



## LIARD ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S SOCIETY

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### **LIARD ABORIGINAL WOMENS SOCIETY (LAWS) PARTNERS WITH LIARD FIRST NATION TO HOST "MOTHERS OF THE LAND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION " CONFERENCE IN WATSON LAKE MAY 30-JUNE 1, 2018**

The Liard Aboriginal Women's Society, in partnership with the Government of the Liard First Nation, is hosting a three-day conference on "Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation" with David Suzuki and Danika Littlechild as two of the main keynote speakers.

Ann Maje Raider, Executive Director, says "We are really excited to have David Suzuki, a long- time friend of Yukon First Nations, as well as Danika Littlechild, Vice-President of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, joining our Kaska Leadership, Elders and Youth Panels. As Mothers of the Land we are here to support Kaska citizens in directing their future in energy and resource management and how a sustainable future on the land relates to climate change impacts and adaptation."

The Liard Aboriginal Women's Society (LAWS) is a non-profit, charitable, community-based aboriginal organization providing social development services to the Kaska Nation in the Yukon and northern British Columbia. Their mandate is to address the needs of Aboriginal Women with the mission of restoring their dignity and safety.

Other Yukon First Nations, including Carcross/Tagish Energy Corporation CEO, Nelson Lepine, are travelling to Watson Lake to be a part of a conversation intended to ensure that governments recognize Yukon First Nations' efforts to support a sustainable approach to energy development in their regions.

"I am excited to support our Kaska neighbors in developing their energy strategy as all Yukon First Nations are moving towards energy and resource management sovereignty", says Nelson Lepine. It's an exciting time for Yukon First Nations in these sectors and I am sure we will play a stronger role as aligned Yukon First Nations directing Yukon's future as we plan to adapt to the impacts of climate change." says Nelson Lepine.

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