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## MANON JEANNOTTE APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF FIRST NATIONS EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

**Tiohtià: ke (Montreal), February 8, 2022** – First Nations Executive Education (FNEE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Manon Jeannotte as its new Director. This appointment takes effect today.

A graduate of the McGill – HEC Montréal EMBA and co-initiator of the FNEE project, Manon Jeannotte has more than 20 years of experience working with First Nations, in the fields of politics, governance, as well as in the defense of Indigenous rights. Elected for 12 years on her community's (the Micmac Nation of Gespeg), council, she has dedicated the past few years to supporting First Nations governments in the fields of business development and governance.

"Co-initiator of the FNEE since October 2020, Manon Jeannotte has distinguished herself by her political sense, her knowledge of the field, and her leadership. In this sense, she is the perfect candidate to assume these important functions," **said Serge Lafrance, Director, Executive Education HEC Montréal.**

"It is with pride and humility that I have accepted the position of Director of the FNEE. This school is the realization of a dream that many of us have had for a long time and taking the lead today is a privilege for me. The FNEE is the junction between university-level learning and practices stemming from First Nations realities. It is a school that looks to the future with confidence," **says Ms. Jeannotte.**

**For Ken Rock, also co-initiator of the FNEE project,** " the choice of Manon Jeannotte to assume the role of director of the FNEE was an obvious one. Having had the privilege of working with her for years, I know that she carries with her the values and knowledge that are unique to First Nations and that will distinguish the FNEE from other educational institutions. I would like to congratulate her, and I offer her all my cooperation and support."



"The FNEE wishes to become a catalyst for initiatives that stimulate, frame, and enrich the self-determination of Nations, in order to ultimately improve the socio-economic conditions of communities. There is no doubt that Manon's appointment is excellent news, since she herself represents, through her career, the renewal and liveliness of Indigenous leadership," **concludes Serge Lafrance.**

**FIRST NATIONS EXECUTIVE EDUCATION (FNEE)**, powered by Executive Education HEC Montréal, is a new management school for and by First Nations offering short-term qualifying university training in communities, online, and in Montreal. With the objective of strengthening the skills of leaders by combining traditional knowledge with best practices in contemporary management, several programs aimed at elected officials, directors, executives, as well as First Nations entrepreneurs, are currently offered or will be offered soon. Other clientele could be added. Unique in its kind, the FNEE brings together HEC Montréal professors and trainers from First Nations.

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