



GUY LONECHILD, CEO First Nations Power Authority

Mr. Guy Lonechild, (Golden Eagle) is a member of the White Bear First Nations in southeast Saskatchewan and is proud to be of Saulteaux, Cree and Assiniboine ancestry. Vice-Chief Lonechild navigated the FSIN's 25-year Economic Development Strategy, with an emphasis in business in agriculture, retail, oil & gas and tourism. Guy Lonechild as Chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, with Premier Brad Wall, Province of Saskatchewan, launched the First Nations Power Authority. Mr. Lonechild holds an Associate Degree in Business Management from San Diego, California and a Masters of Business Administration from Cape Breton University, Sydney, NS.



WEHKWAS DUROCHER, Northwest Communities Management Co.

Wehkwias Durocher grew up in the rural community of Beauval, Saskatchewan. She spent 19 years in her home community before moving to Alberta where she received her Bachelors in Fine Arts from the Alberta College of Art and Design. In 2016, Wehkwias completed the Community Economic Development Intern Program from Northlands College. As the Economic Development Coordinator and Asset Mapping Specialist, Wehkwias is proud to support a growing and developing region while promoting our west side Metis communities as a great place to live, work, visit, and invest.



JENNA GALL, First Nations Power Authority

Jenna Gall is the Community Energy Project Manager at First Nations Power Authority. She currently works with Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan and Alberta to develop renewable energy projects at the community and utility scale. One of her major roles at FNPA is Community Energy Planning. Jenna is currently wrapping up her Masters in Environment and Sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan where her research focus was assessing community energy planning toolkits and developing solutions and tools that meet the needs for Indigenous communities. Nunavut on a variety of energy and environmental projects.



RIC RICHARDSON, Mayor of Green Lake

Ric Richardson is the Mayor of Green Lake. He and his wife Rose own the Keewatin Junction. The Northern Village of Green Lake, roughly 210 km north-west of Prince Albert, has installed solar panels on the roof of its community centre. The system came online, on May 24, 2017 and has been operational for one year, during which time we have learned a great deal about the benefits of solar photovoltaic systems. Richardson said the community has dreamed of going to renewable energy for "decades." He said the community, which bills itself as a village "steeped in the rich history of First Nations and Metis people," is going back to their roots.



LINDSAY ALLIBAN, Village of Hazlet

In the field of Economic Development and Community Development for the past 10 years, building rural communities and developing unique projects is a passion for Lindsay. Working in her hometown of Hazlet, she has created an atmosphere of belief that small Villages offer great quality of life, and potential for thriving businesses. Developing and working on projects such as High School International Programs, Renewable Energy Initiatives, Youth Programs, Heritage Conservation and more! In 2009 the community undertook a project to create the first wind powered recreation complex in Canada.



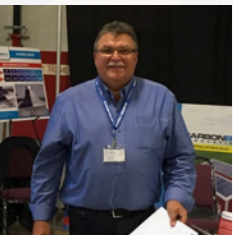
KEVIN BUFFIN, Northern Village Beauval

Hi my name is Kevin Buffin and I'm locally from Beauval, SK. Since 2011, I started becoming interested in photovoltaic's (solar power). I grew up at Dore Lake and over many years we used gas/diesel generators for our electricity needs. Over time I've grown tired of increased fuel prices, generators and wanted another (efficient) source of electricity. Past 5 years I purchased solar equipment and learned a lot about having the ideal off-grid solar installation that anyone can build. I've taken online solar training for grid-tied and battery-based systems. I plan to pursue more advanced solar training in the future, to one day render my future home off-grid. With more things becoming electric, oil and gas will eventually parish, leaving an abundant source of renewable options for the future.



LIONEL SPARVIER, Cowessess First Nation

Lionel Sparvier from Cowessess First Nation is a proud family man. He is a father to 3 daughters, 1 son and is a loving grandfather and great grandfather. In the 1990's he served 3 years as a Council member and 6 years as Chief of his nation. During that time, he was a part of negotiating and signing the treaty land entitlement for Cowessess First Nation. Lionel was re-elected to Council in April 2013 where his shared responsibilities are in economic development with his main focus in lands, resources and education. Lionel has a key role in the development of the various renewable energy projects that have been implemented by Cowessess First Nation.



MARK RUEST, Carbonbite Innovations (CBI Solar)

Mark Ruest was born and raised in Nipawin Saskatchewan. He worked on the hydro dam after graduation and then moved to Limestone Manitoba for two years to continue with the hydro dam. In 2006 Mark and his family moved to Red Deer where he got into real estate, heavy equipment sales, and geotechnical drilling services. This is where his interest in green energy was developed. A year ago, he started with CBI Solar in a business Development position. He looks forward to assisting your community in green power.



FRANK SCHWIEGER, Carbonbite Innovations (CBI Solar)

Frank Schwieger was raised on a farm west of Hoadly, Alberta. Frank has been involved in many different industries, from Agriculture to Logging, from Oil and Gas to Alternative Energy. For several decades Frank has been a part of off-grid solar, full time generator set ups in various places throughout Western Canada. Frank has also been an integral part of developing operational farms, with solar/generator power sources with his work in South Sudan throughout 2012-2013. Frank was one of the original team members when CBI Solar was founded in 2016.



KIRK WESTGARD, Ministry of Trade & Export

Kirk Westgard is Assistant Deputy Minister with the Economic Development Division of the Ministry of Trade and Export Development. With 17 years of experience with the department Kirk's background includes: Advancing economic growth in Saskatchewan by increasing investment through domestic and international engagement; Managing several labour recruitment missions abroad including the Labour Recruitment Mission to Ireland in March 2012; Recipient of Premier's Award for Excellence in the Public Service (2010 and 2012).



KWAME NEBA, Tourism Saskatchewan

Kwame Neba has been the Director of Product Development for Tourism Saskatchewan since February 2017. He came to the position from the Northwest Territories where he had been the Manager of Tourism Industry Services for the Government of the Northwest Territories. Prior to moving to the Northwest Territories, he served in different roles with Tourism Saskatchewan between June 2011 and February 2013 including, Manager of Industry Human Resource Development, Quality Assurance Specialist and Acting Director of Quality Assurance. Kwame has more than 17 years of experience in tourism training and product development.



JESSE MORIN, Meadow Lake Tribal Council

Jesse Morin was born and raised in the city of Meadow Lake, SK. Jesse studied at the University of Saskatchewan and received his Business Management Diploma in 2016. He is the current Business Development Officer for Meadow Lake Tribal Council.



TERRY DOW, Waskesiu and Area Wilderness Region

Terry Dow works as the Director of Sales and Marketing for the Waskesiu and Area Wilderness Region and sits on several committees within the organization, including marketing, finance, membership and events committees. She considers herself lucky to be able to enjoy all four seasons in the Big River, Lakeland and Prince Albert National Park areas.



TRACEY PASCAL, Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC)

Tracey Pascal is a status member of the Pasqua First Nation, currently working as the Saskatchewan Coordinator with ITAC. Tracey's previous position was as Membership and Communications Manager for the First Nations Power Authority of Saskatchewan (FNPA), a not-for-profit, start-up mandated to assist First Nations communities in developing renewable energy projects. Tracey received a Bachelor of Arts from the First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv), formerly the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC), with a major in English and minor in Indian Studies.



TERESA RYDER, Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC)

Teresa Ryder works as the Project Manager in the Industry Development Department at ITAC. Teresa is of Musqueam descent, born in the Lower Mainland and raised on Vancouver Island. She holds a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Criminology from Simon Fraser University. Before joining the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC), Teresa worked for the Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC (AtBC), as well as in various roles throughout the hospitality industry.



DEAN VILLENEUVE, Clarence Campeau Development Fund

Dean Villeneuve is a Business Development Specialist for the Clarence Campeau Development Fund. For the last few years he has worked directly with Metis entrepreneurs and communities in Northwest Saskatchewan. Dean holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Saskatchewan, Edwards School of Business. He is also currently the Chair of a student-run not-for-profit working on indigenous economic development, and northern food security. He is born and raised in Meadow Lake.

BRETT GERICH, SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation

Brett Gerich is the northern Business Development Officer for SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation. He received his Bachelor of Commerce from U of S in 2006 and started with SMEDCO in early 2007 as the Business Advisory Consultant, aiding clients with business plans and aftercare. In 2011, Brett left SMEDCO to enter the skill trades, and received an Electrical journeyman ticket in 2015. In 2016, Brett took on the role of Project Officer for Camponi Housing to lead the renovation initiative for their entire housing portfolio.

