



Strengthening Environmental Governance Through Solid Waste Management (West)

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DEANNA HONEYMAN

Lands & Property Taxation Manager, Ch'iyáqtel



Deanna Honeyman is a proud member of the Sechelt Indian Band and has been working with First Nations communities since 2003. She currently serves as the Lands and Taxation Manager for Tzeachten First Nation, where she has worked since 2008. Deanna began as the Property Taxation Administrator and, in 2011, assumed additional responsibilities in lands governance, leading to her current role.

In her position, Deanna oversees the comprehensive management of Tzeachten's Lands Program and Lands Registry under delegated authority through the First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA). Her responsibilities include supervising lands and taxation staff, developing annual work plans and departmental budgets, and administering over 2,500 tax folios across seventeen residential leases, seven light industrial leases, and four commercial leases. She also ensures compliance with development and building permit processes and plays a key role in drafting and enforcing land-related laws and policies for the Nation.

A graduate of both the First Nation Tax Administration Program and the Indigenous Economics Program at the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics—where she was valedictorian—Deanna now regularly returns as a guest lecturer, sharing her expertise with the next generation of Indigenous tax administrators and economic leaders. In 2025, she was honored with the Trailblazer Award from the First Nations Lands Advisory Board for her leadership and innovation in the field. In August 2024, Deanna was invited to participate in the Indigenous Student Seminar on Reviewing Indigenous Economies at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

Deanna has completed her Indigenous Business Leadership MBA at Simon Fraser University, graduating in 2026. She continues to contribute to strategic planning that balances economic self-sufficiency with member wellbeing, grounded in Indigenous values and governance principles.

STEPHEN JIMMIE

Director of Lands & Housing, Lower Nicola Indian Band



Stephen is a senior Indigenous leader with nearly two decades of experience in lands governance, housing, and economic development within First Nations communities in British Columbia. He is a member of the Squiala First Nation and currently serves as Director of Lands and Housing for the Lower Nicola Indian Band, where he leads the development and implementation of land and environmental governance systems under the Lower Nicola Indian Band Land Code, as well as community housing policies and program delivery.

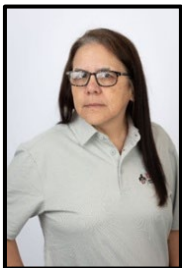
In his role, Stephen oversees land administration, departmental leadership, and the design of governance frameworks that support Indigenous jurisdiction, sustainability, and long term community planning. His housing portfolio includes the development and implementation of housing policies and the stewardship of community housing assets.

Stephen brings extensive governance and leadership experience to his work. He is a Director of Squiala Holdings LP, the business arm of Squiala First Nation; President of the BC Aboriginal Land Managers Association; and a Director of the National Aboriginal Land Managers Association, contributing to policy development, professional standards, and capacity building for Indigenous land managers at both provincial and national levels.

He holds a Master of Business Administration Degree with a specialization in Indigenous Business and Leadership from Simon Fraser University's Beedie School of Business. His credentials also include professional certifications in Aboriginal Land Management through the Professional Land Management Certification program and advanced business management through UBC's Sauder School of Business Ch'nook Indigenous Business Education program. Stephen's professional approach is informed by practical experience, adherence to robust governance principles, and a strong commitment to supporting Indigenous self-determination through effective land and housing systems.

LUCINDA PHILLIPS

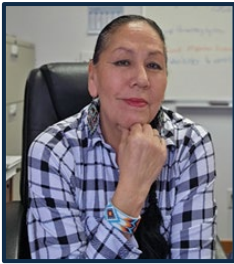
Executive Director, Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG)



Lucinda Phillips is a proud member of Lil'wat Nation in BC. Lucinda has over 20 years of experience working with First Nations organizations in a variety of departments. Lucinda was the Chief of her community from 2011-2015 and on Council for many years. She has been with IZWTAG (Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group) as the Executive Director since 2019 and quite enjoys her time working with all First Nations within BC. Lucinda's favourite hobby is raising her cows, horses, mule, 16 chickens and 6 ducks on her farm.

YOLANDE ELLIS

Land Management Coordinator, McLeod Lake Indian Band



I joined MLIB as Land Management Coordinator in 2024 after working as Lands Coordinator in 2023, and I feel grateful to be part of work that is so important to our community. I hold a BA in Indigenous Administration from Yellowhead College in Edmonton, Alberta, which has helped shape the way I approach this role. A big part of my work is helping protect MLIB's lands and reserves for future generations while supporting the Band's vision and mission. I lead the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan and Land Use Plan to help ensure our work stays connected to MLIB's long-term goals. I also coordinate the Land Management Committee and support updates to the Land Code and other land and environmental laws. My responsibilities include helping draft and revise laws related to environmental protection, development, animal control, trespass, forestry, and member allotments. I also serve as Enforcement Officer and Animal Control Officer, manage the Land Registry, and oversee permits, inspections, compliance tracking, and the Animal Control Program. What I value most in this role is being able to support the community through careful planning, strong relationships, and work that helps protect our land for the future.

BILL PATON

Field Services Specialist, Major Appliances Recycling Roundtable (MARR)



Bill Paton has been contracted as the Field Services specialist for MARR for six years, and has travelled to most MARR sites. He helped develop the MARR Accepted Products manual, and has worked training technicians in Ozone Depleting Substances removal.

Previously he was the Field Services manager at Recycle BC, including working with the FNRI (First Nations Recycling Initiative) representative.

He holds a Master's of Science degree in Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability.

He also maintained a part time commitment with the Canadian Forces reserves, where he deployed to Bosnia in 1998 and Afghanistan in 2008, and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer in 2026. He has climbed mountains on all seven continents.

The Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR) is a not-for-profit stewardship agency created to implement and operate a stewardship plan for end-of-life major household appliances in the province of British Columbia (BC) on behalf of the major appliance "producers" who are obligated under the BC Recycling Regulation. Products include: Fridges, Freezers; Window and portable air conditioners; Dehumidifiers; Cooking ranges; Built-in microwaves; Range hoods; Clothes washers and dryers; Dishwashers; Food waste disposers; and Electric beverage dispensers.

Resource Centre (RC) Presenters

AMANDA MISNAKOSHKANG

Environment & Solid Waste Management Advisor



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".

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. In 2002, Jennifer received a four-year Ministerial appointment as a member of NACOSAR (National Aboriginal Council on Species at Risk) and was subsequently elected as one of the committee's co-chairs.

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. Jennifer is married and has an 11-year-old daughter. She most enjoys reading, fishing, boating, and spending time with family and friends at her cottage on Georgian Bay.