

Meet the Indigenous Priorities Advisory Council

The Council brings together community and thought leaders who are passionate about listening and responding to the experiences and priorities of Indigenous communities in building more collaborative working and funding relationships.

Deeply rooted in their communities, the Council draws from both their lived experiences and their diverse cultural, professional, and academic learnings to review applications and make final funding recommendations.



Kim Haxton

PEOPLE: Potawatomi, Wasauksing First Nation.
PASSION: Decolonization and lateral liberation in language, art, economics and gender.
FOUNDATIONS: Land-based education and leadership.



Jayme Gabriel-Chan

NATION: Kwantlen First Nation.
FOUNDATIONS: Director, stałəw Arts & Cultural Society - revitalizing arts, culture and language. Process and Knowledge Mobilization Specialist, Indigenous Justice at Law Foundation of BC.
PASSION: Incorporating culture into business and engagement.



Tiara Cash

PEOPLE: Black American, Chahta, and Tsalagi.
FOUNDATIONS: Creator of Equitable Mindfulness, a framework for transformative conversations across social differences.
PASSION: Supporting anti-racism and anti-pipeline movements. Uplifting systemically marginalized groups.



Sakastew Napew, Craig Settee

NATION: Fisher River Cree Nation, Dauphin River First Nation.
FOUNDATIONS: Manager, Cultural Competency at Can-SOLVE CKD Network - kidney patient advocacy and sharing Indigenous knowledges training program.
COMMUNITY ROLES: Oscápéwis (Ceremony Helper).



Csetkwe Fortier

NATIONS: Syilx and Secwepmec.
FOUNDATIONS: Ceremony, mental health, performance art, song, poetry, painting and illustration.
COMMUNITY ROLES: Sqwuy (mother to sons), stamiya (Two Spirit), and Traditional Knowledge Keeper.



Ha-Youly, Sharon Hobenshield

NATION: Gitxsan.
FOUNDATIONS: Executive Director, Kw'umut Lelum Foundation, the first Indigenous-led Foundation in Western Canada.
PASSION: Champion for authenticity and sustainability in upholding culture and securing healthy, strong communities.



Iy'imelwit, Joanne Stone Campbell

NATION: Squamish.
FOUNDATIONS: 35 years in Education, Indigenous Initiatives lead at ICBC.
PASSION: Business and leadership. Opening doors and encouraging others to pursue their dreams.



Ximximuslayc, Lori Saunders

PEOPLE: Sutsłmc and Tsilhqot'in from the territories Kimsquit and Xeni Gwet'in.
FOUNDATIONS: Clean Energy Coordinator, Xeni Gwet'in. Member, Coastal First Nations-Great Bear Initiative Climate Action Network.
PASSION: Environmental Leadership.



Tarah Samuels

NATION: Haida Gwaii.
FOUNDATIONS: Economic Development and Commercial Lands Manager at Gaw Tlagee.
PASSION: Indigenous leadership and business administration. Strategic community investments and community access to economic opportunity.