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Jamie is from Opaskwayak Cree Nation in Treaty 5 territory and is passionate about building bridges between First Nations and business communities, as a pathway to a strong and prosperous economic future for all. With a background as a Deputy Minister, educator, a member of the US Army's 75th Ranger Regiment and as Manitoba's Treaty Commissioner, Jamie works with innovative organizations looking to tap into Canada's hidden potential. Jamie's greatest leadership strengths are as a facilitator and relationship builder where his calm and thoughtful demeanor enables him to navigate complex and often highly charged situations, to positive and successful outcomes. He is currently the Vice President Indigenous Strategy, Research and Business Development with Red River College Polytechnic in Treaty 1 territory.

As a teacher and Director of Education for Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Jamie was involved with establishing OCN's Land Based Education programs with significant community support. OCN's Land Based Education program is of Canada's leading programs and a model for communities looking to build their relationships with the land.

As Treaty Commissioner for Manitoba Jamie led a team that gained support for Treaty Education Kindergarten through grade 12 from a diverse network including The Manitoba Teachers Society, Manitoba Superintendents, Manitoba School Boards, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary's, Church groups and all political parties. This work culminated in the province supporting the Treaty Education Initiative and making Treaty Education mandatory in Manitoba. Manitoba students are now learning about Treaties in Kindergarten through grades 12 at every school in the province.

Jamie was also employee #1 at the First Nations owned Arctic Gateway Group which operates the rail line to Churchill and the Port of Churchill, and was a key member of the team that gained access to significant federal and provincial investment totalling over $170 million. AGG's Indigenous staffing numbers were raised during his tenure from well under 50% to over 70%, with 90% of all new hires during his time there being Indigenous – mainly First Nations from northern Manitoba.
Jamie recently finished teaching the first class offered at the Asper School of Business MBA program focused on Indigenous Business Relations. A class that the students of the course successfully lobbied to be a permanent part of the MBA program.