

- * Education and the creation of awareness of locally of the intersection of local/foreign policy issues must be fostered at all levels (elementary through post-secondary and amongst the general public as well).
- * It was recommended that the federal government continue to fund workshops in smaller Northern communities. This will foster community development and greater efficacy at the grassroots level.
- * Follow up-activities for fora such as this workshop are essential because they are part of a larger learning process and can only facilitate change and capacity building if they are on-going.
- * The University of Northern BC, as a university of the North, must make its activities more visible to the public. The community involvement and public education efforts of professors must be recognized as worthy and valuable by the university itself. UNBC should also make a greater effort to create awareness of its diverse resources and its ability to contribute to capacity building when it comes to addressing CFP matters.
- * Students and faculty at UNBC were encouraged to foster a "partnering program" with the community. This should also include course credit for community involvement.
- * Encourage local media to put more emphasis on the connection between local and international issues.

Concluding Comments

The Northerners involved in the workshop demonstrated that 1) there is a northern perspective on Canadian foreign policy, 2) they understand the many connections between local and international issues, and 3) they have a wide variety of talents which they can call upon in addressing these connections. They do not all think alike and frustration with the present process for developing foreign policy is apparent. Their capacity and opportunities to contribute to foreign policy development could be enhanced and participants urged the organizers to build upon this workshop in an effort to in turn contribute to this enhancement. Improved communication between northern communities and groups will be the key to success. The momentum resulting from this meeting must not be squandered and it is to be hoped that this momentum will spillover into northern jurisdictions BC.