



Biographical Sketch

Jason Swanson, B.A.(Political Science); B.A. (International Relations)

Jason Swanson was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and raised just outside of Calgary, Alberta. He received his B.A. Political Science and B.A. International Relations at the University of Calgary. Jason's 6-year career at Swanson Environmental Strategies has been focused on First Nation and community engagement, communication planning and implementation for environmental assessments, assistance with reviews of environmental assessments, and coordination of technical advisory committee activities. Jason also serves as a project manager and coordinator.

Jason's experience spans work for industry, NGOs, and First Nations. His project work has included the organization, coordination, and facilitation of multi-disciplinary stakeholder engagement events designed to obtain input and provide value to decision makers. His work has been at the project level (e.g. Teck Westslope Cutthroat Trout Population Study, CanAus Coal Ltd.'s communications regarding a proposed metallurgical coal mine) as well as at the strategic level (e.g. Teck/Ktunaxa Nation Council Elk Valley Cumulative Effects Management Framework, Ktunaxa Nation Council Species at Risk Workshop, and Strategic Advisory Panel on Selenium Management). Jason's current projects include assistance with the review of the environmental assessment for New Gold's proposed Blackwater Mine on behalf of the Ulkatcho First Nation and the Lhoosk'uz Dené, and coordination and documentation of meetings of BC Hydro's Aberfeldie Fish Entrainment Strategy Technical Committee.

Jason's work has required regular interaction with First Nations and community stakeholders and technical experts. In the course of these interactions, Jason has developed particular skills in accurately capturing and synthesizing detailed technical information. Jason has also produced numerous communication products including communication strategic plans, websites, e-newsletters, and materials for workshops and open houses.