to have LNG forced down our throats and that people who are loath to use this . . .

The Select Committee was formed to instruct policy around the government's plans to frack Yukon (pun intended), not as some people may be misunderstanding, thinking the Select Committee is discussing the risks and benefits of hydraulic fracturing to facilitate a vote of whether or not to frack.

People from Govt. have been visiting big players in regulatory and policy setting arenas as of late and there has never been any secrets as to the governments evil agenda for this Territory, to allow our watersheds to be poisoned forever and to hell with our precious lands and eco-system that supports the most bountiful wildlife populations on the face of the earth.

People need to be conscious if they are being pawns and complicit to these schemes whether consciously or just not opening their eyes to that fact. Complicit is complicit. If Yukon ever is fracked god forbid, I personally would like to be part of a project that sets up a large stone monument naming every single name that played a part in the government's facilitating such brutal genocidal treachery on our Lands. Harper is just a passing phenomenon and his agendas brutalizing Canadian lands are unthinkable. How much more damage is he going to do before elected out.

Yukon is in a position to say no - - - - -What's wrong with everybody. Are our children and their children and our future generations not worth fighting this horrific land, air, and water destruction?

We will be leaving them nothing but a poisoned and toxic environment, and at the rate this world is going we more than ever need our healthy Yukon environment to remain healthy.

Elected and appointed leaders living in old industrial mentalities is not intelligent. Surely 30,000 Yukoners can stand up to this madness.

So, YEC has been solicited and mandated by the government to bring in this inadequate gas (hydraulically fractured) to Yukon Territory and YEC has been instructed to install LNG generators. Also separate from Watson Lake and Whitehorse being bullied, this - the Casino Mine that will be our next water shed POLLUTER is advocating LNG for their own use. Money will go to Yukon businesses, hotels, bars, liquor Corp, taxis, prostitutes, drug dealers, and Yukoners as usual will be stuck with the clean-up costs.

I pray you make the informed and detailed educated choice to reject this project and taking Yukoners down a road that they are statistically almost unanimously against having weighed out the issues and science and dangers associated with this project. By doing so you will have ethically and accountably spoken as members of the Yukon community and as people who hold employment charged with the job of determining if a project meets with standards that are sustainable and viable for our community.

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. Supporting methane extraction and using methane is already costing the planet trillions of dollars in consequences.

How can YEC stand on a primitive analysis that justifies Yukon using Methane Gas and that there will be no discussion of where that gas comes from, the consequences to our natural environments - our water –our air – our global atmosphere – our communities - the cost for millions of Canadians in personal losses, is horrific.. The losses that are being felt globally due to the billion dollar oil and gas conglomerates are increasingly sending out an alarm in the world that is unprecedented. The costs of the consequences are being described by people whether they be a family or a credited scientist who have worked intimately with the oil & gas industry honestly and articulately and the truth about methne . . . . . .

WHY is it being forced on Yukoners to use a gas we don't want? Yukoners are profoundly concerned with the consequences? How can you divorce yourself from the FACT THAT Yukon will reap those negative consequences from these initiatives to bring in LNG to our Territory:

Yukoners are already FORCED TO ACCEPT A RATE HIKE on their electric bill. I have a daughter who uses electric heat and her bill has doubled since the last rate hike from $300 to $600. And YEC is going for another 12% rate hike.

How does this rationale work to make the expenditures that will be incurred regarding this project from the cost of equipment, transportation of fuel, experts to take care of the supporting infrastructures and their on-going salaries, unforeseen costs all related, possible emergency equipment as might be needed to mitigate any accidents training for emergency personnel's and the list goes on and on. Has anyone added up the costs in entirety? It is irrational and irresponsible to entertain this conversion.

I thought we are given a brain to think with . . . . to discern all the factors of an interaction with the nature and physics of life and what those implications are and what possible consequences result from an action. – Are they good consequences that will benefit us or are they bad consequences that in the long run will not benefit us - -what are those consequences???

Yukoners are having a real tough time not looking at the issue of the interconnectedness of life on this planet and our behaviors and the consequences of our actions. As regards this PROJECT it is irresponsible and lacks accountability to not look at the issues of what LNG is and what is happening to our planet as soul-less corporations over-take our planet – without the permission of the populations that live where they set up to extract gas.

?Do we buy diamonds and divorce ourselves from the place of origin that people have been violently enslaved to labour of mining said diamonds - people have been killed – children forced to kill people. . . their own parents and are run by these cartels to kill women men other children for the ends of making a few rich and that their country is lost to killing fear and genocide - - - -for diamonds.

Yeh I guess we as North American are used to using product that is obtained and produced by people who are mis-treated and live in conditions of extreme poverty to satisfy our wasteful needs . . .and this is OKAY . . .Do you see anyone losing sleep over the fact that millions of people are being extorted and abused and how many are dying for our irresponsible and non-accountable life-styles. Not too many people lose sleep over this.

There are facts that no one in this room or Yukon can ignore - - - - - - The earth's atmosphere is warming and there have been Dire warnings for decades now. Ignoring the problem is not an option and while we still have a 'healthy' and 'seemingly' high functioning environment and we have not been in a flood, or a hurricane etc. – we don't know what that feels like nor have we had traumatic losses from those events - - - - how does apathy work for us ……. And how does divorcing a product that we are signing on to use from the environmental consequences of that product work for any of us????

In truth, to not consider that we breathe air and live in atmosphere that is warming all over the earth and is warming in the Yukon as well, is not an option. In Old Crow a whole lakes are just disappearing - sucking into the ground and totally disappearing - - lakes have been there as long as memory has existed by the people who have lived here for thousands of years.

How is using LNG a sound decision when its contribution to global warming is 105 times more potent in a 20 year graph than any other fossil fuel, due to the amount of methane that is mitigated into our atmosphere.

"We need to quickly start turning to sources of energy that have fewer negative impacts.. . .."

If we pollute the air, water and soil that keep us alive and well, and destroy the biodiversity that allows natural systems to function, no amount of money will save us.
David Suzuki

The damage that climate change is causing and that will get worse if we fail to act goes beyond the hundreds of thousands of lives, homes and businesses lost, ecosystems destroyed, species driven to extinction, infrastructure smashed and people inconvenienced.
David Suzuki

The increasing frequency of extreme weather events, droughts and floods is in line with what climate scientists have been predicting for decades - and evidence is mounting that what's happening is more severe than predicted, and will get far worse still if we fail to act.
David Suzuki

"Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed ... We simply need that wild country available to us, even if we never do more than drive to its edge and look in."
— Wallace Stegner, *The Sound of Mountain Water*

Thankyou ,

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