Michelle Knibb

First and foremost, Michelle is a mother of three. She has one daughter and two boys whom she adores immensely. When she is not doting over them, she enjoys putting her skills to work for the betterment of her First Nation and future generations.

Michelle Knibb is a Cree member from Kapawe'no First Nation (Treaty No. 8 Alberta) and has managed the Kapawe'no First Nation Consultation and Environment Division for 18 years. She has also managed a non-profit organization for the last 15 years, which facilitates consultation for First Nations. As Consultation Manager, Michelle has been the project manager and community liaison (including communications) for over three thousand land and resource related projects, and countless other Policies and Legislation seeking First Nation engagement. During her project management role, Michelle coordinates tasks between the Traditional Knowledge Holders (Indigenous Scientists) and Western Scientists to ensure all deliverables and reporting requirements are met and delivered to both funders and her Chief and Council. Michelle has worked tirelessly with external partners (including governments and industry) to assist with designing and implementing impact assessments, monitoring programs and land and resource planning initiatives.

Finally, Michelle has working knowledge of ARC GIS and Microsoft programs, and she is the lead of Indigenous Scientist monitoring and impact assessment programs. She has attained an Indigenous Leadership, Governance and Management Excellence certificate from the Banff Center Indigenous Leadership and Management department; to which she applies in many of her roles. Michelle has also completed four years of Business Management undergraduate university studies in her time and finds them useful in the development of process and procedures. Michelle also sits on the Executive Management Team for her Nation and volunteers her time in the community when needed.