

# Biographies

Board of Directors, Qulliq Energy Corporation

## Simon Merkosak, Chair

Mr. Merkosak was appointed chair of the Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) board on September 1, 2002. He was reappointed as chair on October 1, 2005 for a term of 3 years.

Prior to these postings, Mr. Merkosak was a director of the Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NWTP) from 1996 to 1997, chair of NWTP from 1997 to 1999, and acting chair from June 1999 to March 2000.

Mr. Merkosak has held many other elected and non-elected positions including Mayor of Pond Inlet, director of Toonoonik Sahoonik Co-op Ltd., director of the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce, and chair of the Okpik Youth Club.

He is the owner of Merkosak Construction, co-owns J.M. Sportswear with his wife, and operated successful businesses in the transportation and communication fields. Prior to entering the private sector, Mr. Merkosak served as the senior administrative officer for the Hamlet of Pond Inlet for ten years.

### Ron Roach, Vice Chair

Mr. Roach was appointed as vice chair of the Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) board on October 1, 2005.

He currently owns and operates 3 successful businesses in Rankin Inlet. Prior to entering into the private sector, Mr. Roach worked for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet, as well as, the Government of Nunavut and the Northwest territories. In addition, he also was employed by the Northwest Company as a store manager and also worked for the housing association.

### Ross Mrazek, Director

Mr. Mrazek was appointed as a director to the Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) board on September 1, 2003. He was reappointed for a term of 2 years on October 1, 2005.

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He was the Deputy Minister of Public Works and Services for the Government of Nunavut for four years before retiring in July 2003. During his tenure, Mr. Mrazek oversaw the development and implementation of the Ikuma I and II reports that led to creation of QEC and its subsidiaries, Nunavut Power Corporation and Qulliq Fuel Corporation.

Mr. Mrazek previously served as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Works and Service and before division, held regional and assistant superintendent positions in the same department with the Government of Northwest Territories. He has also operated his own construction company and acted as a building consultant and project manager.

Mr. Mrazek holds degrees in architecture and engineering from the University of Prague.

## **Colin Low-A-Chee, Director**

Mr. Low-A-Chee was appointed as a Director to the Qulliq Energy Board of Directors on September 17, 2004. He was reappointed for a term of 2 years on October 1, 2005.

Mr. Low-A-Chee worked for Etobicoke Hydro from 1979-1998 and held a variety of positions within the corporation such as President, Executive Director of Administration, Director of Management Services, Manager of Data Processing, and Senior Programmer Analyst. During this time, he completed an MBA from the University of York, Ontario.

Mr. Low-A-Chee moved to Rankin Inlet for a term of 2 years as operations manager for Piruksaijit Limited, an Inuit owned management firm.

Currently Mr. Low-A-Chee resides in Mississauga, Ontario and is the presiding clergy of the local ward of his church. He assists the Bishop in spiritual as well as material needs of the members and also in managing the church's financial and administrative affairs.

### **Gordy Main, Director**

Mr.Main was appointed as a Director to the Qulliq Energy Board of Directors on September 17, 2004. He was reappointed for a term of 2 years on October 1, 2005.

Mr Main, originally from Scotland, is the General Manager for the Northern store in Arviat, Nunavut, where he has lived for over 30 years. In addition he has served as a Member of Health Committee, Member if Educational Council and Member of Hamlet Council in Arviat.

#### Wayne Solomon, Director

Mr. Solomon was appointed as a director of the Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) board on October 1, 2005 for a term of 2 years.

He holds a diploma in both business administration and computer operations, as well as, CMA, CPA and ACMA designations.

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Mr. Solomon currently retains the position as CFO for Kitnuna Group. He has an extensive background in finance and experience in engineering.

## Mel Orecklin, Director

Mr. Orecklin was appointed as a director of the Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) board on October 1, 2005 for a term of 2 years.

He holds a Master in business administration, Master of Science, Bachelor of Science, a Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager designation and is a registered professional engineer in Manitoba and the Yukon Territory. In addition to his education, Mr. Orecklin also has extensive management and engineering experience.

Mr. Orecklin is currently the CEO of the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation.

## **Bob Aknavigak, Director**

Mr. Aknavigak was appointed as a director of the Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) board on October 1, 2005 for a term of 2 years.

He has extensive experience working for the government of Nunavut, especially in the field of finance and human resources. In addition to the public sector, Mr Aknavigak has also worked in the private sector.

Mr. Aknavigak currently resides in Cambridge Bay.

### Johnny Mike, Director

Mr. Mike was appointed as a director of the Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) board on October 1, 2005 for a term of 3 years.

He was a former employee of Nunavut Power and NTPC in Pangnirtung. Currently, Mr. Mike is the president and CEO of Nunavut Investment Group Inc.

Mr. Mike currently resides in Iqaluit, Nunavut.