



MEET JUSTIN MERCREDI

COMMUNITY LIAISON

We are pleased to announce that Justin Mercredi is the new Community Liaison for Orano and Cameco Corp., in Fond-du-Lac and the surrounding area.

Aside from several years in Prince Albert to attend Grade 12, and the pursuit of a pre-employment electrical certificate at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in the early 2000s, Justin has lived in Fond-du-Lac his entire life. He has always been a community-minded person, working various jobs for the band office, such as maintenance and security, and has also served as a band councillor.

He realized quickly that working at the uranium mine sites would help him gain and sharpen a useful set of skills. So, he worked his way through three mine sites – first, at McClean Lake as a temporary mill operator; then, at Cigar Lake as a process operator; and lastly, at

Rabbit Lake as a mill operator. Ultimately laid off when the operation was placed in care and maintenance, he soon saw the silver lining: his understanding of the work at the uranium sites, and his experience with life at the camps, helped him make a big decision to become Orano and Cameco's Community Liaison.

"I wanted a new, different challenge. I'm looking forward to being a sort of 'middleman' between the companies and the communities," says Justin, grinning. "I knew the work that Darlene Gazandlare at Wollaston Lake and Ricky Robillard at Black Lake are doing with the companies, and I figured I could do it, too." In his new role, some of Justin's responsibilities will be to guide northerners in their quest to improve their skills and help them apply for jobs at the mines. "The more education and training you can get, the better," he says, citing his own personal experience.

If you are in the Fond-du-Lac region and have questions about our training and employment opportunities, please don't hesitate to reach out to Justin at the band office, which serves as his base of operations. We look forward to the positive impact that he will have throughout the area.