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Mike DeGagné was appointed the first president of the Yukon University on July 1, 2020. Immediately prior to his appointment, DeGagné led Nipissing University as its sixth President and Vice-Chancellor since 2013. His career includes work with the federal government in management of Aboriginal programs, and as a negotiator of comprehensive claims. Most recently, he has served as the founding Executive Director of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, a national organization which addressed the legacy of Indian Residential Schools. He has served on numerous Boards of Directors in the health and university sectors including as Chairman of Ottawa's Queensway Carleton Hospital, and Chairman of the Child Welfare League of Canada. He has a PhD in Education focusing on Aboriginal post-secondary success from Michigan State University, and Masters degrees in Administration and Law. He lectures nationally and internationally in the areas of Indigenous governance and reconciliation. He is a recipient of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario as well as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. In 2018, he received an Honorary Doctor of Law from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University and an Indspire Award for Public Service.