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## **JAY LAUNIÈRE-MATHIAS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUAMUN MESHKENU**

**Wendake, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Puamun Meshkenu, a non-profit organization created and chaired by Dr. Stanley Vollant, is proud to announce the appointment of Jay Launière-Mathias as its executive director. Founded in 2016, Puamun Meshkenu seeks to inspire Indigenous Peoples and support them in developing to their full potential.

Mr. Launière-Mathias is a young Pekuakamiulnu and Anishinabeg who holds a master's in project management and a bachelor's in management from UQAM's business school. He recently served as project manager in mobilization and development at the Conseil tribal Mamuitun. There, he co-managed the Aishkat Innuat project, a venue for dialogue in the Innu Nation, and planned, developed and oversaw the Aishkat Youth Ambassadors project, which foster self-governance in the Innu Nation. He also produces information capsules for Radio-Canada's *Espaces autochtones*.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jay Launière-Mathias, a young leader who fully embodies Puamun Meshkenu values and is a true model for Indigenous youth. His unifying leadership, critical and analytical mind, and great energy will certainly help Puamun Meshkenu develop and broaden its positive impact on First Nations and Inuit communities," said the organization's chair, Stanley Vollant.

"Along my path, I have come to realize that, as an Indigenous young person, I fit into something bigger. The projects I take on give me the opportunity to grow both as a person and as part of the community. I am therefore very proud and pleased to join Puamun Meshkenu. I am sure I will take on challenges here that meet my own ambitions as well as those of the Indigenous communities who benefit from Dr. Vollant's and his organization's work," said Mr. Launière-Mathias.

Puamun Meshkenu's board of directors would also like to thank Véronique Rankin, who has served as executive director until now. Her excellent work has built a solid foundation for the organization and developed promising projects for the communities.

### **About Puamun Meshkenu**

Puamun Meshkenu (Innu for "path of a thousand dreams") is a non-profit organization started in 2016 by Dr. Stanley Vollant. The organization is the continuation of Innu Meshkenu, which was launched in 2010 and has made a lasting and meaningful impact on the lives of Indigenous youth by creating a structuring movement for Indigenous communities in Quebec. Puamun Meshkenu works to inspire and support members of Indigenous communities to follow their own path of a thousand dreams holistically: mentally, spiritually, physically and emotionally. For more information: [www.puamun.com](http://www.puamun.com)

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