

# BCAFN Dialogue on First Nations Land-Based Carbon Offsets

April 19, 2022 (1:00 PM to 3:00 PM)

## Speakers' bio

### BC Assembly of First Nations – First Nations Carbon Discussion Paper

#### Michelle Connolly

- Project manager on Ecotrust Canada's Climate Innovation team.
- Michelle managed a northern climate solutions research program for six years and worked at BCAFN as a Carbon Specialist during 2020 - 2021.
- During her work with the BCAFN, Michelle prepared a discussion paper titled [First Nations Carbon](#), which will be presented during her presentation.
- Michelle has also worked with all levels of government to develop and communicate conservation policy, support land management, and administrative tenure.
- Michelle holds an MSc in Forest Disturbance Ecology from the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC).

### Coastal First Nations (CFN) – The Great Bear Forest Carbon project

#### David Oxley and Dani Warren

- David and Dani work for the Great Bear Carbon Credit Limited Partnership.

#### David Oxley

- David is the Business Corporations Manager with Coastal First Nations – Great Bear Initiative (CFN).
- After working twenty years in the social services sector, David started in 2015 with CFN as an IT Admin, and in 2016, he became more involved with carbon offsets as Business Corporations Coordinator with the Great Bear Carbon Credit Limited Partnership.
- David has since then built the infrastructure that all offsets are managed by today, maintaining strong relationships with all member nations and sales partners.

- He is passionate about carbon education, committed to maximizing the funding for CFN and helping them reach their goals for languages, culture, a stable economic future and protecting the Great Bear Forest and all that live within it.

### **Dani Warren**

- Dani Warren is the Corporate Administrator with Coastal First Nations – Great Bear Initiative (CFN) since early 2022.
- Dani is Cree and a member of the Montreal Lake Cree Nation.
- She has a recent background in project/property management with Bosa Properties and 49 North Partners.
- She is passionate to work with those in need and spent five years with the St. Paul’s Hospital security team frontline with patrons from the Downtown Eastside and the City of Burnaby Warming Centres overnight shelter program.
- Outside of working life, Dani is a competitive bagpiper with the SFU/RMM pipe band organization and holds a Director position as a board member with the British Columbia Pipers Association.

## **Assembly of First Nations**

### **William David (Mohawks of Akwesasne)**

- William is currently Director of Economic Development with the Assembly of First Nations.
- He holds a degree in environmental engineering science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a law degree from the University of Ottawa, where he contributed to research on the effects of indigenous Title on carbon trading regimes.
- Mr. David has over 20 years of experience working to advance the rights of Indigenous peoples at the community, national and international levels, including territorial rights of indigenous peoples in the context of environmental conservation and climate change through the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

## **B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy**

### **Warren Greeves**

- Warren is the Senior Economic Advisor for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
- Over the last ten years, Warren has supported major sustainability initiatives in the non-profit, private, and public sectors.
- Warren has worked with two Canadian provincial governments to develop climate policy.
- Currently, Warren leads the development of nature-based carbon offset standards and methodologies at the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.