

**2010 INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER  
RODNEY W. HESTER, WASKAGANISH CREE NATION, QC**



Mr. Rodney Hester is a member of the Cree Nation of Waskaganish and currently holds the position of Business Development Coordinator for the Cree Regional Economic Enterprises Company. Rodney is held in high esteem by his colleagues, who admire him for his perseverance and outstanding work ethic. Rodney has been instrumental in the creation of two major partnerships to see the creation in a new Quality Inn and Suites in the city of Val d'Or as well as a construction supplies distribution company.

Rodney studied at Cambrian College and Laurentian University, and he is presently pursuing his Professional Masters Degree in Public Administration at Queens University. Rodney's remarkable image supports the glow of the Cree regional Economic Enterprise Company, drawing in new investors and producing greater returns to its shareholders. His energy and ambitions are invested in CREECO.

Rodney always encourages youth to aspire towards the attainment of higher learning as a means to occupy positions of influence and to contribute to improving the socio-economic development of our communities.