

WELCOME TO THE FORUM



ELDER/COUNCIL MEMBER

KITSELAS FIRST NATION



CHIEF DON ROBERTS

KITSUMKALUM FIRST NATION

Chief Don Roberts is currently serving his seventh term as elected Chief Councillor of the Kitsumkalem First Nation. Chief Roberts is known for his leadership regarding the assertion of his community's marine interests, particularly in port developments in the Prince Rupert area and with prospective liquefied natural gas plants also in the Prince Rupert area. Locally, the Kitsumkalum have developed a quarry and benefitted from the construction of BC Hydro's Northwest Transmission Line which passed through its traditional territory on its way north.



COUNCIL MEMBER

CITY OF TERRACE



LISA MUELLER

NATION2NATION EVENTS

Lisa Mueller is the founder and creator of the Nation2Nation Forum that was created in Terrace, BC in 2015. The Terrace event is an annual economic forum held in the Fall.

Born and raised in the Cariboo Chilcotin and from the Tsilhqot'in Nation she is the founder and creator of the Nation2Nation Events in Northwest, BC. She's an entrepreneur, community builder and specializes in First Nation community engagement, economic development and community connecting.



SARAH ZIMMERMAN

SARAH ZIMMERMAN CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Sarah Zimmerman is a journalist turned communications consultant with 18 years in the field of public relations. Owner of Sarah Zimmerman Creative Communications, Sarah works with corporate, public sector and small business clients across western Canada providing strategic communications solutions. She is a longtime community volunteer, connector and public speaker - she's also an elected City Councillor for the City of Terrace. Sarah lives in Terrace, raising her family on the traditional territory of the Ts'msyen people, in particular Kitsumkalum and Kitselas.



PIERRE GRATTON

PRESIDENT & CEO THE MINING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

TOPIC

Opportunities Facing Canada's Mining Industry

Pierre Gratton was appointed President and CEO of the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) on June 1, 2011. Based in Ottawa, MAC is the national organization for the Canadian mining industry. Its members are engaged in mineral exploration, mining, smelting, refining and semi-fabrication.

Prior to his appointment to MAC, Pierre was President and CEO of the Mining Association of British Columbia (MABC). From 1999-2008, Mr. Gratton served as Vice President, Sustainable Development and Public Affairs for the Mining Association of Canada (MAC). In this capacity, he was instrumental in the development of Towards Sustainable Mining, MAC's flagship program that is gaining international recognition and adoption. In 2005-06, Mr. Gratton was honoured as a Distinguished Lecturer for the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM).

Mr. Gratton is First Vice-President of the Interamerican Mining Society (SIM – Sociedad Interamericana de Minería), former Chair of the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame, Co-chair of the Green Mining Initiative Advisory Committee and sits on the Board of Ottawa's Thirteen Strings Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Gratton holds an M.A. degree in political science, a B.A. from McGill University, and a third-degree black belt.

PANELS

KEYNOTE SESSION

TOPIC

OPPORTUNITIES FACING CANADA'S MINING INDUSTRY

MODERATOR



GRANT BARLEY

PRESIDENT, STRATEGIES NORTH ADVISORY INC

Grant is a Registered Professional Forester, and has 12 years of experience working in heavy civil construction and over 20 years in resource development. He specializes in operations, procurement, negotiation, and building partnerships, and his particular technical and strategic expertise is in seeing a project through from idea through to completion. These projects have ranged from the development of deep-water ports to mines to oil & gas. At Strategies North, he is in charge of business development and operational oversight, and spends much of his time doing advocacy in government on behalf of our clients.



KYLIE WILLIAMS

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBER RELATIONS, AME BC

Kylie Williams (she/her) is the Director, Communications and Member Relations at the Association for Minerals Exploration (AME), living and working on the traditional, unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations in Vancouver, Canada.

She is an accomplished geologist, communications professional and award-winning writer specializing in earth science, technology, business, and responsible resource development. She worked as a geologist for many years before transitioning into communications. Prior to joining AME, Kylie ran a successful freelance writing business for over eight years, providing specialist writing services to mineral exploration and mining companies, industry associations and not-for-profits, and resource sector publications.



FREDA CAMPBELL

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR, SKEENA RESOURCES

For over 25 years, Freda has worked in the mining sector for both industry and First Nations. She embodies the present and future of the mining industry through her dedication to innovation in Indigenous community engagement and mentoring the next generation of Indigenous trailblazers.

She is a member of the Tahltan Nation, Crow Clan, and Dekama family, and has lived in Tahltan Territory, in communities directly affected by mining for over 15 years. Campbell is dedicated to empowering British Columbia's Indigenous workforce, powering innovation in Indigenous community engagement, and mentors the next generation of Indigenous leaders.

PANELS

SESSION 1

TOPIC

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE NORTH & BEYOND

MODERATOR



RYAN BRUCE

BC MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, CLAC

Ryan Bruce grew up on Vancouver Island on the traditional territory of the Penelakut and Halalt First Nations. He now lives on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation. Inspired by The North American Indigenous games held in his hometown of Cowichan in 2008, Ryan established and co-chaired the “Walk of the Nations” an event focussed on building new levels of understanding, mutual respect, and trust between indigenous and non indigenous communities. Ryan is CLAC’s BC Manager of Government Relations. He is excited to be part of an organization that understands the importance of building meaningful relationship with the nations who’s territory our members are working on. CLAC recognizes the value of training to employment initiatives aimed at helping members of indigenous communities train for jobs of today while building careers for tomorrow.



THERESA TAIT DAY

HEREDITARY WIHALIYTE & CO-FOUNDER FNMPC

Graduate of UBC Sauder schools of Business, Aboriginal Business Management. Founding member of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) and President of the Wet’suwet’en Matrilineal Coalition (WMC) and served on the Equality Rights panel of Court Challenges Program of Canada : Former Director of Native Programs of the Legal Services Society of BC (Legal Aid).



MEGHAN BOWLES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KITIMAT STIKINE



CHAD FOURNIER

RVP OF ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS, PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD

Chad Fournier, P.Eng., Vice President of Operations & Engineering for Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) has 20 years of asset management, engineering, project delivery, and operations experience in a variety of industrial sectors, including 8 years with PNG in the regulated gas utility space. Chad is responsible for the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas through the prudent operation, assessment, maintenance, and new asset construction associated with PNG's transmission and distribution systems, and through a customer-first approach to system utilization and service.

Chad is a product of Northwest BC, having been raised in Kitimat and returning there for the entirety of his working life to date. When not travelling the PNG system, Chad works from the PNG Terrace office.



MICHAEL PUCCI

LANDS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, CITY OF TERRACE

Pucci has a wealth of experience in business development and strategic engagement across multiple sectors and interest groups, including government and Indigenous partners. His past role was as CEO for Prince Rupert International Airport, a position he started in 2022; previously, he had worked with the Port of Prince Rupert, Canada's fastest-growing container terminal and now the third largest in the country.

Since 2010, he had held several positions including senior management roles involved in strategic relations and negotiations. Pucci studied international business at UNBC as well as marketing management at Douglas College.

WORKSHOP

SESSION 1

TOPIC

HONOURING OUR TRUTHS, RECONCILING OUR RELATIONS



KAYLA MITCHELL

NEBEDZIT'IC CONSULTING [NAY-BAY-DEEZ-TUCK] SHE/HER/HERS

Empowering marginalized voices in decision-making and healing is central to Kayla's core values. Her life work is to make meaningful impact and big-systems change that reflect equitable representation. As someone who identifies with a variety of marginalized communities, it's important to Kayla that we empower many diverse identities when it comes to decision-making for our own communities.

Kayla's passion for this work is seen through her facilitation. Kayla invites hard conversations around reconciling relations, gender-based violence, sexual wellness, gender equity, harm reduction, and healthy communication. Her facilitation style is rooted in land-based healing and indigenous ways of being and knowing. She has a background in Health and Social Sciences (currently attending Simon Fraser University, BA Health Sciences) with 10 years of facilitation experience in her career working in non-profit and Indigenous governance.

Kayla has a passion for videography, dance, drumming, singing, and cultural arts/crafts. She aims to include new and innovative approaches communication.

As a passionate Indigenous leader, Kayla works to carve pathways for Indigenous people to be decision-makers for our own pursuits of healing, healing, wellness, and unity. Her extensive experience working alongside Indigenous and non-Indigenous community-based organizations has provided Kayla with the foundation to facilitate conversations that represent all voices, to support inclusive decision-making.

WORKSHOP

SESSION 2

TOPIC

ADAPTING IN AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN



NORM ADAMS

PIVOTLEADER INC

A trainer, facilitator, business developer, and 2023 PBCA Business Coach of the Year, Norm Adams has 30-years' experience working with public and private corporations Canada and the USA. Norm has extensive experience training and fostering leadership in people and their organizations.

BREAKOUT

SESSION 1

TOPIC

ALL THINGS ENERGY - HOW DO WE PLUG IN? LED BY FNLNGA

MODERATOR



LORI ACKERMAN

PARTNER, MYRIAD CONSULTING

As Partner with Myriad Consulting Inc., Lori brings significant knowledge in board governance, community consultation and the development of business opportunities to those she works with.

Lori is a passionate community champion, bringing a wealth of experience in business management, resource development, community infrastructure, and stakeholder engagement. She has a long-standing and positive relationships with northeastern BC First Nations, local government and industry and is using her skills to work with the Prophet River First Nations and community businesses seeking to understand indigenous relations.

First elected to Fort St. John City Council in 2005, Lori was honoured to serve three terms as Mayor from 2011-2022 – representing the city on many local, regional, and provincial boards and committees to raise awareness of critical issues and support community success.

In 2016, Lori was named one of the Top 35 Most Influential Women in BC by BC Business Magazine and was recognized as 2019 Canadian Energy Person of the Year by the Energy Council of Canada.



KAREN OGEN

CEO, FNLNGA

Karen Ogen is the CEO of the First Nations LNG Alliance, a society of First Nations in support of responsible LNG development in Canada – with a priority on the environment, and on First Nations consultation and engagement.

Karen brings extensive experience to her role, having served as elected chief of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation for six years, 2010-2016. She was also a council member for the Nation 1987-1990 and again 2019-2022.

She is familiar with the needs of Indigenous communities throughout B.C. and seeks to increase economic opportunities for First Nations through providing information and education regarding responsible resource development.

While Karen recognizes that not all projects will be appropriate for all nations, she hopes to help inspire more First Nations to consider and engage in discussions with industry and government around the possibility of resource opportunities.

Karen's academic background is in social work. She achieved her master's degree from the University of Northern British Columbia in 2007, and graduated from the Indigenous Governance Certificate Program from the University of Victoria in 2010. In August 2022, she successfully completed the Masters in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University in the Indigenous Business Leadership program. She is the first in her family and community to attain two master's degrees.

Karen was named one of the "35 Most Influential Women in BC: The power to disrupt" in March 2016, by BC Business Magazine. And she was elected in three consecutive years, 2021, 2022 and 2023, as one of the Business in Vancouver BC 500: The most influential business leaders in British Columbia, in the Resources: Oil and Gas sector.



DENISE MULLEN

DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & INDIGENOUS RELATIONS
BUS COUNCIL BC

Denise has more than three decades of experience in natural resource management sector and information technology. She has worked extensively with all levels of government, other stakeholders, and Indigenous peoples in the development of policy, legislation, information technology systems, and the review and permitting of major projects. She is an accomplished policy analyst, researcher, and writer. She leads the development of public policy positions across a range of natural systems that intersect with business development, facilitates conversations about issues that matter — provincial, national, and international.

Denise's professional experience includes working in the public, private and non-profit sectors. She has led major project reviews, contributed to development of a wide array of environmental legislation and regulations across the natural resources sector, authored guidelines for project review, participant assistance, annual reports, stakeholder surveys. In her current role she is responsible for researching and writing public policy discussion papers and regulatory submissions on everything from biodiversity to emissions pricing.



MATTHEW (MATT) VICKERS

CHAIRMAN & CEO FOR NORTHERN NATIONS COOPERATIVE

Matt has over 40 years of experience in a diverse range in the management consulting field. Throughout his career, Matt has had the opportunity to work in a broad base of industries including First Nations, arts and culture, financial institutions, healthcare, government and information technology. He has worked on a wide range of assignments across Canada's First Nations communities, helping Aboriginal entrepreneurs with their business and banking needs. In addition to his consulting and banking experience, he is the successful owner and manager of three thriving businesses, and he lectures extensively across the world on issues ranging from Aboriginal economics to team dynamics, self empowerment, goal setting and building trusting business relations. Matt has been honoured and recognized with several awards for his performance in business and for his passionate support of diversity in the workplace.

Matt specializes in establishing links in cross-cultural business environments. He has a successful track record of matching Aboriginal with non-Aboriginal potential business partners, and with helping them to organize and develop thriving business ventures.

Specialties: Facilitator, award winning aboriginal awareness training, negotiator, organizational reviews, governance training and leadership development.



CRYSTAL SMITH

CHIEF COUNCILLOR HAISLA NATION

Crystal Smith has served the Haisla people for 12 years through her work with Haisla Nation Council, starting as Executive Assistant to Chief and Council from 2009 to 2013, then being elected Chief Councillor in 2017.

She holds a Diploma in Business Administration from Coast Mountain College and a Business Skills Certificate from Thompson Rivers University.

In November, 2019, she was named Chair of the First Nations LNG Alliance, a group committed to encouraging First Nations development of the LNG industry to provide employment and other sustainable benefits for BC's aboriginal people.

She advocates for Haisla Nation-owned joint venture partnerships which allows for participation in major projects in Haisla territory. Using those opportunities provides a doorway for members to find rewarding work and educational opportunities to enhance their skills and improve social conditions in Haisla communities.

Ultimately, she wants the work done today by her and all of the Council to benefit today's 1700 Haisla people but future generations as well.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

TOPIC

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT



MAYNARD ANGUS

INDIGENOUS CANADA SOLUTIONS

Maynard Angus, the founder of Indigenous Canada Solutions (ICS), formerly Indigenous-Corporate Solutions, links corporate and indigenous cultures to common ground.

Before establishing ICS, Mr. Angus was the Public and indigenous Relations Manager for the Prince Rupert Port Authority, where he developed and implemented Indigenous engagement and cultural competency initiatives.

As a thought leader on Indigenous culture, governance, strategic management planning, protocol, and third space engagement, Mr. Angus' value is the knowledge, experience, and unique style that brings about clarity to Indigenous and Corporate engagement challenges.

Before joining the Prince Rupert Port Authority, Mr. Angus was the founding and operating manager of the Community Futures Development Corporation in Prince Rupert.

Mr. Angus received his education from Royal Roads University in Leadership Management and Public Relations Management, including Crisis Management and Strategic Communication.

Mr. Angus is a member of the Geoscience BC Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Advisory Council, President of Gingolx Enterprise Ltd., a former member of The Conference Board of Canada's Council on Corporate Indigenous Relations, the former Chair of Northern Native Broadcasting, a past President of Prince Rupert & District Chamber of Commerce, a past Director of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, Community Futures Development Corporation, Northern Corridor Development Corporation, and First Nations Technology Council.

PANELS

SESSION 2

MODERATOR



TOPIC

BUILDING ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

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DAVID KEIR

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS, PNG

David is the Director, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations for Pacific Northern Gas (PNG). He has 25 years of regulated gas and electric utility experience in both Canada and Australia. David has responsibility for PNG's new business development, gas system interconnection and supply arrangements, indigenous relations, government relations, energy conservation programs and low carbon investments. But his real job is to find pragmatic solutions to complex problems.



DANIOL COLES

DIRECTOR, INDIGENOUS TRUST SERVICES CONCENTRA TRUST & EQUITABLE BANK



KEIVAIN HIRJI

SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY & EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST FOR NORTH AMERICA, NEWMONT

Keivan Hirji is an expert in sustainable natural resource development and cross-cultural relationship building. He has held senior political, public service, and private sector roles where he has worked to responsibly bring Canadian commodities to world markets while ensuring local communities were involved in decision-making and benefited from resource development. Keivan is on the North American Sustainability & External Relations Leadership Team for Newmont corporation, the world's largest gold mining company and a major player in copper. In this role, he leads regional Indigenous relations, government relations, and strategic sustainability initiatives. Newmont is proud to be consistently ranked as one of the most transparent companies in the S&P 500 and as the mining industry co-leader in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for the seventh consecutive year.

KEYNOTE

ADDRESS - DAY 3



TODD HIRSCH

ECONOMIST

TOPIC

Adapting to the Modern Economy

Todd is a leading expert on managing the transition to a new global economy. A visionary in his field, he inspires audiences around the world to re-think the modern economy, and directs leaders to re-imagine how to survive and thrive in an ever-changing world.

As a speaker, Todd demystifies today's complex, colliding economic factors and interprets their impact, illustrated by relevant and memorable examples valued by industry leaders. His expert assessments map global trends to deliver a fresh, insights-fuelled outlook that enables his audiences to adapt to the emerging economic forces affecting their world, industries and careers.

With three TEDx Talks under his belt, over 2,500 presentations, and four books—audiences enjoy a well-researched presentation with compelling examples, metaphors and images replacing the traditional deluge of charts and graphs, and a modern approach to current economic trends that take into account the past, present, and most importantly the future. Take-aways for attendees help steer forward planning for business, operations and talent management strategies.

PANELS

SESSION 3

MODERATOR



RYAN FRANKE

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS SPECIALIST, PNG



JOE BEVAN

CEO, GITGA'AT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Joe is Nisga'a/Tshimshian and a member of the Kitselas First Nation. Joe is currently a Chief Executive Officer of Gitga'at Development Corporation. Joe has 30 years of experience transforming financial management at First Nations administration, businesses, and societies.

Joe's community leadership includes being Chief of Kitselas First Nation (2013-19) and serving as a director for several entities including the Tsimshian Tribal Council, the First Nations Finance Authority, and the AFN's First Nations' Economic Roundtable. He is a governor of the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, an External Advisory Committee member for BC Indigenous Procurement Initiative, and working on the final MBA course (Management Consulting) at Royal Roads University.



LIZ SMAHA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TOURISM TERRACE

Liz Smaha is the Executive Director of Kermodai Tourism Society, the Destination Marketing Organization responsible for the strategic marketing and promotion of Terrace and area to visitors from BC, Canada and around the world. Under Liz's leadership, Visit Terrace has transformed the landscape of tourism in Terrace through supporting tourism operators, managing marketing initiatives, and ushering the organization into the strategic digital space.



FRANK BUSCH

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES,
NORTH ADVISORY INC

Frank is a member of the *Nisichawayasihk* (Nee-chise-away-a-see) Cree Nation and grew up in Northern Manitoba. He holds a bachelor's degree in Indigenous Studies from the University of Manitoba, 5 certificates from the Canadian Securities Institute, and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Finance from Harvard University.

Frank serves on a number of charitable, private and public boards and is passionate about board governance. He has served on the Board of Directors of three publicly traded companies, and as such is a registered "insider" on the Toronto and New York Stock Exchanges (TSX and NYSE).

As Director of Economic Development for Strategies North, Frank is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with First Nations and providing information and advice to First Nation Councils, Staff, Knowledge Keepers, and Membership, that increases awareness of access to the Capital Markets, Private Equity & Debt Financing, Investment Strategy, as well as Financial Education.

He is also a published author and past recipient of the Burt Award for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Literature for his fiction novel "Grey Eyes".



ERICA LOUIE

CAPACITY BUILDING & PATHFINDING MANAGER, INDIGENOUS TOURISM

Erica Louie's lineage is Sto:lo and Wet'suwet'en, Erica belongs to the Gitdumden (Bear) Clan, in the Cas Yex (Grizzly) house within the Wet'suwet'en clan system. Erica was born and raised in Hazelton, B.C., From 2005-2009, Erica studied Environmental Planning at the University of Northern, B.C., she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Planning in 2009. Since 2009, Erica has focused on working with Indigenous communities in Land Management and Economic Development. Erica dedicates herself to continually expanding her knowledge and networks to continue to work with Indigenous communities in prospering and working toward self-governance. Erica is currently working to complete her Master's degree in Business Administration at Royal Roads University (RRU). Erica has been working with Indigenous Tourism B.C for the past year to assist in implementing the ITBC Alignment Strategy for Recovery 2021-2024, the primary focus is assisting tourism businesses, and start-ups and supporting Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs within the tourism industry.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS OF MAJOR PROJECTS

MODERATOR



JAY DILLEY

Jay is known as a charismatic engaging transformational people first, client centric leader. He's an advocate of Women in Leadership, Corporate and Social Responsibility and Sustainability. Jay has held senior executive positions within the tech, airlines, and the Construction Management, Mining and Petroleum Testing Inspection and Certification space. Jay most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer for Bureau Veritas Infrastructure North America and served as the President of Bureau Veritas Commodities Canada running the close to 1000 person Petroleum and Mineral Laboratory network across five countries in North America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Jay is a lifelong learner, recently completing a certificate from the Haas School of Business in Executive Education from the University of California Berkeley. Additionally he holds a Master of Science in Management and is a CFA Charter Holder. Jay is an active member of YPO (Young President's Organization) and has been recognized as a Wings and Helicopters magazine's Top 20 under 40, and as a Business in Vancouver Top Forty under 40 awards.



LYLE THOMPSON

SENIOR MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HATFIELD

Lyle Thompson is a Senior Environmental Impact Assessment Manager at Hatfield based out of North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He is also an Associate Partner with 20 years of corporate, regulatory and consulting experience, specializing in managing major projects subject to federal and/or provincial impact assessments, permitting and approvals. Lyle is responsible for collaborating with clients and project teams to advance preliminary project designs, support public and Indigenous consultations and the navigation of complex regulatory processes. He is also responsible for managing internal teams of biologists and technical experts to safely execute field programs and deliver high-quality reporting on the assessment of impacts associated with major projects based on regulatory guidelines and requirements.

As a former federal regulator with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (formerly the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency), and with 15 years of environmental consulting experience, Lyle has in-depth understanding of proponent and regulatory priorities and problem-solving opportunities. His extensive network and collaborative approach have been proven assets in reducing cost and schedule risks on numerous contentious projects. In collaboration with proponents, Lyle routinely participates in consultations with the public, Indigenous groups and various levels of governments to assess project risks and to define study requirements in support of informed decision making. He is also experienced in overseeing development of environmental assessment information requirements that focus on key issues of concern, creating high-quality reports and permit applications, and negotiations with governments on conditions tied to project approvals. Lyle's project experience includes ports and marine terminals, oil and gas pipelines and infrastructure, mining, large and small hydroelectric projects, wind farms and fuel storage facilities.



TANISHKA GUPTA

IMPACT ASSESSMENT AGENCY OF CANADA

Tanishka Gupta is a Senior Consultation Analyst with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, where she leads Indigenous consultation activities for impact assessments on major resource development projects. She holds a Master's in Resource and Environment Management from Simon Fraser University, through which she researched and developed tools for gathering socio-economic baseline data in Indigenous communities for environmental and cumulative impact assessment. Tanishka's efforts in Indigenous consultation focus on building long-lasting relationships and enhancing Indigenous collaboration and partnership in federal environmental and impact assessments.



EDWIN HUBERT

A PROJECT ASSESSMENT DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
OFFICE GOV. OF BC

Edwin Hubert is a Project Assessment Director at the BC Environmental Assessment Office. Edwin lives in the traditional territory ləkʷəŋən people, known today as the home of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, also known as Victoria BC. Edwin is responsible for engaging with Indigenous Nations on environmental assessments of major projects and has been at the BC EAO for the past 10 years. Previous to the EAO, Edwin was a biologist within government and as a consultant.