

CSWB Interim Board Bios

Jada Yee

Jada Yee is the Director of Business Development for FHQ Developments and is a proud member of the Wood Mountain Lakota Sioux Nation. Jada is also of Chinese-Canadian heritage as well. Jada has a wide range background where he spent over 20 years in various mid-senior level leadership roles within the casino gaming industry as well as being a General Manager of an Indigenous Metal Fabrication facility.



Jada joined the FHQ Developments organization in January 2020 and has been busy ever since where he oversees two departments (Investments and Ec. Dev.), where he is always aiming to contribute to the long-term economic independence and prosperity of FHQ Devs' Limited Partners and their citizens by developing profitable business ventures, economic development opportunities, and advancing employment and livelihood for the Nations and their citizens.

In his spare time, Jada volunteers on numerous Indigenous and Non-Indigenous boards. Jada has been an active member for the past 3 years on the Regina Police Service Board of Police Commissioners. He also sits on the Board of Directors for the Regina Food Bank. In October 2021, Jada was elected to the National Board of Canadian Association for Police Governance, where Jada represents Saskatchewan. Jada has also served as Board of Directors for the Regina Crime Stoppers Association, Regina Aboriginal Professionals Association and as the Indigenous Representative for the Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business Students Association.

Jada was also awarded the Presidential Leadership Award from SaskGaming and has also been invited and presented for his research at the Annual Gaming and Problem Gambling Retreat on two separate occasions regarding his research in Problem Gaming/Addictions and Indigenous communities. This led to Jada being recognized in 2017 as Top 40 Under 40 in the global gaming community, which at the time, Jada was the lone Canadian acknowledged.

Jada is a proud alumni of First Nations University with a BAdmin and Jada obtained his MAdmin in 2020. Jada also teaches at the First Nations University in their School of Business.

Dr. Kim McKay-McNabb

Dr. Kim McKay McNabb is a First Nation woman originally from Zagime Anishinabek and a member of George Gordon First Nation. She completed her BA (Honours), MA and PhD in Clinical Psychology. She has a diverse private practice, where she works with individuals, families and groups, specializing in culturally responsive therapies and trauma informed practice.



Dr. McKay-McNabb dedicates part of her practice to the families of the Missing and Murdered Women and Girls, mothers who have experienced children being apprehended and the rejuvenation of these families as well as working with populations who struggle with substance use disorders. She has worked on a Strategy for Suicide Prevention with the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, developed a Model of Care for a Family Wellness Centre with Muskowekwan First Nation and recently joined a team working on an Urban Indigenous Health Centre – each of these projects being the first of this kind in Canada.

Dr. McKay-McNabb has worked in several capacities in her career including being an Assistant Professor in the Science Department at the First Nations University of Canada for eleven years. She has been the lead and co-lead in over fifty research projects over the past twenty years with Indigenous health community-based projects. Much of the work that Dr. McKay-McNabb is guided by the Old Ones/Elders and Knowledge Keepers. She has numerous publications and is currently working on a book about her life journey.

Dr. McKay-McNabb has been recognized over the years for her commitment and dedication to the First Nation communities in Saskatchewan. In 2004, she was presented with the “*Circle of Honor Award*” for Women’s Leadership presented by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN). In 2015 she was recognized once again for her commitment to education by being awarded the *1st Annual Strength of our Women Award* for Education presented by The Saskatchewan First Nations Women’s Commission through the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations. Throughout her post secondary education, she has been the recipient several National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Post Secondary Health Bursaries. She was awarded the Doctoral Award from Canadian Institutes of Health Research in 2006-2009.

Milad Alishahi



Milad Alishahi is a partner at the law firm of MLT Aikins LLP. He is an experienced litigator practicing broadly in the areas of commercial litigation and construction litigation. He has particular focus on municipal law and advises Saskatchewan municipalities on a broad range of matters. As a past Director of Saskatchewan Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (SYPE), and a current Director of SaskEnergy, Milad has directorship experience and competence when it comes to matters of corporate governance.

Previously, Milad has served on several volunteer committees including the organization committee for the Red Cross Power of Humanity Gala and Red Cross Future Leaders. Milad's commitment to his community is also reflected through his volunteerism. He has volunteered with the Regina Open Door Society and he was the recipient of the 2014 Pro Bono Service Award for his dedication to Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan.

Dr. Nathalie Reid

Dr. Nathalie Reid is currently the Director of the newly established Child Trauma Research Centre at the University of Regina, and teaches in the Faculty of Education. Her current research is taking her in many directions including trauma-sensitive pedagogies, mental health and connectivity, pre- and post-migration trauma, community arts-based reconnection opportunities for youth, public safety personnel families' experiences, and child trauma and climate change.



She graduated with a BAH and B.Ed. (Concurrent Education Program) from Queen's University. Nathalie went on to teach high school in Ontario, Nova Scotia, and in two communities in Alberta where she taught English, French, Social Studies, Drama, Humanities, and Musical Theatre, and worked alongside multiple award-winning social justice student groups.

She completed a M.Ed. in Curriculum Development from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS, and her PhD at the University of Alberta.

Yaya Wang

Yaya is the Head of Human Resource, Canada for CLAAS of America, a German based agricultural equipment manufacturing company and is responsible for the full range of HR functions for their Canadian based wholesale and retail operations.

Yaya holds a Master's Certificate in Human Resource Management, Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, a Diploma in Business Admin, and a Certificate in Public Relations from the University of Regina and is expecting to complete her Masters of Administration in Leadership in 2023. She was the recipient of the 2018 CPHR SK Rising Star Award and named one of Saskatchewan's Top 40 by CBC in the same year.



As an active volunteer in the community, Yaya has been involved with the Canadian Red Cross in various efforts since 2012. She also participated as a judge and dancer for Swinging with the Stars and helped raised over \$176,000 for Hope's Home. She was honoured as the 2017 Distinguished Business Alumni by Campbell Collegiate for actively mentoring young business students and received the Peddle Award from Saskatchewan Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs for forwarding SYPE in the SK business community.

Scott Wells



Scott has 15 year of experience in analytics, operations, IT, sales and marketing, across the Oil & Gas, Healthcare, Telecommunications and Finance sectors. In his current role as the Director of Business Process and Analytics at SaskEnergy he provides intelligence and support for the business to make informed decisions and improve processes.

Scott is currently a co-lead of Data For Good in Saskatchewan, where he has helped numerous charities and non-profits leverage their data as an asset and tell compelling stories.

Scott has a MBA, a Bachelor's of Business Administration majoring in Finance, and a certificate in Economics from the University of Regina. He also mentors and coaches students for the JDC West Business Case Competition at the University of Regina.

Mike O'Donnell

Mike O'Donnell spent 30 years as a teacher, coach, guidance Councillor and Vice-principal. He served as the Commissioner of High School Athletics, responsible for athletic programming for over 6,000 student athletes each year.

Mike was the Executive Director of the Regina Soccer Association and worked with a volunteer board to support year round programming. In his leadership, Mike was responsible for soccer's role in the design and construction of the indoor soccer facility - now called the AffinityPlex.



Mike was elected to Regina City Council in four terms from 2006-2020. During that time he chaired two National Infrastructure Summits and the Olympic Torch Relay for the City of Regina. He represented Regina City Council on the Board of the Sask Urban Municipalities Association, the Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Board of Wascana Centre Authority, and served as the Chair of the Funders Committee for Mosaic Stadium - working with the Province of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Mike has received many awards for coaching and is the recipient of the Merit Award - Regina High Schools Athletic Association, the Merit Award - Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association, the SUMA - Scoop Lewry Award - for community commitment and is a member of the Regina Sports Hall of Fame.

Scott Law



Scott is a recognized face in the Regina business community with over 30 years of information technology industry experience in several domains. His perspective includes a view from both the customer and service provider points of view. The first half of his career was spent in Government developing and procuring IT solutions. Since then, he has worked in the private sector providing organizational design and leadership, strategy, project delivery and sales.

He has been active as a contributor and leader in the volunteer space having worked with several organizations including the Canadian Cancer Society, the Arthritis Society, Kidsport and the YMCA.

Donna Zeigler

Donna leads the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation team as its Executive Director. She understands the importance of stewarding relationships between donors and charities and the importance of philanthropy in building community.



Donna holds a Master of Communications from Royal Roads University, worked in the charitable and non-profit sectors, and has served as an elected school board member for nearly two decades. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, International Association of Business Communicators, and the International Coach Federation. Donna also volunteers on the Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care Association as a Director.