

Member Profile



Priscille Buors, CPA, CGA

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Over the past decade, Manitoba Hydro has made significant strides towards strengthening working relationships with Indigenous communities in Manitoba. Priscille Buors, CPA, CGA is a Section Supervisor within Manitoba Hydro's Indigenous Relations Division. She leads a team of four that provides financial support for developing relationships with Indigenous communities. "I come from an Indigenous background and have always been very family and community oriented," Priscille explains. "I realize I can't save the world, but if I can use my skills as a professional accountant to make a small difference in a significant way for my community, I want to do that."

Growing up in Teulon, Manitoba, Priscille knew early on that she wanted to pursue a career in accounting. After high school she enrolled with the University of Manitoba and joined the Asper School of Business Aboriginal Business Education Partners program and set out to earn her Bachelor of Commerce. "High school to university was a huge transition for me," Priscille says. "It was a little overwhelming to move from a small town to the city while learning a new way of studying. The Aboriginal Business Education Partners program really helped me get out of my shell and gave me a strong support system and sense of community."

In 2002, Priscille joined Manitoba Hydro as a summer student working in the accounting and finance department. "Deciding to obtain my professional accounting designation was another really big step. It was all self-study and much more challenging than I anticipated it was going to be," Priscille says. "But I'm glad I did it because my designation has opened up so many opportunities for me."

Priscille has been with Manitoba Hydro for almost 14 years and her career has been on a steady upswing. Even while she was earning her designation, she held several positions with increasing responsibility. From helping and advising management when reviewing their budgets to forecasting and capital planning, Priscille was performing a wide scope of detailed financial work. "It was while I was a Financial Advisor that I learned about what the Indigenous Relations Division did," Priscille explains. "I found it interesting that Manitoba Hydro works with a lot of the Indigenous groups in the north who have been adversely impacted. I kept my eye on the Division to see if something would open up." Eventually, opportunity knocked and led Priscille to the role she holds now.





As a Section Supervisor, Priscille and her team manage agreements and support Manitoba Hydro's relationships with First Nations and Indigenous groups. "I have a fantastic team," Priscille says. "It's been another huge step to go from worker to leading a team as a supervisor but every time I've gone through a career transition, I've been able to draw on the skills I learned through my designation program and rise to the challenge."

While Priscille has become a master in detailed financial work, she is also becoming more comfortable with her leadership role every day. "I never pictured myself as a supervisor or manager when I first started my career," she says. "I've grown beyond my initial goals and have found that I really enjoy coaching and mentoring. It makes me so happy and it's so rewarding every time someone in my team demonstrates professional development or runs with a new work project. I never thought I'd have the influence to do that, but I do and I am!"

As for the future, Priscille recognizes that she has a long career ahead of her. "Right now I'm where I want to be," Priscille explains. "I'm learning to open up to the idea of even bigger possibilities. The next step is department manager. I never thought I'd be considering a role like that, but I believe I could do it. I have the tenacity, enthusiasm and drive to learn. It's possible!"

Holding a professional accounting designation and working at Manitoba Hydro has proven to be a winning career combination for Priscille. "I think having an accounting designation is huge. It provides for many opportunities and you don't have to just be accounting focused," Priscille says. "It's a challenging program, but it will help you conquer those challenges and situations you come across in the workplace. You learn the skills and knowledge on how to approach every problem with professionalism."

More importantly, having a professional accounting designation is a catalyst to a rewarding career. "I'm looking forward to seeing what the future holds and what opportunities will present themselves," Priscille says. "It's exciting!"