



John MacDonald

SECRETARY TO CABINET AND DEPUTY MINISTER
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John MacDonald has had a lengthy career in Canada's north, focused on education, labour market programs, income security and early childhood development.

His career path has included work in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nova Scotia and abroad. After serving as an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, John ventured into the field of education as a teacher before transitioning to the public service.

In Nunavut he filled a number of roles with increasing responsibility including regional director, where he oversaw the delivery of labour market programs, income assistance and early childhood. He eventually moved to Iqaluit where he became the Director of Career Development for the then new Department of Family Services dealing with labour market programs and student financial assistance, before beginning his role as Assistant Deputy Minister for Education.

During John's career with the Government of the Northwest Territories he has served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Education and Culture and Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The culmination of these positions and experiences now inform John's current position as Deputy Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs.

John holds a Bachelor of Arts from St. Francis Xavier University, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Maine and a Master of Education from St. Francis Xavier University.