

Edmond Collins

DIRECTOR-ONTARIO



A life-long member and resident of Fort William First Nation, Ed graduated from a local high school within the city of Thunder Bay further enrolling at Confederation College where he pursued Building Technology and Law and Security.

His education allowed him a 5 year career in Security when he decided to bring his skills and education back to his community with a career in Property Management with the Anemki Mountain Corporation. The corporation, a branch entity of Fort William First Nation, is one of the leading stepping stones for the Fort William First Nation in Economic Development. Within this career, Ed was supervising over 150 thousand square feet of commercial space.

The success of Fort William's land claim settlements allowed for bigger and better opportunities in Economic Development and Ed seized this opportunity to broaden and strengthen his skills. After years with the First Nation he moved into the position of Economic Development Manager that allowed him to represent Fort William First Nation in various industrial ventures such as the FWFN Solar Park and expansion to the Bowater Stud Mill plant located on property owned by FWFN and East West Tie Project. Ed now Manager of Indigenous Relations with DST Engineers Inc a Division of Englobe, his role is to foster relationship with industry and First Nations. Creating proper, respectful and meaningful working relationships with First Nations across Canada.

Ed sat on numerous boards in the past such as, Regional Program Management Advisory Committee (RPMAC), CEDC Advisory Committee, Economic Development Committee City Thunder Bay, Bamkushwada LP, Supercom Industries, University of Toronto Faculty of Law advisory committee, Presidents Advisory council on Economic Development (Lakehead University), Health and Safety Fort William First Nation, and Ontario First Nations Economic Development Association.

In 2011 Ed received the Designated Professional Level Aboriginal Economic Development (PAED) Certification through the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO).

Ed and his wife Nancy have two children and are proud to call Fort William First Nation his home.

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