

Lana joined Paper Excellence as Director, Indigenous Relations in late 2019, having spent 20 years in the forest industry empowering Indigenous relations in Canada. During this time, Lana has built a best practices Indigenous engagement platform that includes a leadership vision with reconciliation actions that walk the talk. Lana has steered the growth of both corporate and operational giving programs and cultural competency training with direction from Indigenous communities. She guides PE's membership in the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, including meeting third party certification under the Progressive Aboriginal Relations program. In its short life span her Indigenous Relations leadership has resulted in the signing of over 10 separate partnership agreements in BC and Saskatchewan and the securing of significant government funds under diversity, equity and inclusion metrics. Lana Wilhelm builds bridges of meaningful communication between Indigenous, corporate, and government agencies and is extremely grateful for the guidance and support of friends and mentors in Indigenous communities across Canada. She is a proud mother of two, a registered professional forester and holds bachelor's degrees in both Art and Science from Concordia University PQ and the University of Northern British Columbia respectively.