



Shona Barbour

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Shona Barbour is originally from Yellowknife, NT and graduated from Sir John Franklin High School in 1997. She went on to attend the University of Alberta and graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts- Native Studies degree. After summer student employment opportunities with the GNWT, Shona knew she wanted to return to the NWT and pursue job opportunities in the smaller, regional communities.

In 2003, Shona began her career in Tsiigehtchic and then Inuvik, working with Aboriginal governments in health and wellness promotion, community development and self-government positions. From 2006-2012, she worked at GNWT- ECE as the Regional Early Childhood Consultant for the Beaufort Delta Region, working with families and administering funding and support to early learning and child care programs in all 8 regional communities. For the past 10 years (2012-2022), Shona has worked with the NWT Housing Corporation as a Programs Advisor at both the Beaufort Delta District Office (Aklavik, Tsiigehtchic and Fort McPherson) and North Slave District Office (Dettah, N'Dilo, Lutselk'e and Gameti). These experiences have allowed Shona to work directly with NWT people and communities and to support health, social development and wellness activities.

Shona has worked extensively with youth through sport. Shona is a lifelong athlete (despite barely passing her high school phys ed. class) and continues to be actively involved in sport. She has participated in 3 Canadian Junior Curling Championships, Canada Winter Games, 2 Arctic Winter Games and 12 Scotties Canadian Women's Curling Championships. Shona has coached youth and adult high performance curling teams in Fort McPherson, Inuvik and Yellowknife. She is also a marathon canoe racer, having achieved a top 10 finish in the 750km Yukon River Quest and is the Head Coach of Team NWT canoe (2014, 2017 and 2023 North American Indigenous Games). Shona is also a registered yoga instructor (RYT-200) and most recently is the 2020 Sport North NWT Senior Female Athlete of the Year.

Shona is looking forward to bringing her community and sport/coaching experiences into her new role as a CEA, working with grade 9-12 students.