

Land Use Planning & Regional Networking

April 9-10, 2024

The following list of guest presenters is based on order of agenda.

RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS



Nicole Cochrane - Claims Implementation Coordinator

Nicole is the Claims Implementation Coordinator for Rainy River First Nations, and brings decades of experience to her role. Nicole has worked for the community for 21 years and graduated from the Land Manager program in 2014.

ANIMBIIGOO ZAAGI'IGAN ANISHINAABEK



Alice Sasines – Community Planner

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

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

In the last 16 years, I have 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.

My 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.

STS'AILES



Terrington Prest "Tsaal-Tsum-Thut/P'u:Isemetel" – Lands Assistant

Ey swayel, my name is Terrington Prest, I am from Shxwha:y Village. Carrying two ancestral names "Tsaal-Tsum-Thut" and "P'u:Isemetel" growing up in our Ts'elxweyeqw S'olh Temexw (Chilliwack territory). Learning placenames, stories, of our waterways, landforms that attach us to our lands. Implementing the knowledge that our ancestors had passed down through generations to generations, through stories.

Currently residing, working on the beautiful terrain of Sts'ailes. Located 100km east of Vancouver up the Fraser River along the banks of the Harrison River.

Working a little over a year with Sts'ailes Lands Office. Has been gratifying working and engaging our community members of Sts'ailes. With 3 Certificates with Additions to Reserve,

Reserve Land Designation and Commercial Leasing. Working closely with our Lands Office Manager Shelly Felix and Lands Committee to move forward with law creations under Land Code for the best interests of Sts'ailes community and its members.

Along with all of this, my pride and joy is my son, my time spent with him is what I treasure the most. In moving forward with our work for all Lands, remembering the teachings foundations from our elders to be true stewards of the land S'olh Temexw, to protect our land, leave it better than we found it for our future generations to come.

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Tim Felix – Guardian Supervisor/ Council / Natural Resource Officer

MALAHAT NATION



Melissa Tokarek – Director of Lands and Environment

Melissa Tokarek 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.

LEQ'A:MEL FIRST NATION



Stephen McGlenn – Director, Lands & Natural Resources Governance

Stephen is the Director of Lands and Natural Resources Governance at Leq'a:mel First Nation. He has a background in Indigenous Community and Land Use Planning and First Nation Lands Governance. He has a passion for music, nature, education and teaching. Stephen grew up on a small family farm in Southern Alberta and now lives in Leq'a:mel.

KWANTLEN FIRST NATION



Tanner Timothy – GIS Technician & Heritage Coordinator

Tanner Timothy is Coast Salish from Sliammon First Nation located on the Sunshine Coast, in what is known today as Powell River, 100 miles north of Vancouver. Timothy obtained a BA in Geography from TWU before specializing at BCIT in the Advanced Diploma program for Geographic Information Systems. Timothy proudly works for Kwantlen Lands, Resources and Stewardship as GIS Specialist and Heritage Coordinator. Timothy is also passionate about climate change, resurgence of traditional and cultural practices, language revitalization, honouring our residential school survivors and advocating for Murdered and Missing Women, Girls, Men and LGTBQ2S+.

DITIDAHT FIRST NATION



Monty Horton – Lands Governance Consultant

Monty is a Lands Governance Consultant, with over 15 years working with Nations throughout BC. Monty is also a Professional Planner, having worked with and for the BC Government, Local Government, and First Nations Government for over 25 years. Since 2012, Monty has been working for primarily Vancouver Island First Nations in a Land Management capacity. This has included guiding and assisting Nations in the development of their Lands Departments, along with mentorship. Monty has worked for both Developmental and Operational Land Code Nations, as well as Treaty Nations.

Specifically, Monty has worked on numerous Land Use Planning projects throughout the years, some in collaboration with the Resource Centre. In 2022, Monty completed the Land Use Plan for Ditidaht First Nation. Prior to that Monty was involved with creating and/or updating Land Use Plans for Cheam FN, K'omoks FN, Ahousaht FN, and Uchucklesaht FN. Monty has also completed numerous planning documents over the years with Local Government, such as Official Community Plans, and Park Management Plans. Finally, Monty has also acted as a mentor to Junior Planners and FN advocates to facilitate planning and development.

DOKIS FIRST NATION



Randy Restoule – *Consultation Coordinator*

Randy Restoule has been the Consultation Coordinator at Dokis First Nation for 4 years. Previously, he worked at Dokis in the position of Economic Development Officer for 6 years. Randy brings extensive experience and knowledge in policy development, GIS systems, environmental assessments, forest management, fisheries surveying and most recently, archeological investigations and the repatriation of ancestors.

Randy has conducted much research into the history of Dokis and its people, which will be used in part to support several specific land claims against the Government of Canada.

PAQTNKEK MI'KMAW NATION



Paula Pictou – Lands Coordinator

Paula Pictou is the Lands Coordinator for Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation. She facilitates many aspects of Paqtnkek's Lands and Resources, such as the development of Paqtnkek's Land Code, Land Use Code, the Community Environment Code and is an active member of the Emergency Management. She manages Additions to Reserves (ATR), Community Mapping and other miscellaneous responsibilities. She is a member of the Finance and Audit committee, the FNII/AFNWA Pilot Project Team, various Advisory groups, and is the President of the ARA Lands Association and a NALMA Board Member.

Paula is a graduate of NSCC's Business Administration program along with a completion of the Professional Land Managers Certification Program (Level 1) via the National Aboriginal Land Managers Association and Algoma University, among other courses and training. Paula is a team player that believes that we all should work smarter not harder.

She strives to do what's best for Paqtnkek, and her main goal to build a complete Maqamikew (Lands) Department. With the help of FNLMRC and NALMA, we can lay the proper foundation. You can reach her at paula.pictou@paqtnkek.ca

BINGWI NEYAASHI ANISHINAABEK



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 developments 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, 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 6 staff in his department, budgeting for dozens of projects and initiatives, and all funding applications and reporting requirements associated with these Projects.

Jordan has been working with First Nations for the last 15 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.



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.



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 focus on the planning and consultation processes that regulate and guide land development on First Nations' land. In his role with the Resource Centre, Adam provides land-use planning and lands governance support to signatory First Nations communities including; Community Planning, Natural Resource Management, Regional Planning, Capacity Development and Policy Review & Development.



Hilary Black - Planner, Land Code Governance

Hilary Black 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 a 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.