

Speakers Report for January 2026

January Speaker

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Bruce Rhodes - Journey Through the Northwest Passage



Bruce Rhodes, a member of Richmond Hill Probus, will share his experience in September 2024 traveling by expedition ship through Canada's Northwest Passage and along the west coast of Greenland, with a focus on the troubling history of the community of Grise Fiord in northern Nunavut.

Bruce began his travel to the far north in October 2015 when he volunteered for a candidate running in the federal election in Yukon. In 2018 Bruce visited the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, halfway between

the Arctic Circle and the North Pole, his first of five journeys above the Arctic Circle. Since then Bruce has hiked on the west cost of Greenland as well as on Baffin Island and Devon Island in Nunavut (2022), visited Yellowknife and the north shore of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories (April 2023), circumnavigated Iceland by ship (July 2023), and hiked and visited Inuit communities, both inhabited and ghost towns(!) in northern Labrador and southeastern Nunavut (July 2024). Most recently, Bruce took part in a hiking expedition in eastern and southern Greenland (July 2025).

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