



JOSE GALDAMEZ

Cranbrook

Start Date: 2013

Term Completed: 2022

Meetings attended: 25 of 29

Committees:

Conduct Review

Nominating

Compensation Paid (including stipend and travel time): \$3,650.00

Expenses (including training and travel costs): \$96.00

Career: Lead Business & Project Enhancement Officer – Ktunaxa Nation Economic and Investment Sector

Education: Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurial Management, Engineering Design and Drafting Technology Diploma

Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA) program completed - Levels A, B, C,

Directorships (personal): Past director Cranbrook Youth Soccer; Peer Group 3 Representative on behalf of EKC

Other Community Involvement: Advisory role within the First Nations Technology Council; photography production for not-for-profit organizations

Credit union member since: 2000

MORE ABOUT JOSE...

Rarely do people take much consideration for the land beneath their feet. The soil, the history, and geography's significance go largely unappreciated, that is, unless your Jose Galdamez. With a background as a Geographical Information System analyst, Jose knows that gathering mapping data does not simply involve recording the earth's surface contours. By understanding the land beneath our feet, Jose reveals the potential hidden within, including the resources and each acre's historical significance.

Through his work, Jose leads and implements business and procurement measures in negotiated agreements on behalf of the Ktunaxa Nation Council. The goal is to increase the Ktunaxa Nation's participation in economic activities with industry partners throughout the traditional territory. To be successful, the relationships between Ktunaxa businesses, Ktunaxa communities, and industry partners must be transparent, built on trust, and must recognize the importance of mutual collaboration for long-term success.

This all means that Jose has a knowledge and expertise about the Kootenays that includes that geographical significance of the land and people on which the community is built. If you were to ask Jose about EKC, he'd tell you that it is a "Kootenay made solution," a credit union that specializes in the economic well fair and prosperity of its members and local community. For Jose, credit unions are all about seeing their members succeed, and their purpose is to provide quality services tailored to their members' needs, and that's what makes credit unions unique: because when members succeed, EKC succeeds, and when EKC succeeds, the profits are returned to the members and the community in turn.

Like the other Board Members, Jose does not just work for the Kootenays, he lives here and raises his family in the Kootenays as well. As an avid mountain biker and photographer, Jose has many opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of the region and doesn't hesitate to capture and share his journeys with others.



Jose and family

