

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



**Cory Bellmore
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Carmacks, YT**

I live in my home community of Carmacks in central Yukon and am a member of the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation. We love that our 3 boys are growing up in a great small community, experiencing lifelong friendships, traditional culture and amazing wilderness.

I received a Commerce Degree in 2001 from the Hayskane School of Business, University of Calgary and an Arts and Science Certificate from Mount Royal College in 1999. I have also had the opportunity to take the Yukon Leadership Development Program through the Canada School of Public Business in 2009/2010 as well as Community planning for local governments with the Municipal Administration Training Institute.

In 2001 when I returned to Carmacks I worked for Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation as the Director of Finance and Administration. In this position I was responsible for the all financial accounts of the first nation, as well as the Human Resource and Education functions of this government. These were exciting early years after settling Land Claims and Self Government, learning and building a government structure.

I held a councillor position for the Village of Carmacks for the 2003-2006 term. I resigned from this position to take on the role of Chief Administrative Officer for this organization in July of 2006, where I still am today. I very much enjoy working to make strong rural communities and have had the opportunity to represent all Yukon Communities on several occasions including; both the re- negotiation and restructuring of the annual territorial grant for municipalities in 2013 as well as the review and updating of the Yukon Government Municipal Act in 2016.

I am very interested in the success of rural and remote communities; we face both the challenges of all municipalities as well as specific issues related to size and location, just as large cities have issues different from ours. I enjoy the challenge of finding solutions to address these issues and have found that forums such as CAMA provide equal opportunity and solutions to all Canadian municipal administrators regardless of municipal location or size.

I am interested in the newly created position on the CAMA board as a representative for Yukon, Northwest Territories & Nunavut as I have worked and lived in the challenges of northern and remote communities for my entire life. It is tremendous for CAMA to recognize the uniqueness of northern communities and to support this by creating this board position. I look forward to the opportunity to showcase communities while helping with issues faced on a daily basis by administrators such as capacity building, succession planning sharing of information.