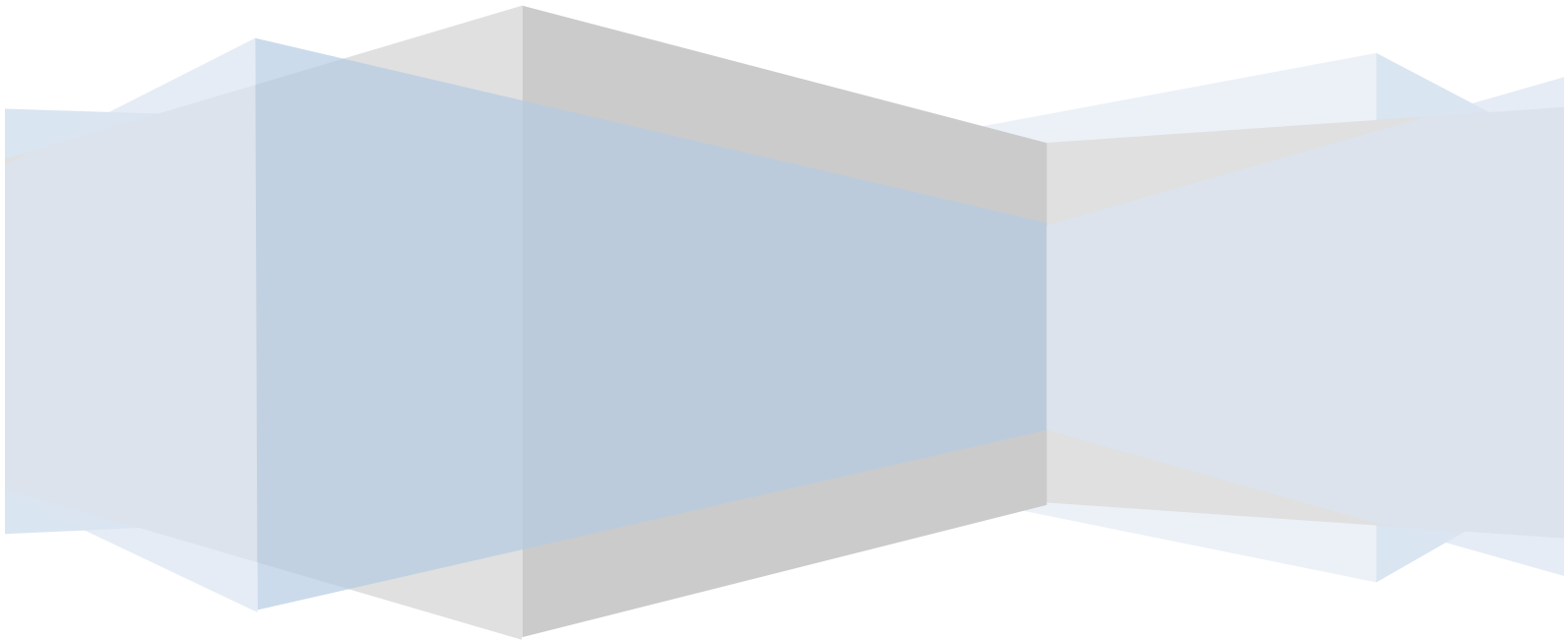


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Personal Information:

Nationality: Cree (Eeyou Istchee)
Date of Birth: April 05, 1951
Place of Birth: On the land (Eeyou Istchee) approximately 100 miles northeast of the Cree Community of Whapmagoostui
Marital Status: Married
Citizenship: Member of the Whapmagoostui First Nation, Qc CANADA
Indian Status: Treaty No. 0950012701
JBNQA Cree Beneficiary Number: 13803

Professional Experience

NIMSCHU-ISKUDOW Inc. **2011 to Present**

President & Chief Executive Officer

NI is 100% owned by the Whapmagoostui First Nation, and is a company specialized in sustainable energy development projects, such as:

- Wind Energy
- Biomass Energy Systems
- Other

*NI is currently developing the Whapmagoostui Hybrid Plant Project for the Whapmagoostui First Nation.

MUKASH & YAB MANAGEMENT GROUP (MYABMG) **2011 to Present**

President

MYABMG offers professional services in the following areas:

- Corporation Set-up, Board Development and Support
- Business Development and Operations
- Construction and Industrial Project Management
- Research and Strategic Studies
- Human Resource Management, Policies and Training Development
- With the support of third specialists, the following services are also offered: **Legal Advise, Insurance and Bonding, Accounting, Architecture and Engineering, Surveying, Commissioning.**

President/Principal (*Sole principal of Mukash Consulting Services*)

Provides consulting services on the following areas:

- ❑ **Political Advisory**
 - Inter-governmental relations
 - Regional and local resource development matters
 - Regional and local environment issues
 - Government negotiations
 - Inter-municipal/community affairs
- ❑ **Community and Corporate Strategic Planning**
 - Vision/mission statement development
 - Corporate organizational development and management
 - Policy and programming
 - Local and regional economic development
- ❑ Community enhancement initiatives involving traditional and cultural initiatives
- ❑ **Policy and Legislative Review**
 - Review and analysis of community by-laws and corporate policies
- ❑ **Personal and Professional Development**
 - Leadership and professional development
 - Time management
 - Career development
 - Personal financial management
 - Life skills training
- ❑ **Planning & Development of the Whapmagoostui Nishiiyuu Health Model**
 - In consultation with elders and community members plan, develop a 5-Year Strategic Plan for development, establishment, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of a traditional health model for the Whapmagoostui First Nation

Grand Chief/Chairman of the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority (Eeyou Istchee)(GCCEI/CRA)

- ❑ Leader of the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee (northern Quebec) As the Chief Executive Officer of the GCCEI/CRA organization (Cree Nation Government), ensures the mandates given by the Cree communities to the CRA and the GCCEI are carried through and that the GCCEI/CRA organization executes the priorities and objectives laid down by the CRA Council, the GCCEI and by the Annual and Special General Assemblies of members of the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee (Quebec);
- ❑ Responsible for the overall management and administration of the Cree Nation Government as well as the coordination of policy-making efforts and the effective carrying out of the Cree Nation Government's goals and objectives;

- ❑ Responsible for the coordination and integration of efforts of various Cree Institutions, entities, Native organizations, joint-committees and Cree Nation's governmental bodies;
- ❑ Presides over quarterly and special CRA Council and GCCEI Board meetings, monthly Executive Committee meetings and Cree Nation's Annual and Special General Assemblies;
- ❑ Builds and maintains working relations with the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan and their respective officials;
- ❑ Develops global position on Cree social, economic and political development;
- ❑ Represents the Cree people at regional meetings, at local and regional events, and also at national gatherings in exchange of relevant information;
- ❑ Fulfills the obligations of Bill 25 and GCCEI Charter and by-laws.

Chairman of the Executive Committees of the Grand Council of the Cree and the Cree Regional Authority

- ❑ Chairs all regular and special meetings of the said committees;
- ❑ Ensures the carrying of all mandates and directives issued at Executive Committee meetings;
- ❑ Reports to the GCCEI/CRA Council/Board the activities of the Executive Committee

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

2007 to present

Member – National Aboriginal Economic Development Board (NAEDB)(Reappointed in 2011 for another 3-year term)

- ❑ Appointed by the Federal Government in 2008, Matthew Mukash is member of the NAEDB which acts as a link between federal policy makers, legislators, government departments, and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal business and community leaders, providing counsel on all matters pertaining to Aboriginal economic development. NAEDB plays a key role in the development of a new Aboriginal economic development policy framework. It also advises on how the federal government and Aboriginal businesses and communities can work together more effectively to increase Aboriginal participation in the national economy.
- ❑ Also a member of the NAEDB's Strategic Planning Sub-committee.

WHAPMAGOOSTUI EEYOU ENTREPRISES DEVELOPMENT CORP

2003 - 2005

President

- ❑ Chief Executive Officer of the Whapmagoostui First Nation's local development corporation (WEEDCO).
- ❑ Responsible for the overall management and administration of WEEDCO, and acts as its representative/spokesperson in its dealings with various governments, organizations and agencies, at shareholders meetings, conferences and other public functions.

Deputy Grand Chief/Vice-Chairman

- ❑ Responsible for the administration and management of the Grand Council of the Crees (Quebec)(GCCEI and the Cree Regional Authority (CRA).
- ❑ Responsible for providing administrative and political support to the Grand Chief/Chairman of the GCCEI/CRA.
- ❑ In the absence of the Grand Chief/Chairman, chair all regular and special sittings of the GCCEI and the CRA, including the meetings of their respective Executive Committees, as well as all Annual and Special General Assemblies of the Cree Nation.
- ❑ Responsible for the implementation of the all decisions of the GCCEI and the CRA and their respective Executive Committees.
- ❑ Portfolio: Eeyou (Cree) Governance file. Conducted community consultations on Eeyou (Cree) Governance.

Chief/Mayor

- ❑ Chief Executive Officer of the Whapmagoostui First Nation local government.
- ❑ As Chief, served as member of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of the Crees and on the Council of the Cree Regional Authority (from 1992 to 1999).
- ❑ Acted as key figure in the Cree Nation's international campaign to save the Great Whale River from hydroelectric development in Northern Quebec. This campaign succeeded in creating worldwide awareness and recognition of the plight the Crees of Eeyou Istchee. It also helped put the Cree Nation agenda on the provincial, national and international political arena. (This campaign resulted in the cancellation of a 17billion\$ energy purchase contract between the State of New York and the Government of Quebec).

Community Liaison Officer

- ❑ Under the direction of the GCCEI, responsible for the planning, development and coordination of the public relations campaign to save the Great Whale River (GWR) from hydroelectric development. This PR campaign was two-fold in its purpose: 1) to save the GWR and (2) in response to the failure of the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec to effectively implement the 1975 James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. The Cree Nation decided to oppose further resource development in Eeyou Istchee until this matter was settled.
- ❑ It was while holding this position that Matthew Mukash led the above-mentioned international public campaign to New York City in the spring of 1990. The GCCEI's strategy was to create international awareness on the Cree's plight and wage public support from the State of New York, New England States and other parts of the U.S. This campaign focused on eliminating the US energy market as a way of pressuring the Quebec government to change

its energy policy and resort instead to small-scale projects to produce energy. As a result of this campaign, the State of New York cancelled a 17-billion\$ energy purchase contract with Quebec. Quebec then had no other choice but to make an offer to the Cree Nation to settle Cree claims that had been outstanding since 1975 and, as a result, the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship with Quebec (Paix Des Braves) came about. In a referendum, the Cree Nation with a substantial majority vote accepted this agreement.

- ❑ Responsible for the public relations aspect of the above-mentioned campaign, an effort that resulted in a huge success in favour of the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee. In 1994, the Quebec Government, under the leadership of Premier Jacques Parizeau, formally shelved the GWR hydroelectric project.

WHAPMAGOOSTUI EYYOU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**1987-1989*****President***

- ❑ Chief Executive Officer of the Whapmagoostui Eeyou Construction Company
- ❑ Responsible for the overall orientation, management and administration of the company
- ❑ Initially served on the Board of Directors of the said company

CREE HOUSING CORPORATION Inc.**1983-1984*****Construction Site Technician***

- ❑ Performed on-site building inspection on behalf of the Cree Regional Authority, mainly on housing construction projects in the communities of Waswanipi and Whapmagoostui
- ❑ Responsible for making sure that housing construction is done in accordance with the Canadian Building Code and with technical, safety and other standards
- ❑ On behalf of the project owner, responsible for promoting quality control

WHAPMAGOOSTUI FIRST NATION**1980-1982*****Economic Development Agent***

- ❑ Worked with the CRA Economic Development Agent to develop a Community Economic Development (CED) strategic plan for the Whapmagoostui First Nation
- ❑ Responsible for the implementation of the WFN's CED strategic plan
- ❑ Provide assistance to local entrepreneurs in the development of business plans

SURETE DU QUEBEC/AMERINDIAN POLICE**1976-1980*****Special Constable***

- ❑ Responsible for keeping the peace, the enforcement of the Canadian Criminal Code, provincial statutes as well as the by-laws of the local government of the Whapmagoostui First Nation

Warehouse Clerk

- Responsible for the DGNQ's Receiving/Shipping Department serving Whapmagoostui/Kuujuarapik and the Inuit communities of Nunavik

OTHER FUNCTIONS**1992-97 WHAPMAGOOSTUI FIRST NATION**

- ***Chairman*** of the Executive Committee of the Whapmagoostui First Nation Quebec (71/2 years)

1997-02 GRAND COUNCIL OF THE CREES (of Quebec)

- ***Chairman*** of the Cree Nation Working Group on Eeyou Governance (4 years)

1983-84 MONTREAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

- ***Member*** of the Board of Directors (1 year)

1981-82 Cree Regional Authority BOARD OF COMPENSATION

- ***Member*** of the CRA Board of Compensation (1 year)

1980-82 WHAPMAGOOSTUI FIRST NATION

- ***Deputy Chief*** of the Whapmagoostui First Nation

1980-81 CREE BOARD OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OF JAMES BAY (CBHSSJB)

- ***Member*** of the CBHSSJB Board of Director representing the Whapmagoostui First Nation (1 year)

1976-82 GREAT WHALE RIVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (Social Club)

- ***Member*** of the Board of Directors (6 years)

Education**1985-89 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY (Montreal, Qc)***Bachelor of Arts (Major in Political Science)***1982-84 MONTREAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE (Montreal, Qc)***A.E.C. in Building Technology (Specialty in Architectural Drafting)***1976(Sept-Dec) INSTITUT DE POLICE DU QUEBEC (Nicolet, Qc)***Certificate in Aboriginal Policing (Special Constable)*

1970 WESTBURY COLLEGE ((Montreal, Qc)
High School Diploma

Other Courses/Seminars of Interest attended and completed:

- ❑ ***2009: Nation-Building Approach to Aboriginal Economic Development (Native Nations Institute/Harvard University)***
- ❑ ***2004: Entrepreneurship and Business Plan Development (Cross-over Community Network)***
- ❑ ***2003: Effective Meeting Skills and Time Management (Cross-over Community Network)***
- ❑ ***1998: Establishing Aboriginal Governments in Canada (The Banff Center for Management)***
- ❑ ***1998: Leadership and Management Development for Senior Executives and Managers in Aboriginal Governments (The Banff Center for Management)***
- ❑ ***1988: Financial Management Portfolio (a seminar sponsored by Government of Canada)***
- ❑ ***1980: A Course in Socio-economic Development for Aboriginal Communities (Mistissini, Qc)***
- ❑ ***1978: Police Administration Certification (Institute de Police du Quebec, Qc)***

Skills: Musician

Activities as a Musician:

1977-1982

- ❑ ***Member*** of the music band ***“The 55th Parallel”***

1994

- ❑ ***Performed*** as a fiddler at the CBC’s ***True North Concert*** in Whapmagoostui-Kuujuarapik
- ❑ ***Recorded*** (along with other Artists) an album entitled ***“Northern Lights”*** with Randall Prescott, producer

1996

- ❑ **Performed** as a fiddler at the **Inukjuak Music Festival** in Inukjuak, Qc

2003

- ❑ **Performed** at the **True North Concert** in Oujebougoumou, Qc

2006

- ❑ **Recorded** of a music CD entitled: "Whapmagoostui Cree Fiddler"

2007

- ❑ Currently working on a **second music CD**

Additional Information & Interests

- ❑ *Actively involved in Cree Culture enhancement and strengthening initiatives*
 - ❑ *Would like to promote the Artists (Aboriginal music, film, literature, film-makers, etc.) to become competitive at the mainstream level*
 - ❑ *Hobbies: reading, writing and playing/writing music*
 - ❑ *Currently writing a novel based a Cree legend*
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