

## Norm Leech - Executive Director - Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House

Past Executive Director, Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre (VACPC)



The Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House serves the Renfrew Rupert Area in east Vancouver with a variety of programs including childcare, settlement, training, youth, families, seniors, and women's services.

The VACPC serves the 70,000 urban Indigenous people in Vancouver who are over-represented in virtually every negative social health indicator measured. VACPC Programs include MMIWG, overdose prevention, homelessness, youth at risk, education, training, trauma, food security, decolonization, etc. VACPC delivers Indigenous perspectives to Police Academy and Sheriffs Academy at the Justice Institute as well as Indigenous

trauma tools training to frontline workers in the DTES.

Norm speaks widely on inter-generational trauma due to colonization. He grew up in East Vancouver, with ancestry in the Tit'q'et community of the St'at'imc nation where he has served as Chief and also Administrator. He draws on his experiences as a recovering alcoholic/ addict, inter-generational survivor, and spiritual explorer to inform his current work. Other roles include; Aboriginal Front Door Society President, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council Co-Chair, Co-Chair VPD Indigenous Advisory Committee, Downtown Community Court Advisory Committee, Chair DTES Community Land Trust, among others.