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Government of  
Northwest Territories

## James (Jamie) Fulford B.A., J.D.

Jamie joined the Government of the Northwest Territories in April 2002 as a self-government negotiator on the Délı̄ne and Tulita self-government tables at what was then the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. This continued a career-long thread of building and maintaining relationships with Indigenous governments that began with his work as a lawyer and public servant in British Columbia.

In 2005, Jamie moved to the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development to coordinate the GNWT's involvement in National Energy Board Hearings concerning the Mackenzie Gas Project. Jamie became a member of the GNWT's lands and resources devolution negotiating team in 2007, serving in several capacities culminating in his appointment as legal counsel on the file. At the Department of Justice from 2009-2014, Jamie provided legal advice to GNWT departments on files including the *Wildlife Act*, self-government negotiations, land use planning, and the environmental impact assessment of the Mackenzie Gas Project. These contributions have been recognized with four Premier's Awards.

In May 2014, Jamie was appointed as the founding Executive Director of the newly established Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO). In this arms-length role, he led the establishment of the office and exercised regulatory decision-making responsibility as Chief Conservation Officer and delegate of the Regulator under the newly-devolved *Oil and Gas Operations Act*.

Jamie was appointed to the role of Chief Negotiator, Devolution Initiatives at the Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs in February 2019, where his responsibilities included leading the negotiation of the Western Arctic Tariuq Offshore Accord with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and the governments of Canada and Yukon, and a lands and resources legislative development protocol with the NWT Intergovernmental Council established as part of devolution.

In May 2021, Jamie was appointed as Associate Deputy Minister responsible for leading the renewal of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, now known as Housing NWT.

Jamie, his wife Angela Plautz, and their three children live in Yellowknife. Jamie is a member of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories.

