History of the Coastal Zone Canada Association and Iqaluit 2020

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Presentation Outline

I. Brief history of coastal management in Canada
II. Creation of the Coastal Zone Canada Association
III. Past Conferences and Themes
IV. Iqaluit 2020
1960s/1970s

- Rampant pollution
- No environmental agencies
- Before Law of the Sea
- Sectoral approach to government
- No coastal management
The First Coastal Zone Management Conference in Canada was 1978

- Shore Management Symposium in Victoria, British Columbia (October 1978)
- Led to the development of the Victoria Principles
  - Recognition of the importance of shore areas
  - A cooperative approach to management
  - Policy and program coordination
  - Recognition of the role of local governments
  - The contribution of industry
  - The inter-relationship of shore activities
  - The protection of sensitive, unique, and significant areas
  - The right of public access
  - Information systems
  - Public awareness
Coastal Zone Canada Association

- Incorporated in 1993
- Objectives:
  - Promoting the understanding, appreciation, and awareness of the uniqueness and value of the coastal areas of Canada
  - Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information for the sustainable use and development of coastal areas in Canada
  - Accomplish this by hosting meetings, organizing conferences, and generating documents
- Focused on Canada’s four coasts:
  - East
  - West
  - North
  - Great Lakes
First Conference: Halifax 1994

- Over 700 attendees from 52 countries

- Call for Action included four themes, still relevant today:
  - Empowering local communities through community-based management
  - Strengthening coastal economies and dealing effectively with poverty
  - Recognizing the rights and interests of indigenous peoples
  - Integrating traditional knowledge with conventional science

- The first of 13 conferences held across Canada

- The conferences focus on the broad topic of coastal management
Recent Conferences and Themes

- Charlottetown, PEI 2010: Healthy Oceans – Strong Coastal Communities
- Rimouski, Quebec 2012: Time for Action
- Halifax, Nova Scotia 2014: Our Coasts; Legacies and Futures
- Toronto, Ontario 2016: Resilience through Collaboration
- St. John’s, Newfoundland 2018: Communities Adapting to a Changing World
CZCA Conference Locations

Coastal Zone Canada Association Conference Locations
Local Involvement and Influence on CZC Conferences

- Each conference is led by a Steering Committee, that report to the CZCA Board of Directors
- The Steering Committee and other supporters help shape the relevant issues
- Potential issues for the north:
  - The impacts of climate change on temperature, permafrost melting, reduced winter ice cover, shifting habitat, species migration …
  - Need for adaptation strategies and community resilience
  - Shipping in the Northwest Passage and Sovereignty/Governance
  - Economic development versus sustainable development
  - Protection of Inuit Culture and Traditional Lifestyles
  - Arctic decision making and cooperation
- Themes and issues influence the selection of a conference theme
Next Steps

• Listen and learn today

• Work through an exciting agenda for the meeting

• Identify key coastal issues and finalize a conference theme

• Develop a conference agenda that addresses the interests and needs of the northern community and the rest of Canada

• Sign up volunteers for the Outreach Committee

• Sign up volunteers for the Local Organizing Committee