

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

### Leah Sulyma: Owner and Senior Manager at BBE Expediting Ltd.



Leah Sulyma was born in Inuvik, NT in 1989. Her early days in sport, hockey in particular helped her develop a strong sense of team as well as leadership. Participation on local and Territorial teams at Arctic Winter Games, Canada Winter Games as well as National Aboriginal Hockey Championships honed her skills and persona. In 2007 Boston's NCAA Northeastern Huskies recruited Leah with a full scholarship that led to an undergraduate degree in Business Administration in 2011. During her university years Leah spent summers with BBE working in support of sealift projects for clients like Agnico Eagle Mines and Newmont Mining.

Post graduate Leah took on a role with NorTerra Inc. as Business Analyst, responsible for mergers and acquisition analytics and financial analysis. She rejoined BBE in 2013 in operations, working through a variety of supply chain and freight forwarding positions before taking on Senior Manager, Operational Excellence. Her ability to work projects out from concept to implementation are what sets this young entrepreneur apart. Be it a new process, IT or costing model, she is undaunted in her pursuit of the outcome that best serves the customer.

As of September 15, 2016 Leah joined others in the senior management team at Braden-Burry Expediting successfully reached an agreement with NorTerra Inc. to acquire the assets and operations of BBE. The acquisition was an exciting opportunity for this young lady and given her proven business abilities, the next 40 years for BBE are in capable hands.