



Operational Funding Formula for Land Code Governance

PRESENTERS – NOV 4, 2021

Opaskwayak Cree Nation



Edith Spence – Land Manager

Edith Spence is a member of Opaskwayak Cree Nation within the Treaty 5 territory. Edith started with Opaskwayak Cree Nation March 13, 1985 (35+ years). In 1992, she worked in the area of Lands as Secretary and then Data Processing Clerk, and then Land Code Coordinator. In 2002 Edith moved into the position of Assistant Land Manager, in 2018 Land Manager and is currently the Executive Director of Lands and Natural Resources. Edith has gained experience by learning the history and background of Opaskwayak Cree Nation and its Land Management system such as 53/60 delegated authority and the Land Code. She has been involved with the Land Advisory Board and the Resources Centre for about 22 years and has participated in discussions regarding the various Funding Agreements.

One Arrow First Nation



Dwayne Gaudry – Land Manager

Dwayne Gaudry is a member of One Arrow First Nation, Central Saskatchewan Willow Cree. Dwayne's academic background bachelor's in social work, certificate in Project Management and Trainer of Trainers in Foster Parenting. Love of making the world a better place. Dwayne has spent the last 6 years as Land Manager working in law development and policies for One Arrow land department. Since Land Code was undertaken 2015 Dwayne has worked on Land Use Plan (2016), currently on Environmental Management Plan (2019) and FMB financial law development. Role within One Arrow is 'the guy' leads on many strategies and policy development, including Governance facilitator.

Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation



Sylvia McCue – Land Manager

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Chippewas of Georgina Island First nation

Employment in Lands in 1994 as Lands Assistant became Land Manager in 2003 – current
27 years in Lands



Deanna Honeyman – Lands and Property Taxation Manager

Deanna Honeyman, a member of the Sechelt Indian Band has been working with Tzeachten First Nation since September 2008. Deanna first started as their Property Taxation Administrator then adding the duties of Lands Manager in 2011. Deanna is responsible for the comprehensive management of the Lands Program and Lands Registry relating to reserve lands under delegated authority for the Tzeachten First Nation.

Deanna manages all aspects of the program including supervision of lands and property taxation staff and development of the annual departmental budget, work plans and policies and procedures. Deanna has been an integral part of Tzeachten's Emergency Response Program for the past 6 years, where she continuously attends training sessions and coordinates training for the community. Currently Deanna manages 12 Residential Leases, 5 Light Industrial Leases and 1 Commercial Lease consisting of over 1450 tax folios. Deanna is regularly invited to be a guest lecturer at the Tulo Center for Indigenous Economics for their First Nation Tax Administration Program. Deanna lives in Chilliwack with her husband and 2 sons, and they love to take their travel trailer and drive down to Disneyland regularly.

FIRST NATION LAND MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTRE



Meko Nicholas – Executive Director, RC

Meko Nicholas is the Executive Director of the First Nations Lands Management Resource Centre and is Welastekokewin (Maliseet) from the Neqotkuk (Tobique) First Nation in New Brunswick. He has been working to support the development, finalization and fulfillment of the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management for the past 23 years.



Sandra Gfellner – Director, Finance, Information Technology & Administration

Sandra was born and raised in British Columbia and is one of four siblings to Irish Immigrants. She spent 30 years working in the accounting field before starting work with the First Nations Land Management Resource Centre. Since February 2006, Sandra has been Director of Finance, reporting to the Executive Director. Sandra oversees and administers all financial functions of the Lands Advisory Board and Resource Centre



Lise Steele – Coordinator, Training, Mentorship & Professional Development

Lise Steele is a proud member of the We Wai Kai Nation, located on both Vancouver and Quadra Island's. Lise attended the University of Victoria where she earned a certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization and earned her Professional Lands Management Certificate from the University of Saskatchewan. She worked as the Land Code Coordinator at We Wai Kai Nation. Lise continued her studies by attending Thompson River University – Tulo Program for First Nations Tax Administration and is a certified tax administrator. Lise accepted a position with the Resource Centre in 2016 and had has worked as a field technician on Vancouver Island as well as Event Planner for the organization. Working with the Resource Centre and First Nations across this country is truly exciting!