



KRIS VANDERBURG, P.For., PMP

Director Indigenous Relations, Infrastructure



PROFILE

Kris VanderBurg has extensive experience in natural resource management and construction management in both the private and public sectors within western Canada. He has extensive experience working with various levels of government including Municipal, Provincial, Federal and First Nations in the forestry, oil / gas, and utility sectors.

Kris is a Professional Forester (P.For) in Alberta, and is a member of the Project Management Institute, holding his Project Management Professional (PMP) designation. Kris has significant experience within the utility sector where he acted in a lead role both in maintenance and capital projects. Kris has led small and large-scale projects and is experienced in all phases of project and construction management. Kris has led negotiations with various levels of government and First Nations related to large scale forestry, oil / gas, and utility based projects.

In his current role, Kris is responsible for the corporate strategic direction for Business Development and Indigenous Partnerships. Kris works closely with various Indigenous groups to facilitate coordinated, consistent and fair business dealings for all groups involved.

Areas of practice

First Nation Consultation

Government Consultation

Project Management

Business Development

Natural Resources

Utility Projects

Languages

English

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Forest Business Management, University of Alberta 2001

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Project Management Professional, Project Management Institute 2012

Registered Professional Forester, College of Alberta Professional Foresters 2003

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Project Management Institute, since 2012 PMI

College of Alberta Professional Foresters, since 2003 CAPF

CAREER

Director Indigenous Relations, Infrastructure, WSP 2017 – Present

Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Opus Stewart Weir, Sherwood Park, AB (WSP Acquisition) 2013 – 2017

Senior Lead - Gov't and Aboriginal Affairs, Strategic Initiatives, Opus Stewart Weir, Sherwood Park, AB 2013 – 2014

Forestry/Access Lead & Construction Manager, Transmission, ATCO Electric Ltd, Slave Lake / Edmonton, AB 2003 – 2013

Regional Forester, Sustainable Resource Development, Alberta Government, Grande Prairie, AB 2002 – 2003



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Opus Stewart Weir
 - Business Enhancement, AB, Canada (2013-2017): VP Strategic Development. Led the development and execution of a corporate strategy, and led a team of market and business development professionals, aimed at gaining increased market share within Western Canada. Created strategic partnerships with multiple Indigenous Groups including strategic Memorandum of Understandings, Partnership Agreements, as well as Joint Venture arrangements. Led negotiations and internal execution of documents. This led to increased relationships and increased business opportunity. Contracts types awarded ranged from open tender to sole source and ranged in anticipated value from <\$1000 to >\$10,000,000
- ATCO Electric Ltd.
 - Britnell to Wesley Creek 240 kV Powerline, AB, Canada (2007): Forestry Access Lead. Led the Forestry / Access phase of this 200km+ project in NW Alberta. Led negotiations with various government agencies, private companies, and the public as well as 6 aboriginal groups leading to direct contracts for the First Nations. Project Value: \$20M.
 - Wesley Creek to Mickle 240kV Powerline, AB, Canada (2008): Forestry Access Lead. Led the Forestry / Access phase of this ~120km project in NW Alberta. Led negotiations with various government agencies, private companies, the public as well as aboriginal groups along the routing of the project in order to meet project objectives. ATCO Electric Ltd. Project Value: \$15M.
 - High Level to Sulphur Point 144kV Powerline, AB, Canada (2009): Forestry Access Lead. Led the Forestry / Access phase of this 100km+ project in NW Alberta. Led negotiations with various government agencies, private companies, the public as well as aboriginal groups along the routing of the project in order to meet project objectives. Managed multiple contracts including direct contracts with local First Nations. Project Value: \$10M.
 - Ring Creek to Arcenciel 144 kV Powerline, AB, Canada (2010): Forestry Access Lead. Led the Forestry / Access phase of this 100km+ project in NW Alberta. Led Negotiations with various government agencies, private companies, the public as well as aboriginal groups along the routing of the project in order to meet project objectives. Project Value: \$12M.
 - North East Loop Program - 144kV and 240kV Powerlines, AB, Canada (2011): Forestry Access Lead. Led the Forestry / Access phase of this ~150km program in NE Alberta. This program consisted of brushing 4 new substations, providing initial clearing and access establishment on 9 sections of new right of way and the maintenance of the access road for the project duration. Led negotiations with various government agencies, private companies, the public as well as multiple aboriginal groups who were awarded multiple unit rate, lump sum, and Time and Material contracts. Project Value: \$15M.