



## **Cecil E. Isaac Jr.**

### **Mshiikenh indoodem (Turtle Clan)**

Cecil Isaac Jr., was born in Chatham Ontario, raised on Bkejwanong Territory, Walpole Island, Ontario and for a short period in his life, he found Detroit and Michigan to be his place of residence. Cecil's educational background is diverse with many of his diplomas and certifications focused in human development. He holds a Bachelor of Social Work Degree in the Indigenous Field of Study from Carlton University.

Cecil comes from a long line of grandparents who lived in rich cultural teachings and were survivors of the residential school era. He has been instrumental in revitalizing ceremonies within his family and community.

Bkejwanong, Unceded Territory, is a Three Fires Community in Southwestern Ontario. Cecil was a dedicated employee with his Nation. He believes in volunteerism, traditional knowledge sharing, cultural advocacy, and leadership in and around the First Nations Communities of Ontario. At this stage of his life, his role is one of an Elder, educator and Cultural Advisor.

Cecil has been a leader in many successful community endeavours and projects such as the launching of Bkejwanong's First Community Radio, volunteering with WIFN Fire Department for 35 years and served, as Deputy Fire Chief for 10 years. He was employed by Walpole Island Band Council for 26 years to work with the children and families involved with Native Child Welfare as an Advocate and Family Support Worker. Cecil is passionate about Anishinabemowin, and the development of a plan for sustainability. As an emcee (MC) and a facilitator, Cecil's depth in presentations, his unique style and sense of humour, have engaged and entertained audiences in Services, in Canada and the United States.