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John started his career in 2001 in the mining industry and worked in a variety of roles including environment and safety, maintenance, and reliability engineering management. During this time, he also completed an undergrad in Mechanical Engineering, and a Master's in Business Administration. John now proudly serves as the General Manager of Great Plains Contracting; An Industrial construction company whose primary owner is FHQ Developments.

John proudly makes time for community and serves his engineering regulator (APEGGS) as President-Elect, and as Director/Chair in areas of Safety (Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association), Indigenous outreach/development/and engagement (CIAC-AISES, IRN) and Post-Secondary (Sask Poly). John is also in the home stretch to complete his master's in Governance and Entrepreneurship in Northern and Indigenous Areas (GENI) through the University of Saskatchewan.

