

Professional Biography – Jamie Lafontaine

Jamie Lafontaine has been a public servant for 16 years. He spent the first 14 years, as a Program Manager, working on environmental public health issues in the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada. During this time, Jamie managed a number of portfolios related to drinking water, housing, emergency preparedness, and communicable diseases. He also led the Health Canada team responsible for the development of the *Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act*.

Jamie also spent a year and half on secondment with the World Health Organization, where he was responsible for managing the international network related to small community water supplies, and the International Water Regulators Network (RegNet).

Jamie made the transition from managing programs in public health to primary care in 2015, as the Manager responsible for an interdisciplinary practice support unit that supports clinical and client care for remote and isolated First Nations communities, in addition to Community Oral Health Services (COHS). Jamie now works for Indigenous Services Canada, since the creation of the new department in 2017.

Jamie holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in biology from the University of Guelph, and is the proud recipient of the Deputy Minister's Award of Excellence, and two Assistant Deputy Minister's Awards of Excellence and Merit. Jamie is also a graduate of *Dirxion*, the Public Service executive development program, and a member of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC).

Jamie is interested in pursuing an EC Director position at the Canadian Association of Professional Employees (CAPE) because he is interested in public service modernization, building a strong public service for the next generation, and is a champion for work-life balance and promoter of alternate working arrangements. Jamie is also interested in public service trust – both internally and from the public's perspective.