

LUCAS DEL VECCHIO AND JOHN KITCHEN APPOINTED TO SOCIÉTÉ DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DE LA BAIE-JAMES (SDBJ) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Matagami, August 19, 2026 – The SDBJ welcomes the appointment of Mr. Lucas Del Vecchio and Mr. John Kitchen as Directors of its Board of Directors by the Québec Cabinet.

In accordance with the *James Bay Region Development Act*, the SDBJ Board of Directors is composed of seven members appointed by the Government, taking into account the recommendations of the Cree Nation Government with respect to the appointment of three of the members and the chief executive officer. Mr. Del Vecchio and Mr. Kitchen join the other members of the SDBJ Board of Directors.

Mr. Del Vecchio holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from McGill University, obtained in 2014, and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration at Carleton University in Ottawa. Since 2025, Mr. Del Vecchio has held the position of Acting Director, Trade and Industry, with the Cree Nation Government. He previously served as Sustainable Development Manager, Environmental and Social Assessment Coordinator, and Environmental Analyst.

Mr. Kitchen obtained a Bachelor's degree in Education from Université du Québec in 1980 and an Advanced Diploma in Sport Business Management from Algonquin College's School of Sport Business in Ottawa in 1982. He has been President of Eenou Eeyou Services since 2025 and President of Kuikuaacheu Management Inc. since 2023. Mr. Kitchen previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Miyuuka Corporation, President of Foresterie Waswanipi Eenou and Nouchimi Construction Inc., President of Waswanipi Eenouch Constructions, and President of Services forestiers Waswanipi. He also served two terms as Chief of the Waswanipi community.

Quotes

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to welcome Mr. Del Vecchio and Mr. Kitchen to the SDBJ family. Their respective experience will undoubtedly enrich the discussions of our Board."

Gaston Bédard, Chairman of the Board of Directors

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome Mr. Del Vecchio and Mr. Kitchen to the SDBJ Board of Directors. On behalf of myself, the management team and all our employees, we wish them every success and assure them of the entire SDBJ team's full cooperation in carrying out their mandate."

Alain Coulombe, President and Chief Executive Officer

For more information:

<https://www.emplois-superieurs.gouv.qc.ca/Nominations/Communique/2026-07-15> (in French)

About SDBJ

Created in 1971 by the James Bay Region Development Act, [SDBJ](#)'s mission is to promote, from a sustainable development perspective, the economic development, development and exploitation of natural resources, other than hydroelectric resources falling within HQ's mandate, in the James Bay territory. In particular, it may encourage, support and participate in the implementation of projects aimed at these ends.

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