

Natural Resource Management under the Framework Agreement

September 7 & 8, 2022

The following list of guest presenters is based on order of agenda.

MISSISSAUGA FIRST NATION



Keith Sayers – Lands & Resources Director

I was born in Blind River, ON and raised in Iron Bridge, ON where I currently reside. I am a registered member of Mississauga First Nation and have been involved with Lands and Resources since I graduated from W.C Eaket Secondary School and Sault College Sciences and Natural Resources Program.

My Lands and Resources Director role began with Mississauga First Nation in 2009. Before working with my First Nation community, I began my career with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources with the Fire Management program where my last role was an Initial Attack Fire Boss. From there I joined the North Shore Tribal Council as their Senior Forest Technician and had a short tenure with the Union of Ontario Indians as their Forestry Coordinator. During this timeframe I was working in between with my community on secondment to establish a Lands and Resources program and ultimately was successful in obtaining the full-time role in 2009 where a Lands and Resources program was established.

I'm an avid outdoors person who loves to hunt, fish (canoe & boat) trap, camp and share my experiences with family and friends. I'm interested in all sports and had the pleasure of coaching minor hockey and coaching our Mississauga First Nation Youth at past Little NHL hockey tournaments. I am also involved with Huron Shores Fire Department, where I serve as a Captain and enjoy the challenges as a volunteer to help people. As part of my officer role with the Huron Shore Fire Department I also received training in Emergency services and Incident Command Systems in Ontario.

In some of my spare time I like to go to my cabin where I go ATV/snowmachine riding, hunting and fishing or sometimes enjoy a good book or just sitting outside listening to the sounds of nature. When I'm in the forest I often find myself observing some of the forestry activities occurring within our Traditional Lands and observing the landscape for inconsistencies of management practices.

Over the course of my 30-year career I've obtained experiences in fire management (suppression, planning & prescribe burn plan writing), fish and wildlife enforcement as a provincial deputy conservation officer, forest management (planning, data collection, tree and boundary marking, timber permit administration), GIS applications and experience in teaching one semester in Forest Mensuration and Fire Protection (Aboriginal Student focus) for Anishinabek Education Institute under partnership with Sir Sandford Fleming College Forestry Program. I have also been involved in other administration functions of Natural Resources management which includes budgeting and contract administration, negotiation of federal and provincial contracts. Other materials of which I enjoy reading, analysing, and understanding are case laws, court decisions as they relate Aboriginal rights to the lands and resources.

NISICHAWAYASIHK CREE NATION



Gord Dumas – Executive Director

Gord Dumas, Executive Director for the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (NCN), Lands, Environment and Resources Department, responsible for management and supervision for all NCN Lands & Resource related based programs to include Land Code implementation and Country Foods Program to name a few.

OPASKWAYAK CREE NATION



Diane Ballantyne – Manager of Natural Resources

Hello, my name is Diana Ballantyne and a member of Opaskwayak Cree Nation and lived most of my life here. I come from a family of 7, two older sisters and 4 brothers. My late grandparents and my parents bought our family up at the trapline and fish camp in our teenage years. I am currently employed with Opaskwayak Cree Nation Lands and Natural Resource Branch, Manager of Natural Resources for the last 13 years. Our Mandate is land, water, fish, wildlife, forestry, mines and minerals, and climate change. Our Traditional Territories encompasses 614,272.8 hectares or 6,142 square kilometers.'

STS'AILES



Tim Felix – Compliance & Enforcement, Sts'ailes Lands Department

BINGWI NEYAASHI ANISHINAABEK



Aysha McNally – Community Energy Champion/ Coordinator (CEC)

Aysha is a Community Energy Champion/ Coordinator (CEC) with Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point) First Nation. She began her CEC role with the BNA in the summer of 2019 and has since completed training and has received certificates including the CEC training program with the IESO, in Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Ontario Fire Smart Communities Training, and in the Indigenous Clean Energy 20/20 Catalyst Program. She graduated from Lakehead University with an Honor Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Geography. Since working with BNA she has become the climate change point person for BNA, worked on several environmental projects with other BNA team members such as the biomass system for the BNA sawmill, the 3- phase transmission line project, a solar powered charging battery electric vehicle project, the BNA community energy plan, and has completed several energy audits. Aysha will continue to learn from webinars, community members, and conferences to further expand and share knowledge on renewable energy, sustainability, and conservation.

NTITYIX RESOURCES (WESTBANK)



Dave Gill – General Manager of Forestry

Since 2013 Dave has had the honour of being the General Manager of Forestry with Ntityix Resources LP, a Westbank First Nation-held natural resource company located in the heart of Syilx territory in the central Okanagan valley. He and his team coordinate the planning, operations, silviculture, and community and local stakeholder engagement on Westbank First Nation's (WFN) forest tenures.

Since graduating from forestry at UBC, Dave has worked for industry, his own consultancy, government, and First Nations in locations such as Haida Gwaii, Vancouver Island and various locations in the interior of British Columbia. Kelowna has been home for Dave and his family since 1999.

Today Dave's primary interest is in advancing ways to incorporate Indigenous and community values into all aspects of forest stewardship on WFN-held tenures and to continue earning the support of, and developing opportunities for, the WFN Community.

FINITE CARBON



David Stevenson – Director of Canadian Operations

David has been a professional forester in Canada for over 20 years and has worked with industry, consultants, and government. David joined Finite from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment where he led climate and offset policy development. While with the Saskatchewan Forest Service David led forest policy development, forest management planning, and forest renewal. David is a past President of the Saskatchewan Association of Forestry Professionals and is an active participant with the Canadian Institute of Forestry and the SAF.

KITSUMKALUM FIRST NATION



Troy Sam – Safety Officer / Field Tech

Troy joined the Land Management Committee to help the community transition towards a self-sustaining and self-governing role in land and resource management. He hopes to see Kitsumkalum align with other communities that are successfully operating under their own Land Code. Troy is an advocate for sustainable and responsible land and resource management, especially when it comes to the forests!

WASAUKSING FIRST NATION



Daniella Baker – Lands Manager

Daniella Baker, the Lands Manager for Wasauksing First Nation (WFN), administers the overall lands management operations, oversees natural resource management, community consultation, tax administration, and membership; and is currently completing Professional Land Management Certification with the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA). Since signing on with WFN in 2015, Daniella has prioritized building relationships,

establishing networks to meet the goals and objectives identified in WFN's Strategic Plan, and building on the community's capacity in ArcGIS software capabilities, parcel surveying, smartphone App development, UAV Basic Certification, and water/sediment sampling.

An Anishinaabekwe from Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Daniella has made Wasauksing First Nation her home with her family and hopes to continue to service the community and contribute to the growth of the Nation.

WUSKWI SIPIHK FIRST NATION



Dan Soprovich, M.Sc. (Zoology) – Treaty Land Entitlement Coordinator/Lands Manager

Thesis Title: Seasonal Patterns of Body Composition and Gut Morphology of Beaver (*Castor canadensis*). 2012-2022. Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation. Treaty Land Entitlement Coordinator/Lands Manager. Manage all aspects of a Treaty Land Entitlement (e.g., resolve Third Party Interests, work on agreements, pressure government, and track progress). Manage Reserve lands (e.g., agricultural leases, environmental elements). Manage consultation processes at the Traditional Territory scale (e.g., Moswa Management, Forestry Development).

1995-2022. Bluestem Wildlife. Wildlife Ecologist - Self-Employed. Environmental consultant on green energy projects (e.g., bats, birds, and amphibians for wind energy projects), land use planning (moose, caribou, muskrat), forestry development and Indigenous consultations on forestry development, Indigenous consultations (e.g., Bipole III Transmission Line, Moswa Management), Carbon Sequestration Project Species At Risk Implications, Traditional Land Use and Occupancy studies, and various other environmental assessment and forestry sustainability studies.

2000-2001. Instructor and Curriculum Development. Northland College - Environmental Monitoring. SIAST - Forest Ecosystem Technology. 1991-1995. Manitoba Natural Resources. Regional Wildlife Biologist. 1985-1991. Manitoba Wildlife Branch. Population Ecology Biologist. 1981-1985. Manitoba Wildlife Branch. Regional Wildlife Technician.

1974-1981. Fort Whyte Nature Centre, University of Manitoba Zoology Department, University of Manitoba Botany Department, Manitoba Wildlife Branch, Delta Waterfowl Research Station (Webster Fellow), Canadian Wildlife Service, and Ducks Unlimited Canada.

KITSUMKALUM FIRST NATION



Mag DeGrace – Land Planner

Mag has worked with the Kitsumkalum Lands Office since 2017. She started her position assisting with developing the Kitsumkalum Land Code and is now involved with its implementation. She enjoys working alongside a lands committee, membership, and other departments on bigger community projects. If you ask her... she needs to get out of the office more and get out on the land

LEQ'A:MEL FIRST NATION



Stephen McGlenn – Director of Lands and Natural Resources Governance

Stephen is the Director of Lands and Natural Resources Governance at Leq'a:mel First Nation. He has a background in Indigenous Community and Land Use Planning and First Nation Lands Governance. He has a passion for music, nature, education and teaching. Stephen grew up on a small family farm in Southern Alberta and now lives in Leq'a:mel with his fiancé, Bonnie, their dog Tula, and their two cats, Oreo and Phi-phi.

LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND



Stephen Jimmie – Director of Lands and Housing

I am a member of Squiala First Nation located in Chilliwack, BC. I lived in Chilliwack most of my life until I moved to the Nicola Valley in 2018 with my spouse. I have one daughter and four wonderful grandchildren that live in my home community in Chilliwack.

I oversee two sectors for the Lower Nicola Indian Band as the Director of Lands and Housing. The primary purpose of my role as the Lands Director is to lead the development of a land and environmental governance system that will enable the implementation of the Lower Nicola Indian Band Land Code. In addition, I am responsible for oversight of the Lands Department and land administration activities. The primary purpose of my role as the Housing Director is to lead the development of the social housing program through the implementation of the Rental Housing Policy. In addition, I am responsible for oversight of the Housing Department and the care and maintenance of the LNIB housing stock.

My achievements include an Associate Degree in Science (2000), Ch'nook Advanced Management Certificate (2008), a Professional Land Management Certification (2009), and a Masters in Business Administration Degree in the Aboriginal Business and Leadership Program through Simon Fraser University's Beedie School of Business in 2015. In addition, I have 16 years' experience working with First Nation communities in roles that include land, business, and financial management.

SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND



Sierra Stump – Lands Manager

I have been working for the Shuswap Band for 17 years in a variety of capacities and positions and currently serve as the Shuswap Band, Lands Manager which includes Public Works and Utilities. A mother to a son who is a Shuswap member with Okanagan, and Ktunaxa ancestry, I am proud to be able to support the capacity building within the Secwépemcúlecw. Planning for our future generations is first and foremost.

I carry with me over a decade of hands-on experience in First Nation lands management working on the development of laws, coordinating referrals, consultation, negotiations and Land Code implementation/management. I currently sit on the Board of Directors for BCALM as a Director and was Treasurer before that.

MAGNETAWAN FIRST NATION



Samantha Noganosh – Lands, Resources and Environment Manager

Samantha is a proud member of Magnetawan First Nation who works and lives in the community. She began in the Magnetawan Lands Department in 2015 as the Lands Clerk. Under the mentorship of the previous Lands Manager, Samantha had worked with various levels of Government, Ministries, industries, and proponents regarding Magnetawan First Nation Land. In 2020 she accepted the Lands Manager position. As well as her role in the Lands Department, Samantha was previously Deputy Chief in her Community bringing the foundation of her skills and experience full circle, from high level governance to on the land technical work.

ONE ARROW FIRST NATION



Dwayne Gaudry – Land Manager and Governance facilitator

One Arrow First Nation Land Manager and Governance facilitator since 2015. Completed Land Use Plan (2017), Environmental Management Plan (2022) and Solid Waste Management Plan (2022). Active with community planning and educational development.



Patti Wight – Manager First Nation Support Services, BC

Patti Wight is from the Squamish Nation and currently resides in the heart of Lheidli T’enneh traditional territory (Prince George, BC) where she has been working with the Resource Centre since 2012. Patti holds a Bachelor of Science in Geography with an environmental science focus from the University of Northern BC and also has a certificate in Indigenous Peoples Resource Management from the University of Saskatchewan. Prior to joining the Resource Centre, Patti was the Lheidli T’enneh Director of Lands & Natural Resources. Patti enjoys spending her free time in nature exploring and camping. She loves to travel and is always trying out new ways to prepare foods, teas and medicines.



Jackie Brown – Land Code Governance Advisor, BC

Jackie Brown is a member of the Kispiox(Anspayaxw), a BC community within the Gitxsan First Nation, Lax Gibuu (wolf) clan from the House (Wilp) of Wii Eelast. His Gitxsan name is Guiyee’is. After obtaining his Forest Technology Diploma at Northwest Community College (now Coast Mountain College), he worked in the forest consultant world for 8 years before moving his family to Prince George, BC. He was the Forestry Coordinator at Lheidli T’enneh Nation for 7 years before joining the BC Government as a Senior Advisor, First Nation Relations within the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development for 3 years.



Adam Wright – Planner, Land Code Governance

Adam Wright is a registered professional planner (RPP, MCIP) and works as a Land Code Governance Planner with the First Nations Land Management Resource Centre. Over the past 10 + years Adam’s work has spanned various sectors including private, non-profit, government and academia with a specific focus on the planning processes that regulate and guide land development on First Nations land. In his role with the Resource Centre, Adam provides land-use planning support to signatory Communities which includes offering any relevant expertise, resources, information, advice and guidance.



Jennifer Predie – Manager, Land Code Governance

Jennifer Predie is a member of Six Nations, Onondaga. She is a professionally certified First Nations Land Manager with an applied degree in Environmental Management and diplomas in Terrain and Water Resources. Jennifer began her professional career in 2000 as an Environmental Scientist with EBA Engineering Consultants in Edmonton, AB. In 2002, Jennifer moved to Regina, SK to work as a Fish Habitat Biologist with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and in 2006, she transferred to the DFO Parry Sound, ON District office where she became their Senior Habitat Biologist. In 2013, Jennifer accepted a position as the Lands Manager for Wasauksing First Nation, located on Parry Island in Georgian Bay, leading the First Nation to the successful ratification of their Land Code in 2017.