

Welcome

VAUGHN

“TEHOWEESONTE”

SUNDAY



My name is Vaughn Tehoweesonte Sunday. I was born and raised in the Akwesasne Mohawk First Nation in Ontario. I am the son of a Mohawk Ironworker, residential school survivor, father and a Mohawk Language teaching mother. I am a Mohawk language speaker myself and a member of the wolf clan in the longhouse. I have worked in First Nation Administration for 30 years first at my home community working at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for 25 years, and then I worked as the Executive Director at the Adams Lake Indian Band for 3.5 years. I also worked at the AFN in Ottawa under National Chief Perry Bellegarde.

During my career, I have work experience in such areas as First Nation Management, Executive Management, as a consultant with many First Nations and First Nation organizations. I have worked on such projects as housing subdivisions, a strip mall, a multi use/health facility, a couple of loan corporations, tourism projects, strategic and operational planning, capital planning and the implementation of community projects.

Locally, I have taught courses for NVIT, TRU and AFOA Canada in such areas as governance, community development, Indigenous project management and nation building to name a few. I have lived in Spaxomin for the past 5 years on the Upper Nicola Indian Reserve and I am married to Collette Sunday (formerly Manuel). Together we have 7 adult children and 4 grandchildren.

I am happy to be here and hope to meet everyone in the next few weeks. Watkononweratons tanon Oserase Sewakwekon! I am honored to be here, and I wish everyone a Happy New Year!
Skennen/In Peace

Vaughn Sunday
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