

First Nation Approaches to Land Use Planning Under the Framework Agreement

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MALAHAT FIRST NATION



Melissa Tokarek – *Director of Lands and Environment*

Melissa has recently joined the Malahat Nation, supporting them in implementing their Land Code in the role of Director of Lands and Environment. A member of the Tl'azt'en Nation, she grew up in north central British Columbia, however, has planted her roots on Vancouver Island where she is raising her two sons with her husband.

She is an environmental practitioner and registered professional agrologist with over 15 years of experience working with federal, regional and first nation governments in various roles, but specializing in land and natural resource management, waste management and contaminated site management.

LAC LA RONGE INDIAN BAND



Ty Roberts – *Reserve Lands Manager*

Ty is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band and he is currently the Reserve Lands Manager in the Lands & Resources department at the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. Ty Roberts has over ten years of experience in environmental science and soil science.

His expertise and training are in environmental science, soil science, environmental monitoring, and protection. During his time with previous employers, Ty has been involved with numerous mining/downstream oil and gas projects throughout Saskatchewan and Western Canada. He has participated in project planning, field data collection, data analyses, and report preparation on multiple project types.

Ty has experience coordinating and leading field activities, including oversight of field logistics, supervision of staff, and working within defined budgets in all aspects of project implementation and delivery. He is familiar with provincial and federal environmental regulations as well as permitting requirements.



Alice Sasines – *Community Planner*

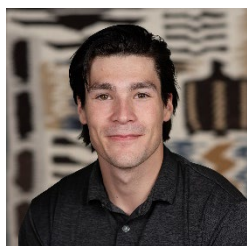
Alice took on the role of Community Planner in 2008, when her First Nation received their land base, with the responsibility of planning for the building of a new community.

During the first couple of years, she worked with my project team and planning committee to develop a Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP). As they had a new land base, they decided to develop a Land Use Plan at the same time, which won a Canadian Institute of Planners award.

In the last 16 years, Alice has taken on many different roles, such as project manager, proposal writer, mentor to other First Nations developing their CCP, presenter and facilitator for CCP conferences, Land Code coordinator, and so much more.

Alice's latest project is the construction of six houses in 2024, with four more in 2025, and the construction of a Women's Shelter that will serve the six First Nations within the Greenstone area and will be completed in 2025. Then, it is time for retirement.

CH'ÍYÁQTEL FIRST NATION



Hayden Gilderson – *Councillor*

Ey Swayel. Hayden is the grandson of Elder Eva Campbell and the great-nephew of Chief Glenda Campbell, the first female chief of Ch'íyáqtel (Tzeachten). He has lived on reserve his entire life, grounded in the traditions of his community and inspired by the leadership of his family and past leaders.

Hayden holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Trinity Western University, with a specialization in management, and is furthering his studies at the TULO Centre for Indigenous Economics. With five years of experience in the Ch'íyáqtel (Tzeachten) Lands Department, he has a strong passion for advancing the welfare of the members through effective land management, tax jurisdiction, and economic development, as well as utilizing the resources provided by the Lands Advisory Board (LAB) and the Resource Centre.

As the community continues to assert jurisdiction over their lands, he believes it is essential to balance responsible stewardship with pursuing economic prosperity. These lands are not just assets; they are a source of life, identity, and well-being for the people. Through stewardship efforts, the responsibility to care for and protect the land is paramount, but so is the need to seize opportunities that create sustainable economic growth, improving the quality of life for the community.

Hayden's work is driven by this dual purpose, ensuring that the connection to the land is honored while fostering economic initiatives that build capacity, create opportunity, and enhance the overall well-being of the community. Collaborating with institutions like the Lands Advisory Board and the Resource Centre supports Framework Agreement First Nations in managing their lands in ways that respect traditions and meet the needs of future generations.



Fabian Sinclair – *Land and Trust Services Resource Manager*

Fabian Sinclair, a member of the Chemawawin Cree Nation, is deeply involved in his community. Growing up, he was immersed in the traditions and culture of his people, who have long relied on the land for survival through trapping, hunting, and fishing. At the young age of eight, Fabian began working alongside his father on a fishing boat, learning that livelihood and resilience were more essential than formal schooling. His grandparents were survivors of residential schools, which influenced the family's approach to education during his early years. Over time, Fabian gained extensive experience in various trades, including carpentry and policing. His dedication to adapting and excelling in every role has equipped him with a diverse professional skill set that continues to serve his community well.

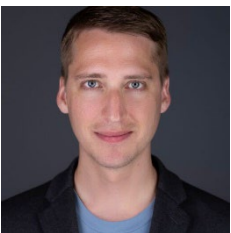
Fabian currently serves as a Land and Trust Services Resource Manager for his community—a role that presented new challenges, as office work wasn't his initial career path. Nevertheless, he has made significant strides, successfully leading the development and completion of the community's Land Use Plan, which has since been ratified by the Chemawawin Cree Nation. Now, his focus is on bringing this plan to life and fostering its growth to benefit the people, by the people.

RESOURCE CENTRE



Hilary Black – *Planner, Land Code Governance*

Hilary Black is a Registered Professional Planner assisting First Nations with land-based planning and plan implementation.



Andrew Smith – *Planner, Land Code Governance*

Andrew is a member of the Qalipu First Nation, whose homeland is in western Newfoundland. He is a Registered Professional Planner and a past President of the New Brunswick Association of Planners. Andrew has worked in various professional planning roles as a consultant and with municipal, regional, and provincial governments and organizations.