

I am an Innu entrepreneur and civil engineer from the Pessamit community, with extensive expertise in Indigenous construction and economic development projects. I have 18 years of experience as a business leader, project manager, and design engineer. Throughout my career, I have worked in mining, engineering consulting services, construction, and with many Indigenous communities. I have also recently completed my MBA focused on Indigenous leadership at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

In 2016, I co-founded Ashini Consultants, which quickly became one of the largest Indigenous engineering firms in eastern Canada. Since its inception, the firm has supported over twenty Indigenous communities in Quebec, Ontario, and Newfoundland. Our mission extends beyond infrastructure development to fostering economic growth and empowerment for First Nations communities.

As an Indigenous engineering firm, Ashini Consultants brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous engineering professionals, leveraging our cultural heritage and knowledge alongside technical expertise to drive sustainable development. Since 2016, Ashini has carried out more than 120 projects for various communities across Canada, using a distinctive collaborative approach that generates community engagement.

I also promote the engineering profession among First Nations through scholarships for academic perseverance. I strongly believe that the technical voice of First Nations is essential in implementing major projects on their ancestral lands, and I actively work to ensure that Indigenous professional firms have a place in the industry.

Among my various involvements, I serve on the Board of Directors of the Conseil du patronat du Québec, proudly representing Indigenous business leaders. I also sit on the Board of Puamun Meshkenu, founded by Dr. Stanley Vollant, as well as on the Board of the Indigenous Innovation Initiative of Canada.