## YUKON, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES & NUNAVUT CAMA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE 2017-2018 NOMINEE



William (Bill) Bennett Senior Administrative Officer Village of Fort Simpson, NT

William (Bill) Bennett currently serves as the Senior Administrative Officer (SAO) for the Village of Fort Simpson in Canada's Northwest Territories. Fort Simpson has a population of 1,250 and is known as the Gateway to the Nahanni.

Bill was raised and educated in the Northwest Territories. After receiving a diploma in Public Administration, Bill joined the Government of the NWT (GNWT) and held various positions in the departments of Human Resources, Executive and

Municipal and Community Affairs.

After his employment with the GNWT, Bill made a career switch to local government administration and worked as a Senior Administrative Officer in communities across the Canadian North including the territory of Nunavut.

Prior to moving to Fort Simpson in early January 2017, Bill served as the SAO in the Hamlet of Ulukhaktok. While in this remote community above the Arctic Circle on Victoria Island, Bill received his Senior Administrative Officer Certification – and mentored a young, long-time community member (Judi Wall) who has now succeeded Bill as Ulukhaktok SAO. Bill served as a member of the Ulukhaktok Volunteer Fire Department for four years. He has two daughters, and a wife who works in the health care field.

Bill currently serves on the Local Government Administration of the NWT (LGANT) Board of Directors and has done so for the past four years.

Bill is interested in the CAMA Board of Directors position for Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut as this would be both an opportunity to learn as well as share knowledge he has gained over the past thirty years working for the territorial government and various municipal governments. He is interested in the opportunity to represent northern issues and perspectives in CAMA's national deliberations. Bill is also keen to be in a position to promote the value of CAMA's role and supporting its work on behalf of local government administrators in Yukon, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories.