

Records Management & Data Governance Considerations under Land Code

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Nikita's practice is focused on aboriginal law. She assists First Nations clients with a variety of litigation matters in Federal Court, including election appeals, applications for judicial review of Band Council decisions, and rights-based claims. She also assists clients with governance and corporate matters, including reviewing existing laws and drafting new laws, and providing advice to First Nations' economic development corporations and businesses on corporate structure, governance, and contract negotiation.

Resource Centre



Kevin Broughton – Enforcement Advisor

Kevin Broughton served 33 years with Ontario Provincial Police now living 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, and the Tillsonburg Forensic Unit.

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



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.



Leeanna Rhodes – GIS Specialist

Leeanna Rhodes, a member of the Muscowpetung Saulteaux First Nation, has over 35 years GIS experience, over 25 years of using GPS and over 25 years working with First Nation Organizations. Leeanna received her professional training from Simon Fraser University to BCIT and attending several ESRI hosted GIS certified workshops. Leeanna has shared her knowledge with many First Nations' community members on how to use a GPS and map that same data on GIS, which include Haida Gwai, Gitsan, Wetsewatan, Doig River and many communities in British Columbia.

Leeanna gained her Land Code experience from working with the community AQAM as their Lands Officer for over 5 years.