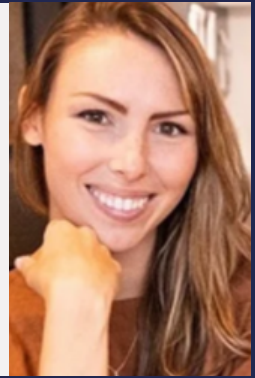


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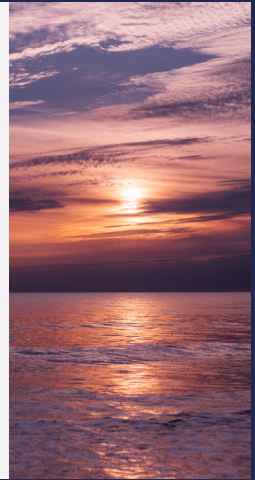
MODERATOR: NATALYA GARROD

Natalya Garrod, a Registered Professional Planner, specializes in Indigenous relations and environmental governance. With degrees from the University of Guelph and advanced certification from Vancouver Island University, she has served First Nations, municipalities, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Currently, she advances reconciliation through Indigenous co-governance in a National Urban Park and ecological corridor initiatives in Windsor Essex and South Georgian Bay.



PANELIST: MIPTOON

Miptoon (Anthony) Chegahno is an Anishinaabe Elder, advocate, and Head Councillor of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, known for his work in cultural and natural conservation, especially protecting Nochemowenaing. He serves as an Elder, mentor, and member of the advisory committee for the University of Guelph, where he supports Indigenous initiatives such as "Learning on the Land" and the Indigenous Environmental Science and Practice program. Miptoon emphasizes experiential, outdoor learning and has been instrumental in developing strategies to improve relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.



PANELIST: CLINT JACOBS - DEER CLAN

Clint Jacobs is Deer Clan, Anishinaabe member of Bkejwanong (Walpole Island First Nation) and has worked in the conservation/environment field for over 25 years at the Walpole Island Heritage Centre. Clint also led the creation of the Walpole Island Land Trust to support and enable peoples' connections to nature. Clint now teaches at Western University and at the University of Windsor to help students understand their connections with and responsibilities to nature and to empower students to bring their gifts forward to reciprocate the love that nature shares with us all. Clint was elected to the Walpole Island First Nation Council and also appointed as the Senior Advisor to the President on Indigenous Initiatives at the University of Windsor.



PANELIST: DORAN RITCHIE

Doran Ritchie is an Indigenous governance specialist with decades of experience in rights-based conservation and co-governance. His work focuses on bridging Western and Indigenous knowledge systems, translating worldviews into governance models that strengthen Indigenous sovereignty while creating practical pathways for collaboration. He has led initiatives aligning UNESCO principles with Ethical Space and Two-Eyed Seeing, building partnerships across governments, municipalities, and industry. His leadership emphasizes advocacy, conservation, and inclusive frameworks that connect ecological stewardship with shared prosperity.

