



Phil Fontaine

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Phil Fontaine was first elected to a leadership position in 1973, when he became the Chief of the Sagkeeng community in Manitoba for two consecutive terms. He then worked for the federal government in the Yukon. Upon his return to Manitoba, Mr. Fontaine was elected to the position of Manitoba Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations. When his term expired in 1991, he was elected Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs where he served three consecutive terms. In 1997 he was elected National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations and served three terms in that position. Currently, Mr. Fontaine is serving as a Special Advisor at RBC where he has been involved in key corporate citizenship and sponsorship initiatives, including the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.