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LOOKING NORTH renewed focus on Arctic aims at crafting new policy

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How about the "top 25" list of the top 25 through to the end of the century? It's a challenge to think about the future of the Arctic region.

Polar Prospects

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First of two northern conferences to start

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Whitehorse will act as the circumpolar ambassador this and next week with two major northern conferences examining relations among the North's neighbors.

The national forum on Canada's International Relations will be the first of five meetings on "Canada's Circumpolar Foreign Policy." It will begin on Saturday at Yukon College.

During the one-day conference, major themes to be addressed include Canada's relations with northern neighbors - Norway, Sweden, Denmark/Greenland, Finland, Iceland, Russia and the United States.

local residents a chance to express their views on federal policy," Paul Koring, a former Yukon journalist now with the *Globe and Mail*, has prepared policy issues and questions that will be addressed. In a similar way, what exactly is discussed at a circumpolar conference. Koring has offered these questions he hopes will be answered:

- "Aside from the often-passionate stakeholders championing policy, does such an effort have any relevance or importance for the overwhelming majority of Canadians?"
- "Does the creation of the Arctic Council really offer multi-lateral opportunities for pan-Arctic efforts? Or is it more likely to bedevil Canada's overwhelmingly important bilateral relationship with the United States?"
- "Should Canada, in the name of human rights, champion the political aims of indigenous peoples, especially in Russia? And what will be the consequent cost of the broader relationship with Moscow?"
- "Does a University of the Arctic matter, or is it a last-minute effort to find something to show at the first Arctic Council Summit?"
- "Should geography, rather than demography, history and trade, take a leading role in determining Canadian foreign policy?"

Policy needed

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vibrant and meaningful circumpolar foreign policy could bestow great benefits to Canada, says *Globe and Mail* reporter Paul Koring.

Problem is, most Canadians are disconnected and ambivalent about the North, he argues in Foreign Policy and the Circumpolar Dimension.

science, monitoring the Arctic seems a prerequisite for formulating policy.

"What is equally clear is that 'knowing' is hugely expensive.

"Consider this paradox: Perhaps the single most valuable contributor to the base of knowledge about the subsurface Arctic Basin today is a nuclear-powered U.S. Navy hunter-killer submarine, which has been dedicated to research by Washington." A circumpolar dimension to

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"Developing any strategy where such an element within Canada's North, let alone Nothing on the northern agenda seems more pressing. However, perhaps that sentiment will change here also hosting the 'Circumpolar Conference and Sustainable Development in the Arctic.' Taking place this Tuesday through Thursday also at College, just days after the national forum, this will be the circumpolar conference of its kind. Approximately 250 business, community, governmental and Arctic representatives from all eight circumpolar nations will discuss the practical applications of sustainable development in the North.

As well as the long list of international delegates, Canada will also be represented by officials of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Environment Canada, National Resources Canada, and local government officials. Speakers will include Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the former executive director of the United Nations Environment Program; Fran Ulmer, the lieutenant-governor of Alberta; and Sven-Roald Nyström, president of the Norwegian Sami Parliament.

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