

WAYNE COURCHENE

PANELIST

Community Relations, and
Engagement Specialist



Wayne worked with the Fort McKay First Nations in the Sustainability Department for five years. As a Community Engagement Specialist he facilitated dialogue with the Trappers of Fort McKay and oil sand developers specifically and facilitated community consultation sessions involving Fort McKay residence generally. Fort McKay First Nations in the Sustainability Department; Fort McKay's department that assesses and monitors oil sand projects within Fort McKay traditional territory.

He was in Fort McKay when the Fort McMurray fire started and provided assistance to those who fled the disaster by flee north and into Fort McKay.

Originally from Sagkeeng First Nation, he worked with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Assembly of First Nations in Ottawa, the Province of Manitoba and Alberta, involved with Friendship Centres in varies capacities and other Indigenous organizations and agencies.

He served on Calgary Regional Health Authority for six years, led the Aboriginal Health Council and established himself as a programs manager with the aim of creating better service Aboriginal people.

By building good rapport with staff and the public alike, Wayne aims to further the reconciliation process between the Aboriginal community and Canadians generally.