

IMPACTS OF COVID-19: PART 6 Community Perspectives on COVID-19 Enforcement

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COWICHAN TRIBES



Dana Thorne, MBA (In Progress) – Acting Associate General Manager

Dana Thorne is the Acting Associate General Manager for Cowichan Tribes. She has temporarily stepped away from her role as Associate Director of Housing to assist Cowichan Tribes through their pandemic response and strategy. Dana's background in process analytics, strategy development, and communications has been integral as she helps the organization manage, update, and implement its pandemic response.



Marnie Elliott, MAIS (IP) – Associate Health Director

Marnie Elliott is the Associate Health Director for Ts'ewulhtun Health Centre - Cowichan Tribes. Marnie has been co-leading the Pandemic Response Team and runs the day-to-day operations for the Health Centre.

'NAMGIS FIRST NATION



Megan Whonnock – Land Code Manager

My name is Megan Whonnock, and I am the Land Code Manager for the 'Namgis First Nation. Our community is located on Cormorant Island, just off the North Eastern coast of Vancouver Island in BC. I am originally from the Sayisi Dene First Nation, and my connection to the 'Namgis is through my husband Joseph Whonnock.

Through my work I also supervise programs and staff from Public Works and Housing, and during the pandemic have also extended my role to support the emergency operations team.

CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND FIRST NATION



Scott Jacobs – General Manager of the Island View Business Centre

Scott Jacobs is a member of Curve Lake First Nation where his father and grandfather each served in elected positions as Chief and Councillor. Scott's family is dedicated to the pursuit of First Nations' inherent right to self-government, a legacy that Scott is proud to carry forward.

A graduate of Sir Sanford Fleming College Business Administration and Municipal Management programs, Scott spent many years in large corporations, primarily in Human Resources, management, and training roles. Before working for Georgina Island, he worked for ten years at Casino Rama and Blue Heron casinos, with five years in senior management. Scott spent many years as a small business consultant in the development and expansion of First Nation

businesses. For the last decade, Scott has worked for Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, most recently as the General Manager of the Island View Business Centre and the key business development person for the First Nation. The Business Centre is a multi-million-dollar operation serving over 100,000 people annually. It houses seven businesses and is a major component of the Economic Development program of the First Nation.

In addition, Scott has owned and operated Shagi Consulting Services for the last 15 years. He deals primarily with governance matters, such as elections, land codes, custom issues, and amendments ratification. He is committed to promoting an environment where First Nations can attain the financial resources needed to develop their nation to operate under their own rules and vision. This business has been involved with over 15 First Nations across Ontario as they handle their governance matters.

As a business leader within the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and in conducting matters at the invitation of other First Nations, a unique insight is provided for safe operations through cooperation and teamwork of First Nation Councils, Boards, departments, personnel, and community members during the Covid 19 pandemic.

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Kimberley Daly – Senior Nurse Manager, Communicable Disease Control Division

Kim Daly is the Senior Nurse Manager at CDCD with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) of Indigenous Services Canada. Kim has been a Registered Nurse for 26 Years, 14 of which have been dedicated to Indigenous Health at the regional and national levels.

During her time at FNIHB she has worked on patient safety, quality improvement and infection control in support of overall quality improvement for health care delivery and specifically her interests remain with tuberculosis elimination and increasing vaccine uptake.

Kim is a graduate of University of New Brunswick and Athabasca University. Kim enjoys also working as a clinical instructor at the University of Ottawa where she pursues her other passion for student learning and maternal child health.



Pamela Wolfe-Roberge – Director, Communicable Disease Control Division

Pamela Wolfe-Roberge is a member of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation in Ontario, and was raised in Ottawa. Pamela maintains a career in First Nations and Inuit health, currently working as the Director of Communicable Disease Control at Indigenous Services Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. Pam joined the public service in 2006, and has had the opportunity to experience many types of work in the areas of strategic policy and program development through her work at the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch's Strategic Policy Unit, Health Facilities and Capital Program, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office; and, Health Canada's Health Products and Food Branch, Deputy Minister's Office, and Opioid Response Team.

Pam volunteers as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for Minwaashin Lodge, an Indigenous Women's Support Centre in Ottawa. Pamela studied Mass Communications and Political Science; and, later completed a graduate diploma in Indigenous Policy Administration at Carleton University.



Sharon Jack – Administrative Assistant

Sharon Jack is a member of the Osoyoos Indian Band in the Syilx territory located in the southern interior of British Columbia. She received her education from Thompson Rivers University attaining a Diploma in Business Administration (Marketing). She worked for the Okanagan Indian Band for a number of years in the Social Development department.

She then took time off from work to raise her children until they were both full-time students in elementary. Sharon started working with the Lands Advisory Board in April 2007; working as Executive Assistant to the LAB Chairman. In April 2017, she then moved over to her current position with the Planning & Readiness team where she is the Administrative Assistant among her other duties.

Sharon is married to Ernest M. Jack (OJ), they have two adult children; Kylie who is in her final year at Simon Fraser University, majoring in Criminology and Austin is in his first year at UBCO. The family resides on the Westbank First Nation in the Syilx Territory. Sharon's interests include golf, volunteering and she has found that she has a knack for Traditional crafting, after taking a class at the En'owkin Centre (Penticton) in January 2017 – she enjoys beading, basket weaving, working with leather and sewing.



Kevin Broughton – Enforcement Advisor – East

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.

Some of Kevin's Career Highlights:

OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Diver, Marine Operator, Certified in Clandestine Drug Lab Investigation, and handling of Chemical, Nuclear, Biological Warfare agents, Court Qualified to offer opinion evidence in all three levels of Court including at Coroner's Inquest. As a member of the investigative team in the capacity of Forensic Identification officer, he was involved in many homicide cases, some being the largest high-profile homicide investigations in Ontario. Kevin was appointed and served as Fire Chief for 4 years in Temagami Ontario.

Kevin enjoyed building his home in Thunder Bay with his wife, flying radio-controlled planes, fishing and riding his motorcycle a Honda Goldwing.