



Strengthening Environmental Governance Through Solid Waste Management (Prairies)

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Grey Eagle Resort & Casino
Tsuut'ina, AB (Calgary)

AARON CAMPBELL

Environmental Specialist, TSAG



Aaron Campbell has been working on First Nations solid waste management and infrastructure projects in Alberta since 2017 as part of the First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group's (TSAG) Sustainable Communities team. TSAG is an Indigenous owned and operated Not-for-Profit that provides support and training to Alberta's First Nations communities on water and wastewater treatment, fire protection, solid waste management, asset inspections, and through our virtual tele-health clinic. Aaron has a degree in Civil Engineering, with a specialty in Environmental Engineering from the University of Alberta and a background in water and wastewater systems, solid waste management, infrastructure, community planning, and project management. TSAG's Sustainable Communities team provides training to transfer station operators, school and community outreach, operator and manager support, capital project support, and solid waste management planning; through regular site visits and coordination with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and waste diversion organizations.

DANE HOLZ

Environmental Compliance Specialist, Fort McKay First Nation



Dane Holz is an environmental professional with experience working across northern Alberta, including the oil sands region, where he has supported environmental monitoring, land management, and regulatory compliance initiatives.

In his current role with Fort McKay First Nation, Dane is involved in managing environmental considerations within industrial development areas, with a focus on environmental protection and land use coordination. His work includes working with industry, contractors, and community stakeholders to support responsible land development and waste management practices.

Dane brings a practical, field-informed perspective to environmental governance, with experience addressing challenges related to industrial waste, site management, and regulatory requirements. His work supports sustainable development while aligning with the priorities and long-term interests of First Nation communities.

LOUIS LEDOUX

Councillor, Mistawasis Nêhiyawak



- Married to Sheila Marie LeDoux with a blended family of 5 children and 8 grand-children.
 - Worked at Mistawasis Nêhiyawak First Nation for 27 years in different capacities - Principal, Director of Education, Post-Secondary coordinator, Local Labor Force Development coordinator; the last 12 years as Director of Operations.
 - Had retired 2022.
 - Elected as Band Councillor April 2025 for a 4 year term, with portfolios in Education, Communications, and Housing.
- Had served as a board member for First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB) for a 5 year term which ended February 2025.
 - Elected to First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA) July 2025.
 - Served as a Trustee for Mistawasis Nêhiyawak for three terms.
 - Former school board Trustee with Prairie Spirit School Division.

In the spirit of Mistawasis we honour the Nêhiyawak traditions as we advance our Nation.
Mistawasis Nêhiyawak will protect our Treaties, our community, our lands and our resources.

LEONARD JOHNSTONE

Supervisor of Public Works, Mistawasis Nêhiyawak

Leonard has many years of experience maintaining and improving the Public Works department of Mistawasis. His work includes overseeing road maintenance, water and waste water systems, and essential services provided to the community.

AARON JOHNSTONE

Transfer Station Attendant, Mistawasis Nêhiyawak

Aaron maintains the day to day operations, ensuring services are running smoothly for the community. He also has experience operating and maintaining machinery that helps him focus on projects within the Transfer Station and Public Works department. His duties include keeping the facility safe, organized and operating efficiently.

CESAR FLORES

Lead Community Pathfinder, Green Action Centre



Cesar grew up moving throughout Central and South America but moved to Canada for university and has enjoyed every winter since moving here. He has received valuable life lessons in Northern Manitoba while gathering plants, ice fishing, and exploring the bush alongside friends and mentors. Cesar's exposure to rural and indigenous communities throughout his years growing up has fueled his passion, respect, and hope in grassroots movements and Indigenous knowledge to address the climate crisis, and create alternative modes of relating to the land and each other

DAVE BRASS

Team Lead, Solid Waste Management, SALT



Dave Brass, a member of Peepeekisis First Nation, began a career in solid waste management with the City of Regina in 2011. With over 12 years of hands-on experience across landfill operations—including roles as a scale attendant, transfer station attendant, hill attendant, heavy equipment operator, crew lead, and Supervisor of Collections—Dave joined the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Land Technicians (SALT) in 2023.

As Team Lead for Solid Waste Management at SALT, Dave brings strong operational knowledge, best practices, and leadership to support First Nation communities in Saskatchewan as they work toward their waste management goals. Dave works closely with both ISC regional personnel and the SALT team to illuminate the on-the-ground realities and challenges that communities face in managing waste.

DWAYNE GAUDRY

Director, Community Development, One Arrow First Nation



Dwayne Gaudry is the Director of Community Development for One Arrow First Nation in Treaty 6 Territory, Saskatchewan. With decades of leadership experience in Indigenous governance, land stewardship, infrastructure development, and community planning, he has become recognized for building practical, community-driven solutions rooted in both traditional knowledge and modern governance systems.

Dwayne leads initiatives in housing, public works, economic development, land management, agriculture, and environmental sustainability. His work includes advancing Treaty-based land strategies, integrated infrastructure planning, food security initiatives, and solid-waste management systems for First Nations communities.

He also manages One Arrow First Nation's bison initiative, supporting local food systems through herd management, value-added products, and community supply programs. His environmental work—including composting and waste diversion projects—has gained recognition across Western Canada, leading to presentations with First Nations and agricultural organizations.

A long-time motivational speaker and mentor, Dwayne has spent over 25 years working with youth and communities across Saskatchewan. He is known for blending strategic leadership with cultural values, emphasizing accountability, relationship-building, and community empowerment.

In addition to governance and development work, Dwayne is an accomplished competitive archer and advocate for discipline-based performance training, applying principles of focus, consistency, and mental resilience to both sport and leadership.

COLLEEN RUNNER WASKEWITCH

Elder, Tsuut'ina Nation

Colleen Runner Waskewitch is an elder from the Tsuut'ina Nation and is the Executive Director for Guest Services Resort Wide at the Grey Eagle Resort and Casino since May 2014 up to present.

She attended University of Lethbridge in 1981. However, her passion in hospitality was further strengthened when she finished a Certification of the Hospitality Management Program at SAIT in 2013. She shifted careers after years of serving different roles, on the Tsuut'ina Nation.

With different Executive Roles she had on the Tsuut'ina Nation. She accomplished a number of major projects. Among the projects that she was really proud of, was leading the negotiations for the Newly Formed Tsuut'ina Police Force's Tripartite Agreement.

Colleen is passionate about building relationships with the Citizens of Calgary, through her work in hospitality and in her personal life, while fostering collaborations on her many projects. When she is not at work, you can find her volunteering her time as Board Member (Vice President) on the Niitoyis Family Support Society, in Calgary. She has committed her time and skills to helping those dealing with Indigenous Women's Rights and Issues.

Colleen is also a Board Member of the "Advisor of Traditions and Lifeways" under Community Futures Treaty Seven Organization.

She was the Recipient of the Chief David Crowchild Award in 2020 and a Finalist for the Calgary Mayor's White Hat Award in 2018. She has recently won the 2025 Legacy and Leadership-Eagle Lifetime Award at Grey Eagle.

As a Tsuut'ina Nation Member, she has been integral to the Grey Eagle Resort and Casino, as an Tsuut'ina Ambassador and plays a key role in the communication, promotion and representation of the Tsuut'ina People's Culture and Traditions, while educating others on the Treaty 7 First Nation People. She also took responsibility of nurturing and training young Tsuut'ina Members who desired to have the hospitality experience.

Colleen was drawn to the Grey Eagle Resort for its vision to create a positive and lasting legacy for the Tsuut'ina Community and appreciates the opportunity given to her to be part of this vision. She takes great pride in the development and representation, within her community and the significant economic opportunities that will empower for generations to come.

In her spare time, she owns and operates a cattle and farming company called "Yellow Rose Ranch". She also shares a Gravel Truck Company called "Waskewitch Trucking" with her husband. She enjoys traveling, camping and fishing with her family in the great outdoors. Colleen was a finalist for the Mayor's White Hat Award in 2018.

Colleen loves her career and prides herself on being a hard-working professional and skilled ambassador. When talking with Colleen no matter what the situation, you can always expect open, honest, constant communication, integrity and professionalism.

Siyisgaas-Thank you

Resource Centre (RC) Presenters

AMANDA MISNAKOSHKANG

Environment & Solid Waste Management Advisor, Resource Centre



Amanda is a proud 2-spirit Anishinaabe and band member of Long Lake #58 First Nation. She was born and raised in Thunder Bay, Ontario, surrounded by the great outdoors and home to Nanabijou (the Sleeping Giant). Growing up Amanda spent a lot of time playing outside catching tadpoles, hiking, camping, learning about the land, plants and animals where her passion for the Land, Water and Environment was ignited.

Amanda holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, with a major in Geography/Geomatics from Lakehead University. Her academic journey cultivated a passion for addressing environmental challenges, particularly those faced by Indigenous communities. Over the years Amanda has worked closely with First Nations in various capacities. Her experience includes serving as a Geomatics Intern for the Matawa First Nation Tribal Council, where she honed her skills in spatial analysis, building capacity for in-house First Nations Geomatics technicians, and environmental monitoring. Amanda also held the position of Lands Officer for Long Lake #58, where she focused on community-led land stewardship initiatives, additions to reserves, resource and land management as well as chaired a community committee to focus on First Nation Governance.

Believing in the importance of integrating traditional knowledge with contemporary practices, Amanda devotes a 2-eyed seeing approach to land and resource management. This perspective allows her to bridge the gap between Indigenous wisdom and modern scientific methods, ensuring that land use reflects the needs and values of the communities she serves. Through her work, Amanda continually strives to foster a sustainable and equitable future for Indigenous peoples and their territories for generations to come.

In her spare time Amanda strives for the reclamation of her cultural heritage by learning Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwa language), practicing traditional hide tanning, Pow Wow trail and ceremony. Amanda wishes to pass the teachings of land stewardship, language, and ceremony down to her three children who she adoringly calls her "ravens".