



FNMPC ADVISORY CENTRE & COLLIERS PROJECT LEADERS

Strategic Partnership

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The FNMPC Advisory Centre is an Indigenous community owned business providing strategic advisory services and advice to the private sector on matters such as the inclusion of Indigenous interests in ESG frameworks and standard setting, the building of business strategies that are inclusive of Indigenous participation, and the provision of advice leading to clear pathways to economic reconciliation.



COLLIERS PROJECT LEADERS

Colliers Project Leaders is a leading Canadian building and infrastructure project delivery solution provider. Together with parent company Colliers, we provide diversified and strategic solutions for program and project leadership via a family of integrated professional services. For more than 30 years, Colliers Project Leaders has partnered with Indigenous communities and organizations across Canada to help advise on and deliver vital infrastructure, healthcare and education projects. We work on behalf of Indigenous clients to help complete projects successfully, respecting cultural and community objectives and reporting structures. With 30 offices across Canada, our multidisciplinary team of advisory and project management professionals brings unparalleled depth and expertise to capital projects. We have completed more than 15,000 projects to date, deploying our proprietary tools and techniques to ensure success for our clients. Learn more at colliersprojectleaders.com.



Profiles



Chief Sharleen Gale

Chair of the Board, FNMPC Advisory Centre

Sharleen Gale has been an elected Councillor of the Fort Nelson First Nation since 2009. She is an active member of the Fort Nelson First Nation and envisions a future where all members are working together to become a strong, proud, healthy, and self-reliant Nation. She is the grand-daughter of Fred Burke and Madeline Needlay. Her roots run deep in the lives of her people and she enjoys being on the land with her family exploring the territory and teaching her son the traditional ways on the lands and how to hunt, fish, and gather medicines and berries. As a leader and Chief of the Nation, she understands the importance of upholding the spirit and intent of the treaty by asserting her peoples' rights to their land and taking responsibility for ensuring that our future generations are able to live their lives in their territory in a way that honours our ancestors. Sharleen started her career at Westcoast Energy Inc. in 2000. Her various roles working in Administration, Finance, Maintenance, Planning and in Leadership have given her extensive experience in the oil and gas sector, the corporate world and the vision to ensure our people are managing our lands and our resources in our territory to the benefit of our members. Sharleen is the chair of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) and believes that First Nations need to have the opportunity to have equity in major project infrastructure and access to meaningful financing for these projects happening in their territories. One that focuses on a balance approach of economic prosperity and environmental stewardship. Several First Nations have formed the First Nations Major Projects Coalition for the purposes of examining how ownership of major resource projects on their lands could be facilitated and how environmental practices can be improved to meet their needs.



Niilo Edwards

Chief Executive Officer

Niilo Edwards is the Executive Director of the First Nations Major Project Coalition, a role he assumed upon the establishment of the Coalition as a not-for-profit society in 2017.

Niilo is responsible for implementing the overall strategy and mandate of the Coalition. He also provides business capacity and negotiation support to the Coalition's national membership, representing a project portfolio worth a total capital cost exceeding \$17 billion.

Previously, Niilo worked at the First Nations Financial Management Board and was an advisor to the Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples in the Senate of Canada.

Niilo serves as a corporate trustee for a First Nation development corporation. He is also a board member of the Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships, and a member of the advisory board for the University of Ottawa's Positive Energy Initiative.



Stephen Lidington

Managing Director, Colliers Project Leaders

Stephen Lidington brings significant experience as a project finance advisor for dozens of infrastructure projects across Canada.

He is a seasoned transaction advisor with experience in both the public and private sectors on a wide range of major projects, including First Nations projects.

Stephen leads the Project Finance Infrastructure Advisory practice at Colliers Project Leaders, where he and his colleagues are committed to advancing the economic interests of First Nations in major infrastructure projects.



First Nations Major Projects Coalition launches member-owned, client-focused professional consulting practice

The FNMPC Advisory Centre has been established to provide Indigenous-focused strategic advisory on capital projects and ESG guidance to the private sector, public sector, and Indigenous clients.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 12, 2022 – Coast Salish Territory (Vancouver, BC) – The First Nations Major Projects Coalition (“FNMPC”) is proud to announce the launch of the FNMPC Advisory Centre (“Advisory Centre”), an Indigenous, client-focused consulting practice. The Advisory Centre is wholly owned by the members of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition, a not-for-profit society. 100% of the profits generated by the Advisory Centre will support the not-for-profit services and programs provided by FNMPC, which are accessed by First Nations at no cost.

“The FNMPC Advisory Centre is an Indigenous community owned business providing strategic advisory services on matters such as the inclusion of Indigenous interests in ESG frameworks, the building of business strategies that are inclusive of Indigenous participation, and the provision of advice leading to clear pathways to economic reconciliation,” says Niilo Edwards, CEO of the FNMPC Advisory Centre.

“With decades of experience working with Indigenous communities, projects proponents, investors, and governments, the FNMPC Advisory Centre has the full breadth of expertise necessary to assist top-level public and private sector clients who are seeking to build constructive partnerships with Indigenous communities,” adds Mark Podlasly, Senior Vice President Business Development and Head of ESG Advisory.

To bolster the Advisory Centre’s capacity to provide strategic advisory to capital projects, the Advisory Centre is pleased to enter into a strategic partnership with Colliers Project Leaders.

“Colliers Project Leaders is committed to reconciliation and is proud of this strategic partnership with the FNMPC Advisory Centre. Together, we are uniquely positioned to help clients advance projects quickly and collaboratively, enhance certainty, and achieve improved outcomes through the meaningful inclusion of Indigenous perspectives,” says Olivia MacAngus, President, Colliers Project Leaders. “We look forward to supporting the FNMPC Advisory Centre clients by leveraging our multidisciplinary team of advisory and project management professionals.”

To learn more about the FNMPC Advisory Centre visit www.fnmpcadvisory.com.

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