

Eric Christmas

As the Mi'kmaq Energy Advisor for KMKNO, the business of energy and resource development has been a constant for many of Mr. Christmas's past and present achievements.

In previous employment with institutions such as DFO, Ulnooweg, Exxon-Mobil and Membertou Corporate Division, Mr. Christmas has been at the forefront of several developments that are to this day still realizing positive impacts for the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.

Whether it was developing and delivering a pre-Marshall commercial fisheries integration program for the First Nations in 1994, implementing strategic programs to bring the Mi'kmaq into the fledgling offshore gas industry in 2000 or helping to negotiate a fisheries agreement for his own community in 2001, Mr. Christmas has dedicated his service to the advancement of Mi'kmaq business interests in the energy and resource sectors.

As well, regarding resource and energy development, Mr. Christmas has been called upon by several Mi'kmaq communities to assist with redesigning their commercial business interests and/or building new business opportunities. In 2003 Mr. Christmas led the team at Membertou to create what is now Membertou Geomatics. In 2006 Mr. Christmas designed the Wagmatcook community television channel for that community.

In 2010 Mr. Christmas led a team of dedicated professionals at KMKNO and Stantec to deliver the Mi'kmaq Renewable Energy Strategy on behalf of the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs. In 2011 Mr. Christmas, under the authority of the Assembly, sought out potential wind developers to seek partnerships between the Assembly and the commercial wind sector. In 2012 the Department of Energy approved two comfit wind projects for the Assembly.

Currently at KMKNO Mr. Christmas is leading an effort to bring the wind projects to commercial development.

Mr. Christmas is a graduate of Dalhousie University (economics) and is married. He and his wife Debbie have a four year old boy.