



Land Development Review Procedures River Rock, Richmond, BC

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MINDY WIGHT

CEO, Nch'kay Development Corporation



Mindy Wight is CEO for Nch'kay Development Corporation, the wholly owned economic development group of the Squamish Nation. In this role, she leads strategic decision-making and works with a talented team of Executives and Senior Leaders in all aspects of business planning, capital allocations, and fiscal management for the organization and its subsidiaries, with a focus on real estate development. Nch'kay and the Squamish Nation are known for their development project, Señákw, a highly sustainable, mixed-use project of purpose-built rental units that will tell the world the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw's story and history.

Mindy serves as a Director for the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, and Cedar Leaf Capital Inc., Canada's first majority Indigenous-owned investment dealer, with a commitment to Indigenous economic reconciliation.

Prior to joining Nch'kay, Mindy held progressive tax roles at MNP LLP from 2016 to 2021 and most recently was a Partner and National Leader of Indigenous Tax Services for the firm. She has also worked for two of the Big Four National accounting firms, the Chartered Accounting School of Business, and the Canada Revenue Agency since graduating from the University of Northern British Columbia with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Accounting. She also holds a certificate from Harvard University's executive education program Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities. Mindy possesses CPA, CA, CAFM, and ICD.D designations and is a proud member of the Squamish Nation.

TY ROBERTS

Lands Manager, Lac La Ronge Indian Band

Director, SALT SK



Ty Roberts is a professional with experience in environmental science and management. With a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from the University of Saskatchewan, Ty has held various positions in companies such as Orano, Saskatchewan Research Council, SNC-Lavalin, Canada North Environmental Services, and currently at Lac La Ronge Indian Band as a Land Manager. Ty's expertise lies in environmental research and management, making them a valuable asset in the field.

DEANNA HONEYMAN

*Lands & Property Taxation Manager, Ch'iyáqtel (formerly Tzeachten First Nation)
President, FNTAA*



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.

ED VYSTRCIL

Director, NCN Development Corporation, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation



Ed Vystrcil (Spence/Moody) is a proud member of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and grew up in Thompson, Manitoba. He is known as one of Manitoba's First Nation land, environmental and natural resource specialists and dedicated his career advocating & defending our Land Rights. Ed has the natural ability to be objective through his work for a number of national and regional First Nation organizations in his career.

He is a visionary, brings bigger picture thinking to the Nation and understands the importance of securing Lands & Resources as a major vehicle of economic development and self-sufficiency for First Nation communities. He brings over 20 years of knowledge and experience working with Government, Industry and the First Nation community at a national level. Ed is family-oriented, possesses an environmental educational background, entrepreneurial nature, and embraces the concept of balance & sustainability.

Resource Centre (RC) & First Nations Land Governance Registry (FNLGR) Presenters

HILARY BLACK

Planner, Land Code Governance, Resource Centre



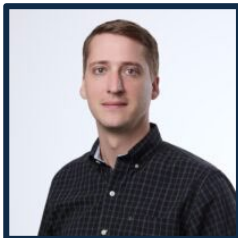
Hilary is a Registered Professional Planner assisting First Nations with land-based planning and plan implementation.

Prior to joining the Resource Centre, she worked in policy and planning in the government of Ontario for 5+ years, and previously worked in northern Ontario directly supporting First Nations in their Comprehensive Community Planning processes. She has a masters of Planning from the University of Guelph.

She is grateful to reside in Toronto, covered under Treaty 13. She is the eldest of 4 kids, born to a Pakistani mum and mixed European (by way of Saskatchewan) dad.

ANDREW SMITH

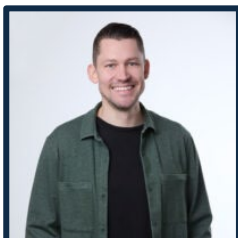
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Andrew is a Planner with the Resource Centre. He is a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP). Andrew joins the Resource Centre from the west coast of Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland), the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq and the Beothuk. He is a member of the Qalipu First Nation and currently resides in the Sikniht district of Mi'kma'ki (Moncton, New Brunswick).

MATT CHARLES

Environment & Enforcement Advisor, Resource Centre



Matt resides within the Toronto on Treaty #13 and Williams Treaty territory lands.

He holds a B.Sc. (Hons.) from the University of Waterloo specializing in Environmental Science. Before joining the Resource Centre in January 2024, Matt worked for a decade in the private sector conducting field work and managing Environmental Site Assessment and remediation projects throughout Ontario.

He is passionate about the environment, protecting the land and eager to support First Nations communities across Canada on their land development projects.

BRITTANY HALL

Senior Registration Officer – West, First Nations Land Governance Registry



Brittany is from the Skowkale First Nation in the Fraser Valley and has been working in lands for the past 11 years. Brittany started with the Resource Centre in 2020, working with the Fraser Valley Support Services team and moved to the First Nation Land Governance Registry in 2024.

ROB PINKERTON

Survey Advisor, Resource Centre



Rob is a Land Surveyor and Engineer who has spent the last 20 years working on land surveys throughout the western provinces. He attended the University of Calgary and is licensed to survey in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and on Canada Lands. Born in North Vancouver he has lived in Moncton, Edmonton and now calls Calgary home. He has served as a Councillor for the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association (ALSA) and as President of the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS).

WADE DAVIDSON

Enforcement Advisor, Resource Centre



Wade joined the First Nations Land Management Resource Centre as an Enforcement Advisor in 2022. He has travelled extensively but always returns to Treaty 7 lands; where he was born, raised, and educated. Wade attended Lethbridge Polytechnic, obtaining a diploma in Environmental Science with a focus on Renewable Resource Management followed by a specialization certificate in Conservation Enforcement. After college, he went to work for what is now the Canada Border Service Agency, at Coutts, Alberta.

Wade eventually moved on to a career with the Lethbridge Police Service where he served as a constable in patrol operations, traffic operations, and as a collision reconstructionist. He was promoted to sergeant and had the opportunity to lead patrol teams, manage the traffic unit, and work in professional standards. Wade has been qualified as an expert witness in both the Provincial Court of Alberta and the Alberta Court of King's Bench. He also spent several years as a part-time police trainer for the Center for Advancement of Community Justice at Lethbridge Polytechnic. Wade has been involved in policy development, legislation development, and establishing enforcement programs at the local, provincial, and federal levels.

Wade has an adult son serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, a daughter attending university while playing USport rugby, and a daughter playing NCAA ice hockey. He spends as much time as possible outdoors and he very much enjoys the company of dogs, cats, and horses. He also enjoys both riding and repairing motorcycles as much as his time and budget allow.