

## Beverly Anne Sabourin

### A Career in Indigenous Education and Advocacy



Currently a resident of Thunder Bay, Ontario Beverly Anne Sabourin is an Indigenous woman from Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg (Pic Mobert) First Nation in northwestern Ontario. As an educator, senior executive and an advocate for Indigenous women she has had extensive professional and volunteer experience in Indigenous communities and cross-cultural environments in Canada. Beverly began her professional career as an officer with the Ontario Human Rights Commission. She has worked as an educational counsellor and consultant with two Canadian universities and two community colleges, and as a programme architect and advocate for Indigenous students and family support services.

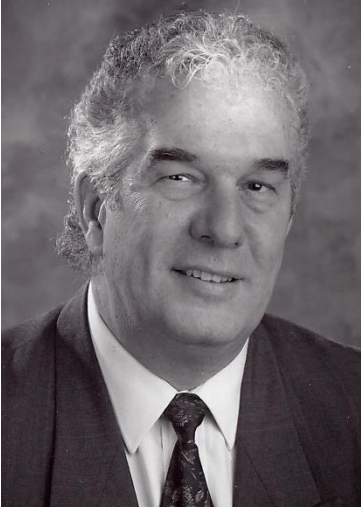
She retired as Vice-Provost of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. Prior to assuming this senior educational administrative position at the university, she was Director of the Indigenous Access Programme at Red River College in Winnipeg. Before moving to Winnipeg, she was the Executive Director of the Quebec Native Women where she was very active in programmes promoting day care in Indigenous communities and in halting violence against Indigenous women. Her professional experience has also included community development positions with the federal government (Secretary of State - Women and Indigenous Programmes) and the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Her community volunteer work has been as committed as it has been varied, serving on numerous volunteer and non-profit boards including the Calgary, Thunder Bay and Montréal Indigenous Friendship Centres, and was Vice-President of the Ontario Native Women's Association. Beverly was a founding member of Beendigen Anishinabe Women's Crisis Home and Family Healing Agency and the Kashadaying student residence as well. She has also served on the board of directors of the Winnipeg-based multi-faceted social service agency, New Directions and is a board member of the national Vanier Institute of the Family. She is the president of Beverly Anne Sabourin & Associates, (BASA) Inc., an Indigenous consulting firm working in the field of education, environment, community planning and advocacy.

Beverly has been consistently at the forefront of identifying and providing creative and practical solutions to the problems confronting Indigenous people in educational and urban environments. She was nominated as *Woman of the Year* in Calgary, Alberta, and in 2015 was nominated for the Order of Canada. She is a Fellow of Lakehead University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (Lakehead), a Bachelor of Social Work (McGill) and a Masters of Social Work from McGill University in Montréal, the latter two degrees accomplished while she was raising a young son. A co-author of works on Indigenous literacy and a frequent op. ed. guest columnist in media, she is bilingual in English and Ojibwe and lives with her husband Peter Andre Globensky in Thunder Bay. She is an accomplished beading artist having sold many of her creations across North America. She has also been deeply engaged in creative Indigenous design in clothing (sewing, curtains, pillow covers, silk scarfs, etc.)

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# Peter Andre Globensky

## A Career in the field of Human Rights



*Currently a resident of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Peter Andre Globensky has spent a significant part of his professional career working in the field of human rights. From volunteering in disadvantaged communities as a teenage leader in an international youth corps project to organizing a mission of over a dozen Nobel Peace Laureates to free political prisoners in Burma, to offering his time and resources to homelessness initiatives, he has worked with national and international organizations to advance human rights and civil liberties.*

He began his career with the federal government in Thunder Bay and has served in London, Calgary, and Ottawa where he was responsible for the delivery of human rights education, Indigenous and cultural communities programming and assumed the same responsibilities when he joined the Minister's office (Secretary of State) as a special assistant. While there he assisted in changing federal legislation which severely discriminated against Indigenous women and advised the Minister on the newly created Charter of Rights Court Challenges Program.

Through the Privy Council Office in Ottawa, he served as a senior advisor to the Prime Minister on Indigenous Affairs and was a special assistant to the Secretary of State responsible for the Charter of Rights and Freedom's Court Challenges Program before assuming the position of Chief of Staff to the Minister of External Relations and International Development. He then became the first Director of Programs and Advocacy for the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development where, from the United Nations in New York and Geneva to South Africa and Pakistan to Chile, he met and worked with political leaders and NGO's in advancing human rights and democratic ideals within the international community. Along with the former Secretary of State, the Hon. Walter McLean, he coordinated the National Consultation on the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in cooperation with the United Nations Association of Canada.

He holds an honours degree in Political Science from Loyola-Université de Montreal, a Masters Degree in the same field from McMaster University and Certifications in Conflict Resolution from the University of Windsor and Alternative Dispute Resolution & Negotiation Theory from the University of Winnipeg. While in Thunder Bay he was an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Lakehead University. He is also a trained facilitator and has served on numerous community and foundation boards and currently serves on the board of Ecojustice, Canada's premier environmental law advocate. A published author and journalist he has written and published extensively in social and print media and was the senior editor and contributor of a recent environmental impact assessment for Manitoba Hydro. Keenly interested in the emerging field of environmental rights, he was trained by former Vice-president and Nobel Laureate Al Gore to offer presentations on climate change. He retired from public service as the Chief Executive Officer & Director General of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment.

He is Vice-President and Managing Partner of Beverly Anne Sabourin & Associates, (BASA) Inc., an Indigenous consulting firm working in the field of education, environment, community planning and advocacy. He is married to Beverly Anne Sabourin, former Vice-Provost of Aboriginal Initiatives and a Fellow at Lakehead University and a deer clan Elder of the Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg (Pic Mobert)