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Christopher Duschenes was born and raised in Montreal and has over 25 years experience working on Northern and Aboriginal issues, including working for several years for both the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Federal Government in Yellowknife, NWT.

Prior to his current position as Director of Northern and Aboriginal Policy at the Conference Board of Canada, he spent a year as Special Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer of Parks Canada on the development of community-based cultural tourism businesses in communities adjacent to National Parks in the Arctic. Prior to Parks Canada, he spent 15 years at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, most recently as Director General of Aboriginal and External Relations. In this capacity he managed the funding relationship with the national Aboriginal organizations, and was responsible for the development of policy options to address Métis and non-status Indian issues as well as for inter-governmental and international relations on Aboriginal/indigenous issues.

He holds an honours undergraduate degree in environmental studies and biology from the University of Waterloo and a Masters degree in organizational development from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto.

He now lives in Ottawa, is married to a grade one teacher and has three sons.