



## Yukon Kuskokwim Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

# August 12-14, 2020 Virtual Work Session

### *Current Economic Development Goals*

Our current regional economic development goals for the Yukon Kuskokwim are:

- Goal A. Grow Our Own: Develop an educated and well-trained regional workforce and group of future leaders.
- Goal B. Address Critical Housing Needs.
- Goal C. Support and Grow Local Business Development and Entrepreneurship.
- Goal D. Expand and Improve Regional Communications, Energy and Transportation Infrastructure.
- Goal E. Improve the Health, Wellness and Safety of the Region's People and Communities.
- Goal F. Create Resilient and Prepared Communities.
- Goal G. Cultivate Regional Coordination and Planning
- Goal H. Protect Natural Resource Harvests and Subsistence.

### *Work Session Objectives*

- Bring together **Working Groups** representing key community, Tribal, regional, state and federal partners and funders around YK CEDS focus area priority strategies and actions.
- Result in **detailed plans** with **clear 1 to 2-year actions** for YK CEDS priorities.

*The 2020 Yukon Kuskokwim Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Work Session is conducted for the Yukon Kuskokwim Region with funding from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.*

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# **YK CEDS: August 2020 Virtual Work Session**

## *At-a-Glance Agenda*

*Wednesday, August 12, 2020*

**9am – 9:45am**



**Opening Plenary**

*9:45am – 10am*

*BREAK and transition to Working Group Breakouts*

**10am – 12pm**

**Working Group Breakouts – BLOCK 1**



Subsistence



Housing

*12pm – 1pm*

*Lunch Break*

**1pm – 3pm**

**Working Group Breakouts – BLOCK 2**



Economic Development and Planning (Climate Adaptation Focus)



Energy

*Thursday, August 13, 2020*

**10am – 12pm**

**Working Group Breakouts – BLOCK 3**



Infrastructure (Transportation Focus)

*12pm – 1pm*

*Lunch Break*

**1pm – 3pm**

**Working Group Breakouts – BLOCK 4**



Education and Workforce Development

*Friday, August 14, 2020*

**2pm – 3:45pm**



**Full Group Work Session**

*3:45pm – 4pm*

*BREAK and transition to Recap and Community Q&A*

**4pm – 5pm**



**Work Session Plenary Recap with Community Q&A**

## Detailed Agenda

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### Opening Plenary

*Facilitator:*  
Shelly Wade, Team  
Project Manager,  
Agnew::Beck Consulting

Welcome to the 2020 YK CEDS Virtual Work Session! The Opening Plenary will kick off this year's virtual gathering with a prayer and land acknowledgement, an overview of the three-day session schedule, and a current update of the YK Region Story, where we are and where we want to be.

*Welcome:*  
Clarence Daniel,  
Community Development  
Director, Association of  
Village Council Presidents  
(AVCP)

Alaska Pacific University President Valerie Davidson will talk about priorities for regional action over the next two years with a focus on Tribal leadership and the YK CEDS goal to “Grow Our Own: Develop an educated and well-trained regional workforce and group of future leaders.”

Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson, Yup'ik, is the 12<sup>th</sup> president of Alaska Pacific University and the first woman to lead the institution. She joins the university after a distinguished career in health care administration, policy, governance, and advocacy.

*Opening Prayer and  
Land Acknowledgement*

Davidson is an enrolled Tribal citizen of the Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council. She was the first Alaska Native woman to serve as Lieutenant Governor of Alaska when her strength as a leader was needed to steady our state. She also served in the Governor's line of succession, having been selected by Governor Bill Walker and confirmed by the Alaska Legislature for this critical role. Davidson was appointed by Governor Bill Walker in December 2014 to serve as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services. While there, her visionary leadership and ability to manage difficult dialogues, diverse leaders and teams, and critical issues made it possible to expand Medicaid coverage to over 45,000 Alaskans, implement Medicaid Reform and negotiate the first Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact with 162 Alaska Tribes, the first of its kind in the nation.

*Keynote Speaker:*  
Valerie Nurr'araaluk  
Davidson President,  
Alaska Pacific University



Davidson previously worked for over 15 years as a national policymaker on matters affecting Self-Determination, Self-Governance, and Indian health and well-being. As Senior Director of Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, she represented Alaska Native communities and health needs at federal, state, and community levels. Davidson was also the spokesperson, chief political and legal strategist for ANTHC's Dental Health Aide Therapy Program, the country's first mid-level dental program.

Davidson currently serves as Trustee of the First Alaskans Institute, Commissioner of the Lancet Commission on Arctic Health, member of the Executive Advisory Committee of the Alaska Native Collaborative Hub for Research on Resilience, and member of the Foraker Group Governance Board. Davidson also serves on the Founder's Council of the United States of Care,



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a bipartisan organization dedicated to ensuring that every American has access to quality, affordable health care regardless of health status, social need, or income.

Davidson earned a Bachelor of Education with a specialty in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Bilingual Education from the University of Alaska Southeast and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law. She has deployed her education and commitment to her Native peoples and Alaska to advance a collective and holistic approach to Self-Governance and the well-being for all Alaskans.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Ms. Davidson.

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9:45am – 10am

**BREAK and transition to Working Group Breakouts – BLOCK I**

10am – 12pm



**Subsistence Working Group Session** (note: Housing Working Group happening at same time!)

*Facilitator:*  
Danielle Stickman,  
Network Coordinator,  
Western Alaska  
Partnership

The Subsistence Working Group will meet to discuss expanding local employment in natural resource research, management and subsistence decision-making at the community, regional, state and federal levels. Discussions will focus on ways to mentor younger generations to take larger roles in stewardship and resource management; how to better incorporate local, traditional and indigenous knowledge and concerns in fish and wildlife management; and ways to prioritize community-based participatory research. The group will map out an action plan for the next two years, including:

- Lead and key partner(s)
- A general scope of work and timeline for implementation
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### **10am – 12pm**



#### **Housing Working Group Session** (note: Subsistence Working Group happening at same time!)

*Facilitator:*  
Seth O'Brien, Community Development Coordinator, Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)

The Housing Working Group will meet to discuss Housing and Water-Sewer Infrastructure. Discussions will focus on ways to increase residential access to clean water through piped or hauled water systems as well as ways that regional housing authorities can access funding or partnerships for water and sewer infrastructure to help offset construction costs for new homes. The group will map out an action plan for the next two years, including:

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### **12pm – 1pm**

#### **LUNCH BREAK and transition to Breakout Groups – BLOCK 2**

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### **1pm – 3pm**



#### **Climate Adaptation Working Group Session** (note: Energy Working Group happening at same time!)

*Facilitator:*  
Diane Sam, Associate Grant Writer, Center for Environmentally Threatened Communities Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

The Climate Adaptation Focused Working Group will meet to discuss Hazard Mitigation and Climate Change Planning. Discussions will focus on ways to ensure all YK communities have active hazard mitigation plans and climate adaptation plans. The group will map out an action plan for the next two years, including:

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**1pm – 3pm**



### **Energy Working Group Session** (note: Climate Adaptation Working Group happening at same time!)

*Facilitator:*  
Natalie Hanson,  
Executive Director,  
Nuvista Light and Electric  
Coop, Inc.

The Energy Working Group will meet to discuss Renewable Energy Infrastructure. Discussions will focus on ways to build more renewable energy infrastructure in the YK. The group will map out an action plan for the next two years, including:

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*Thursday, August 13, 2020*

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**10am – 12pm**



### **Infrastructure Working Group Session (Transportation Focus)**

*Facilitator:*  
Eric Evon, Community  
Development  
Coordinator, Association  
of Village Council  
Presidents (AVCP)

The Infrastructure Working Group will meet to discuss Ice Roads and Winter Trails. Discussions will focus on ways to ensure sustainable maintenance funding sources for the Kuskokwim River ice roads, as well as improve trail marking and systems that provide real-time data on ice conditions on rivers and lakes. The group will map out an action plan for the next two years, including:

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**12pm – 1pm**

**LUNCH BREAK and transition into Breakout – BLOCK 3**

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**1pm – 3pm**



### Education and Workforce Development Working Group Session

*Facilitator:*  
*Fannie Black, Director of Programs,*  
*Yuut Elitnaurviat*

The Education and Workforce Development Working Group will meet to discuss Vocational Training for Regional Employment Opportunities. Discussions will focus on ways to increase regional vocational education and training programs in aviation, heavy equipment operation, construction and renewable energy infrastructure. The group will map out an action plan for the next two years, including:

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# **YK CEDS: August 2020 Virtual Work Session**

*Friday, August 14, 2020*

NOTE: The Agnew::Beck team, with assistance from other Working Group facilitators, will create a summary document for the Full Group Work Session.

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**2pm – 3:45pm**



## **Full Group Work Session**

*Facilitator:*  
Shelly Wade, Team  
Project Manager,  
Agnew::Beck Consulting

All CEDS Committee, Working Group members, and partners are invited to review and discuss across work groups the progress made over the previous two days to develop action plans for priority CEDS actions. This session will provide a summary review of expectations for working groups and partners to implement and monitor progress on the priority actions, including discussion of potential progress indicators.

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**3:45pm – 4pm**

**BREAK and transition to Recap and Community Q&A**

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**4pm – 5pm**



## **Work Session Plenary Recap with Community Q&A**

*Facilitator:*  
Shelly Wade, Team  
Project Manager,  
Agnew::Beck Consulting

The 2020 YK CEDS Work Session will conclude with a LIVE, STREAMED presentation of priority action plans. Work Session participants will also respond to questions from the YK community.

*Closing Comments*

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