

NOA Board Member

Karen Bird

From Batchewana First Nation, Karen Bird is an Assistant Branch Manager and Investment Advisor with RBC Dominion Securities. She is a graduate of Trent University and was previously a designated Project Management Professional with over 21 years of varied business and financial industry experience including, personal financial services, commercial lending, business advisory services, housing property management, renewable energy management, co-management, business plan writing and start-up company coaching. Karen was the proud recipient of the 2015 Influential Women of Northern Ontario's Aboriginal Leadership Award, the 2019 ATHENA Leadership Award and RBC's Diversity Leadership Award. In addition to her work credentials and experience, Karen is the mother of four children who has spent most of her life on reserve. She is a jingle dress dancer, values her language and carries many cultural teachings. In her community, Karen has served a term on Band Council and was the past President of Batchewana Band Industries for a number of years. In addition to NOA, she currently sits on the Board for the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce, TakingItGlobal and participates in several local women in business networking groups and organizations. She is a strong advocate for sexual assault survivors through numerous speaking engagements. In the near future, Karen will be creating a foundation, Nahkendan – Knowing Your Truth which will provide programming to assist survivors and their families in the healing process.