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Michael D. Pelletier Biography and Introduction

Boozhoo everyone! My name is Michael David Pelletier, and I am the new Chief Administrative Officer for Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA). I have been honoured by the BNA Chief and Council to take on this position, and I look forward to working with everyone and continuing the great work that has been accomplished so far! I would like to take some time to tell you a little about myself.

I am a band member of Fort William First Nation (FWFN) where I grew up and currently reside. I have four children: Carmen, Mya Lee, Sienna, and Michael Jr. Recently, I was blessed to become a grandfather to a beautiful baby boy, Elijah. One of my greatest passions is spending time with my family and raising, as best I can, my children.

I attended high school and university here in the City of Thunder Bay. While attending university, I became a father and started working part-time with the Canada Revenue Agency and eventually came to work for my First Nation as an Accounts Payable Clerk. While with FWFN, I completed my Honours Bachelor of Commerce, with an Accounting Major in 2011. Over the next 15 years, I quickly climbed the ranks with ambition for a senior management position. I held positions for Payroll Clerk, Human Resources Coordinator, and Human Resources Manager with FWFN. I then moved to Nokiiwin Tribal Council as a Finance and Human Resources Manager and then back to FWFN as their Chief Executive Officer in March 2020. In 2023, I moved on to Parks Canada as a Finance Manager, and then finally coming to BNA.

In my community, I have been involved in multiple grassroots groups such as FWFN's Youth Council, and Anishinaabek of the Gichi Gami Environmental Programs. I have also held volunteer roles within the community including Little NHL Coach, and fire keeper. Some of my hobbies include enjoying sports, boating, fishing, camping, and reading. My favourite sports team is the Toronto Maple Leafs so please don't hold this against me. Also, my favourite book is the Lord of the Rings collection. So, if anyone wants to chat about these or perhaps a good fishing story, it would be my pleasure!