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### **Young First Nations Lawyer & Activist Featured Speaker at KWIC World Issues Café**

PETERBOROUGH— On Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> First Nations lawyer and activist, **Caleb Behn** will headline the KWIC World Issues Café Discussion Series with a talk entitled: ***Law and Policy in the Anthropocene: "Fractured Land" as Advocacy 2.0.***



Caleb Behn is Eh-Cho Dene and Dunne-Za/Cree from Treaty #8 territory of Northeastern BC. He holds a Juris Doctor degree (Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability) from the University of Victoria, and recently completed his articles at Ratcliff & Co. LLP in Vancouver. Prior to his legal career, Caleb was the 'Oil & Gas Officer' for the West Moberly First Nations and the 'Lands Director' for the Saulneau First Nations.

Caleb's talk will explore the interface between indigenous law and environmental law with a focus on unconventional energy in Canada. He will also address the background to the film, *Fractured Land*, in which he

is featured, why the film was necessary to Caleb's work in North Eastern BC, and how it inter-relates with larger energy issues in the Anthropocene.

Caleb's people's ancestral territory in northeastern BC is the epicentre of industrial development in the Province with wind, hydro-electric, coal, timber, mineral and over 95% of the oil and gas resources in the Province. Caleb's research and legal work has focused primarily upon environmental and aboriginal legal issues in the context of unconventional energy development. Caleb is the Executive Director of the Keepers of the Water and the subject of the award-winning documentary film entitled "Fractured Land".

James Wilkes, KWIC Board of Directors, who will introduce Caleb on Saturday, notes that the "theme of Caleb's talk will span geographical boundaries. Although personally grounded in Caleb's lived experience, the stories will resonate with youth and all communities who are confronted with the complexities of extreme energy and resource extraction; it's a locally relevant global issue. Caleb is described as a dynamic, frank and provocative speaker – very engaging, so we are really looking forward to his visit."

**Law and Policy in the Anthropocene: "Fractured Land" as Advocacy 2.0** is held in partnership with the award-winning Saturday night ReFrame feature film, *Fractured Land* (Fiona Rayher and Damien Gillis, 2015; 74 minutes) which explores the impacts of energy development on Indigenous peoples.

Entrance to the talk is included with a ReFrame Festival weekend pass or rush tickets. Doors open at 7pm, Showplace Peterborough, 290 George Street. For more information, [kwic.info](http://kwic.info), or call 705-748-1680.

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Interviews may be arranged with Caleb Behn prior to January 30<sup>th</sup>, as well as during his Peterborough on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Kindly contact Julie Cosgrove at [julie@kwic.info](mailto:julie@kwic.info), or by calling 705-748-1680 to arrange.

The Kawartha World Issues Centre is a non-profit, charitable global education and resource centre serving Peterborough community and Kawartha region. KWIC's mandate is to promote dialogue and understanding of world issues to enable people to effect positive social and environmental change.