

Speakers Bios

Angie Derrickson – RC, Manager: Training, Mentorship & Professional Development

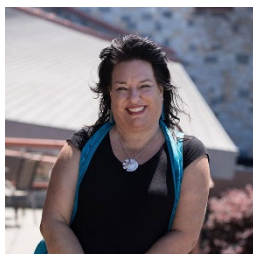


Angie Derrickson is a proud member of Westbank First Nation, which is located in south central British Columbia, Canada.

Her career started at Westbank, with roles in Administration, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Senior Lands Officer from 2000 to 2010, while completing her Professional Lands Management Certification at the University of Saskatchewan in 2009. She later contributed to the development and delivery of Parts 1, 2, 3 of the BCAFN Governance Toolkit.

In June 2013, Angie was delighted to join the RC team and has since completed JIBC Associate Certificate in Training & Facilitation and continues to support strategic approaches for Training, Mentorship and Professional Development for Land Management across Canada.

Lise Steele – Coordinator: Training, Mentorship & Professional Development



Lise Steele is a proud member of the We Wai Kai Nation, located on both Vancouver and Quadra Island's. After moving back home to the Quinsam Reserve in Campbell River in 2001, Lise changed her career path by attending the University of Victoria where she earned a certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization; while teaching the language she became interested in LANDS which then lead her into the position of Land Code Coordinator for the We Wai Kai Nation. Lise continued her studies by attending Thompson River University – Tulo Program for First Nations Tax Administration and is a certified tax administrator. Lise accepted a position with the Resource Centre in 2016 and had has worked as a field technician on Vancouver Island as well as Event Planner for the organization.

Robert Louie – Chairman, Lands Advisory Board (LAB)



Robert Louie, LL.B., OC, of Kelowna, B.C. is the former Chief of the Westbank First Nation. He is also the Chairman of the First Nations Lands Advisory Board and Chairman of Peace Hills Trust (Financial Institution). He served as a Board of Governor member with the University of British Columbia and as a member of the President's Advisory Council of the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBC-O).

Robert Louie is a former practicing lawyer who specialized in native law. He is also the owner of several successful businesses in the Kelowna area.

Austin Bear – Chair, First Nation Land Management Resource Centre (RC)

Carl Austin Bear has served 12 terms as the Chief of the Muskoday First Nation. He also chairs the First Nation Lands Advisory Board Resource Centre and is President of the National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation.

His vision of balance in all areas of personal and community life has inspired his commitment to develop a healthy and safe community which continues to undergo positive economic growth.

Austin Bear resides on the Muskoday First Nation with his wife, Robina, and their family of rescued pets.

Andrew Beynon – RC, Law Making & Enforcement Advisor

Andrew Beynon has over thirty years experience working on First Nation lands and self-government. Andrew has worked on land development, environmental protection, environmental assessments, additions to reserve and treaty land entitlement, economic development, specific claims, federal-provincial agreements, optional self-government legislation, taxation, infrastructure projects, reform of federal funding agreements, work with First Nations drafting laws and many other areas.

Andrew was Canada's lead lawyer on the Nisga'a treaty and has considerable experience with negotiations as well as drafting and has appeared on numerous occasions before Parliamentary Committees. Andrew is one of the authors of "Modern First Nations Legislation Annotated", a legal publication which includes a chapter dealing with the Framework Agreement and the federal legislation which ratifies the Framework Agreement.

Kevin Broughton – RC, Enforcement Advisor – East

Kevin Broughton served 33 years with Ontario Provincial Police retiring in Thunder Bay Ontario. Kevin served across Ontario in the capacity of Provincial Constable posted to Schreiber, Temagami, Rolphton, and Pembroke. Kevin was promoted to the rank of Identification Constable posted to the Kenora, London, retiring from the Tillsonburg Forensic Unit.

Kevin has worked extensively with First Nation communities throughout northern and southern Ontario. After retiring, Kevin worked for the Ontario College of Trades as an Inspector, Manager of Investigations and Hearings and Project Manager for their new Records Management system.

Some of Kevin's Career Highlights: OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Diver, Marine Operator, Certified in Clandestine Drug Lab Investigation, and handling of Chemical Nuclear Biological Warfare agents, Court Qualified to offer opinion evidence in all three levels of Court including a Coroners Inquest. As a member of the investigative team in the capacity of Forensic Identification officer, he was involved in 50 plus CIB cases, some being the largest homicide investigations in Ontario. Kevin was appointed and served as Fire Chief in Temagami Ontario.

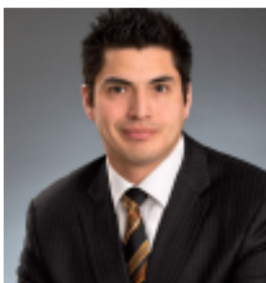
Bill Henderson – Legal Advisor, LAB

Bill Henderson is a sole practitioner based in Toronto who practices law on behalf of several First Nations in Ontario and across Canada. He has been representing First Nations since his call to the Ontario bar in 1982 in matters ranging from land claims, economic development projects, governance and litigation at all levels of the Ontario and Federal courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and various tribunals.

Since 1994, Bill has been an advisor to the Lands Advisory Board and to the Resource Centre in relation to the 1996 Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management, its subsequent amendments and implementation issues, and he continues in that role.

Gail Starr – RC, Environment & Enforcement Advisor – BC

Gail Starr is a member of the Seabird Island First Nation in the Sto:lo (people of the river) Territory located in the Upper Fraser Valley in BC. Gail joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1987 she completed the Police training program in Regina, SK. She was transferred back to BC working in Northern BC, after seven years she was posted to central BC, four years after that she was posted to her home territory in the Upper Fraser Valley. All Gail's service was in First Nations Policing. After 30 years service Gail retired from the RCMP. In 2017 Gail accepted a position with First Nations Land Management Resource Centre as the Environment and Enforcement Advisor for the BC Region.

Aaron Starr – Muskoday First Nation / McKercher LLP Barristers & Solicitors

Aaron Starr is a member of the Star Blanket Cree Nation and obtained his Juris Doctor in 2011 from the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. Prior to this, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts with Distinction from the University of Manitoba while playing for the varsity hockey team. Aaron was admitted to the Saskatchewan Bar in May, 2012 and joined McKercher LLP as an articling student. Aaron was invited to join the partnership in 2019.

Aaron Starr has a practice that focuses on corporate and commercial law, real estate, estate planning, First Nations legal issues, including natural resource development, Trusts, providing both strategic business and legal advice to clients in developing projects on First Nation Lands. He also provides advice to First Nation's economic development corporations and businesses on the operational side of such agreements, general corporate/commercial matters, negotiation and formation of joint ventures and partnerships and business and asset acquisition transactions. Mr. Starr has also worked closely with First Nations on governance issues including drafting bylaws, legislation, policies and Land Management regimes.

Michelle Delorme – RC, Environment & Enforcement Advisor – SK

Michelle Delorme is a member of Muskeg Lake Cree Nation within Treaty 6 Territory in Saskatchewan. Michelle attained her J.D. from the University of Saskatchewan where she concentrated her studies on First Nations legal issues and corporate law.

After being called to the Bar of The Law Society of Saskatchewan in 2010, she worked in private practice and represented hundreds of residential school survivors within the Independent Assessment Process. She has also spent time as an instructor within the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan.

Michelle's practice has focused primarily on Aboriginal, environmental and corporate law. She has experience in areas that are based exclusively on the legal issues of First Nations people across Canada, including Specific Claims, land and economic development, trust drafting and taxation law matters. Michelle has appeared in all levels of court in Saskatchewan. She is an advisor on the environmental and enforcement team for the Lands Advisory Board and Resource Centre.

Chief Nicole Rempel – K'omoks First Nation

Nicole Rempel is a proud member of the K'omoks First Nation and is beginning her second term as elected Chief of K'omoks. Prior to her election to Chief in 2017, she drafted their Land Code while also attending the University of Saskatchewan for a certificate in Indigenous Peoples Resource Management as well as NALMA training and is now a certified Lands Manager across Canada.

John Burns – Donovan & Company

John has a Master's degree in Canadian Aboriginal Law and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. John's exclusively Aboriginal-side practice focuses on three main areas: Aboriginal rights and title, Corporate Commercial and Governance -

First Nation Land Management Act (Land Code): established leading case law on Land Code and First Nation Law enforcement; First Nation taxation; Service Agreements and Tripartite Agreements; Trusts and First Nation wealth management.

John has also successfully represented clients from start to finish in the Specific Claims process; B.C. Supreme Court; the Tax Court of Canada; and the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as regulatory hearings on major natural resource projects.

Tania Solonas – McLeod Lake Indian Band

Tania Solonas is a member of the Tse'Khene Nation (People of the Rocks) & grew up in McLeod Lake, BC. She recently completed certificates in First Nations Applied Lands Management & Tax Administration at the TULO Centre for Indigenous Economics at TRU. Passionate about helping move the community forward with sustainability in mind, Tania is the Land Management Officer for the McLeod Lake Indian Band. She enjoys walking, hiking, being a member of the Tse'Khene Fire Department, various boards & committees, along with bringing her daughter to Girl Guides and various extra-curricular activities. Thankful for a loving family and being an active Steward of the Land.

Cheryl Knockwood – Membertou First Nation

Cheryl Knockwood is an L'nu and proud citizen of the Mi'kmaw Nation. Cheryl received her B.A. (honours) in anthropology from the University of New Brunswick. She later earned an LL.B. from the University of British Columbia and completed her LL.M. in Indigenous peoples' law and policy at the University of Arizona.

For 13 years, Cheryl worked as a senior policy analyst with the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs, where she gave strategic advice in areas such as fisheries, environment, treaty education and economic development to the Mi'kmaw, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy chiefs and communities. Cheryl was called to the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Bar in 2009, becoming the first Mi'kmaq-speaking female lawyer in Nova Scotia.

Currently, Cheryl is working for Membertou as a Governance Coordinator where she assists Membertou with the development of its laws in relation to Land Management and Citizenship.

Chief Gerry Duquette Jr. – Dokis First Nation

Gerry is from Dokis First Nation, located on the beautiful Upper French River. He graduated from the Native Land Management Program at Cambrian College and began working for Dokis First Nation in 2003 as the Land Code Coordinator.

In 2006, he joined the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA) as the bilingual (French & English) Resource Officer and the Quebec/Labrador First Nations Coordinator. Gerry returned home to Dokis First Nation in 2010 where he accepted the position of Consultation Coordinator. Since 2010, he led the passing of the Dokis Land Code, was the Ratification Officer for the Okikendawt Hydro Project and the Okikendawt Hydro Trust, was a Certified Verifier for the First Nation Land Management under the Framework Agreement and is frequently sought after as a resource by other First Nations to support them throughout their Land Code journey. Gerry is currently serving his second term as Chief of his community.

Kerrie Blaise - Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)

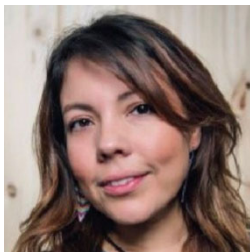
Kerrie Blaise is a staff lawyer at the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) for Northern Ontario. Kerrie is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School (2015) and completed her articles with the Environment and Law Tribunals Ontario (2016). Kerrie has an MSc from the University Edinburgh (2010), where she studied offshore oil regulation and marine protection, and has a BES from York University (2009). Kerrie frequently appears before administrative tribunals on matters of public and environmental importance and provides guest lectures at conferences, law schools and at public legal education events on topics of energy, environmental assessment law, source water protection in Indigenous communities, and environmental justice.

Jennifer Predie – RC, Environment & Enforcement Advisor – East

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.

A proud Haudenosaunee citizen, Jennifer resides just outside Parry Sound, ON, in the traditional territory of the Anishinabek, specifically of the Wasauksing First Nation, with her husband, Jason, and six-year-old daughter, Ava.

Stefanie Recollet – RC, Waste Management Specialist

Stefanie Recollet is a member of Wahnapiatae First Nation, in Northern Ontario. She is from the Crane Clan and a proud Anishinaabe kwe. Stefanie's academic background includes a bachelors in Law, a certificate in Community Development and she holds numerous certifications related to land and environment management.

She spent 6 years working in Environmental Management within her home community before moving to Waabnoong Bemjiwang Tribal Council as the Waste Management Coordinator. She has since joined the Resource Centre's Environment and Enforcement team as the Solid Waste Specialist where she leads the development of strategies for improving environmental governance in solid waste and is a resource in law development, management planning, implementation and protections.