

Developing a Climate Change Strategy for Resilient Communities under the Framework Agreement

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The following list of presenters based on order of agenda:

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 also sits as 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.

MISTAWASIS NEHIYAWAK



Anthony Johnston – Special Advisor

"I am from and work for Mistawasis. I aspire to be Nêhiyawak."

Anthony is a member of and works for his Nation, Mistawasis Nêhiyawak, a Cree community north of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He returned to his community with the hope of contributing life, work and educational experiences for the benefit of community. He believes that his contribution has been developing and building on partnerships, alliances and friendships with good true people who care. Anthony has worked with federal and provincial governments in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He has a BA with a History major and Human Geography minor from the University of Manitoba.

T'SOU-KE FIRST NATION



Chief Gordon Planes – Director – BC Region

Gordon's traditional name is Hya quatcha, named after his great grandfather from Scia-new, the salmon people. Elected Chief of the T'Sou-ke nation for the past 10 years, Gordon previously held a position as the Back Country Operations Manager of the West Coast Trail for Parks Canada. He is a Coast Salish carver, artist, traditional singer and a captain of T'Sou-ke traditional dug-out canoes for the last two decades.

Gordon has previously taken a three-year assignment in working with his community in bringing back their Northern Straits Sencoten language. He is actively working with the community in renewable energy, food security, cultural renaissance and Economic Development.



Jordan Hatton – Director of Economic Development

Jordan Hatton is the Director of Economic Development for Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point First Nation), a formerly displaced First Nation that is in the process of rapidly developing its reserve lands on the south-east shores of Lake Nipigon. In his work with BNA, Jordan is responsible for all on-reserve infrastructure developments, housing and land management work, on and off-reserve business developments including the Papasay Value-Added Sawmill operation, forestry and mining agreements, employment and training matters, and regional, multi-First Nation initiatives, all off-reserve consultation matters, and sits on multiple Boards for the community.

As Director, Jordan is responsible for the six staff in his department, budgeting for nearly 100 projects and initiatives, and all funding applications and reporting requirements associated with these Projects. Jordan has been working with First Nations for the last 13 years in various resource development, lands and economic development-related positions. He received his master's degree in Political Science from the University of Guelph in 2008, and enjoys spending time with his partner, family and friends, travelling the world, fishing, golfing, and heavy metal festivals.

DITIDAHT FIRST NATION



Monty Horton – Lands Governance Officer

Monty is the Lands Governance Officer for Ditidaht First Nation (DFN). Monty manages the day-to-day activities of DFN, including administering the DFN Land Code, facilitating the Lands Committee, developing training opportunities and developing Lands administration systems.

FIRST NATIONS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD



Mylon Ollila – Strategist, First Nations Financial Management Board

Mylon provides strategic thinking and proposals to advance emerging and unaddressed needs identified by *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* First Nations. A constant innovator, he believes in challenging limitations through new ideas and collaboration. His efforts support First Nations in their goals of self-determination and economic development.

He brings extensive knowledge to this role in the areas of First Nations government administration and economic development. Mylon formerly served as Executive Director at a First Nation in Ontario where he led strategic direction, governance and economic development, duty to consult negotiations, and all aspects of government administration.

Born and raised in northern Ontario, Mylon holds an MA from the University of Waterloo. His diverse background extends to international development and underground mining.

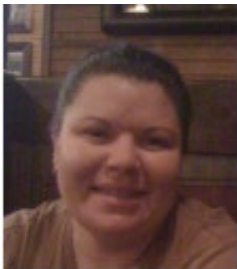


Ellen Pond – Ellen Pond, Policy Advisor / [Senior Training Lead, Canadian Centre for Climate Services](#)

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Ellen lives and works in Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh territories, and also spends time in Ktunaxa, Sinixt and Syilx territories. Ellen's work and education background includes a BA in Geography, a read seal Carpenter's ticket, and a Master of Landscape Architecture focused on communities and climate change. She recently joined CCCS after teaching public policy and sustainability at Kwantlen Polytechnic University for several years. While at KPU, she developed the Climate+ Challenge, an initiative to increase teaching and learning on climate change across the university, with a strong decolonization and equity lens. Ellen also worked as a climate consultant for more than a decade, mainly with local governments in British Columbia. She is a settler with English, Scottish and Austro-Hungarian-German heritage.

WESTBANK FIRST NATION



Krista Derrickson – Manager of Utilities & Public Works

Krista Derrickson is a member of Westbank First Nation and the Manager of Utilities & Public Works. WFN is one of BC's largest First Nation purveyors of water with over 6,100 water connections between its 2 inhabited reserves. Krista previously held the Operator/Environmental Officer position at WFN for just over 7 years (2002 – 2009). She then moved to Vancouver in 2009 to take a position with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) in the BC Region. At INAC she worked on training programs for Operators as well as managed the Circuit Rider Training program that consists of hands-on training and mentoring for Operators who work for the 203 First Nation communities throughout all of BC.

She is actively involved with the BCWWA, PWABC and EOCP having served 2 terms on the board of Directors. She organized and hosted the annual First Nation Operators conference for 6 years, which brought together First Nation Operators from across BC & the Yukon. Krista moved back to take on her role as WFN's Manager of Utilities in October of 2016.

NIPISSING FIRST NATION



Christine Goulais – Acting Chief Executive Officer of Nipissing Power

Christine Goulais is a proud member of Nipissing First Nation where she has established a consulting and advisory business focused on supporting Indigenous communities in the areas of strategic policy, economic development, energy and self-governance. Christine lives in Nipissing First Nation with her family.

Christine is the acting Chief Executive Officer of Nipissing Power, an Electrical Power Equipment reseller created through a limited partnership, majority owned by Nipissing First Nation, with Composite Power Group Inc. Christine has 15 years of experience in government and corporate environments focused on Indigenous relations, including 10 years with Hydro One. Christine is Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre's Board Vice President.

LAC LA RONGE INDIAN BAND



Ty Roberts – Reserve Lands Manager

Ty Roberts has over seven years of experience in environmental science and soil science. His expertise and training is in environmental science, soil science, and 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. 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.

PREPARING OUR HOME PROGRAM



Lilia Yumagulova – Program Director

Lilia Yumagulova is a Bashkir woman with over 20 years of work experience in emergency management with government, NGOs, media, and Indigenous communities in Europe and North America. Lilia is the Program Director for the Preparing Our Home Program that empowers Indigenous youth leadership in emergency preparedness.



Casey Gabriel – Fire captain, Youth worker, Lil'wat Nation; Preparing Our Home leader

Casey Gabriel is a member of the Lil'wat Nation. He is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Nation's Emergency Response Team and a volunteer at large in his community. He sits on several boards and committees in different departments within the Nation. Casey is dedicated to Emergency Preparedness in his community. From 2017-2019, Casey led the development of the Preparing Our Home curriculum at the Xetóclacw Community School, a global award-winning initiative. More recently, Casey was awarded the Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award from Public Safety Canada as part of the Preparing Our Home program.

WESTBANK FIRST NATION



Saige Werstuik – WFN Youth & Recreation Leader

way̓ isx̓w̓ist Saige Werstuik, I am a member of Westbank First Nation (WFN). My parents are Nicole and Mickey Werstuik and my grandmothers are Gloria Faith Wilson and Marsha King. I currently work as a WFN Youth & Recreation leader and have been in this role for seven years. I was previously a founding member of the WFN Youth Council until June 2021. As well, I am a Masters student at the University of British Columbia Okanagan campus. I look forward to presenting and discussing the Westbank First Nation Outdoor Kitchen project.

CHEMAWAWIN CREE NATION



Fabian Sinclair – Lands and Trust Resource Manager

Fabian is a Member and employee of Chemawawin Cree Nation, where he is actively serving as Lands and Trust Resource Manager looking over the affairs of its lands and by-laws also Resources.

Fabian was also the Brighter Futures Initiatives/Building Healthy Communities Coordinator for the Chemawawin Health Authority where he excelled in bringing people together and encouraging the traditions and cultures Chemawawin would like preserved and maintained and prioritizing its Elders with respect down to the youth teaching livelihood and integrity. He has also had numerous other jobs in trades and forestry and worked as a Peace Officer for his Community.

CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION



Brennan Vogel – Climate Change Liaison

Brennan currently serves as Climate Change Liaison to the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in the Department of Treaties, Lands and Environment. In this role, he leads a variety of climate change action projects related to inter-governmental and stakeholder relations for integrated flood risk management, greenhouse gas emissions reductions in buildings and waste management, as well as facilitating opportunities for nature-based solutions and project partnerships related to habitat conservation for species at risk. Brennan also serves on the Board of Directors for the London Environmental Network and aims to be steadfast ally and advocate on local issues of climate change action, sustainability, equity, diversity and inclusion.

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.

TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION



Councillor Loren Muth, BSc, P.Ag – Band Councillor at Tzeachten First Nation

Loren Muth has been an elected Band Councillor for Tzeachten First Nation (Chilliwack, British Columbia) for the past 6 years. In 2016 Loren completed his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of the Fraser Valley and his passion for food production and the environment have driven him to promote clean energy and food security within his Community. Through managing various Community projects such as the Tzeachten greenhouse and Community Garden, Loren strives to establish his Community as a champion for sustainable food production and provide a reference point for other First Nations Communities to mirror to achieve their own food security goals.



Steven Wiig – Climate Change Coordinator

Steven Wiig is a Climate Change Adaptation Community Coordinator at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation based in Marcelin, Saskatchewan.

FIRST NATION LAND MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTRE



Cory Kozmik – Environment & Enforcement Advisor

Cory resides within Central-Northern Ontario and holds a BSc (Hons) specializing in Conservation from Trent University and is currently a Master's candidate in Boreal Ecology at Laurentian University. She also holds a Business diploma from Fleming College and is a certified restricted drone operator and Nitrox Scuba Diver.



Chantal Kitamura – Environment & Enforcement Advisor

Chantal has great passion for environmental governance which began to flourish during her university studies. Chantal holds a Master of International Forestry Degree from the University of British Columbia. During her time at UBC, Chantal focused on furthering her knowledge of forest policy and resource management as it relates to Indigenous rights and land governance. Prior to attending UBC, Chantal graduated from the University of Waterloo where she obtained an Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies Degree in Urban Planning with specialization in Environmental Planning and Management. Chantal is currently working towards becoming a Registered Professional Planner with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP).



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.



Stefanie Recollet – 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 bachelor's in law, a certificate in Community Development and she holds numerous certifications related to land and environment management.