

# DAVE MCILMOYL

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Born in Southey, Saskatchewan in 1952, Dave worked as an insurance underwriter for three years at Cooperators and attended the University of Regina completing his B. Admin. in 1977. Dave went to La Ronge in 1977 to work for Northern Cooperative Trading Service Ltd. and joined the Department of Northern Saskatchewan in 1978 as an economic development officer. He joined the Lac La Ronge Indian Band in 1980 as executive director.

Dave McIlmoyl began his journey towards the transportation industry in 1980 when he was hired as the executive director of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. He was hired to look after the general administration of the band and was directed to focus on finding potential job opportunities for community members.

Around the same time, the Key Lake Uranium Mine (run by what is now Cameco) was starting up in the region. The economic activity around the mine provided opportunity for band members and an opportunity for the band itself to form its own businesses.

The first venture into trucking for Dave and the band was when they partnered with Brodsky Construction. The Lac La Ronge band provided six trucks and Brodsky provided the construction equipment to supply crushed aggregate for the Key Lake Mining Company (which was absorbed by Cameco). Dave was officially part of the transportation industry. Kitsaki Management was formed as the economic development branch of the band to facilitate this joint venture and Dave became the general manager of Kitsaki in 1992.

Through the years, as Kitsaki worked in trucking, they determined the economies of scale that said a big trucking company could run more efficiently than a small one and they began seeking out a partner in order to expand. That is when Dave met Rick Reynolds of Trimac Transportation and Northern Resource Trucking (NRT) was born.

NRT is a partnership that began with Kitsaki and Trimac, but soon grew to incorporate other Aboriginal and Metis communities in northern Saskatchewan. In its current form, NRT is 71 per cent aboriginally owned and the goal put to Dave way back in the 1980s to create jobs and opportunities is being fulfilled.

By 1998, NRT was proving to be exceptionally successful, both as a business venture and as a trucking company in its own right. Dave was moved directly into NRT as its vice president and general manager.

NRT is a leader in Saskatchewan, one of Saskatchewan's Top 100 Companies, boasting a safety record to rival and beat any company in the industry. This year, with the retirement of Rick Reynolds as NRT's president, Dave McIlmoyl has been named president and is still its general manager.

In the past 28 years, Dave is proud to boast of NRT's achievements and its milestones.

Dave is happily married to Therese. He has two children, three step-children and seven grandchildren.

Inducted into  
The Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame  
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