



Miles Richardson

2018 NATIONAL CHIEF CANDIDATE FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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Chief Ava Hill of the Six Nations of the Grand River Endorses Miles Richardson in upcoming AFN Election

Vancouver - In the week ahead of the July 25th Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief election, Chief Ava Hill of the Six Nations of the Grand River, has endorsed Miles Richardson, former President of the Council of the Haida Nation, for the position of National Chief.

“In order to understand what the AFN is, we must understand that it is not a government. It is an advocate for the consensus of participating nations,” says Miles Richardson. “For too long the AFN has been reacting to Canada’s agenda; we now must set our own agenda for forging proper Nation-to-Nation relationships with Canada.”

Richardson’s platform is centred on three core actions that are fundamental to establishing proper Nation-to-Nation relationships between First Nations and Canada:

1. Recognition and affirmation of inherent Aboriginal and treaty rights.
2. Closing persistent socio-economic gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.
3. Building economies for self-sufficient nations.

“As the Elected Chief of the Six Nations of the Grand River, where the Mohawk, Cayuga, Seneca, Oneida, Onondaga and Tuscarora live, I know we are strongest when we come together to combine our collective power. Miles is a leader who can help bring Indigenous Peoples across the country together and make the AFN truly an effective advocacy body and voice for our nations. As former President of the Haida Nation, who helped his people rebuild their nationhood and successfully renegotiated the Haida Nation’s relationship with Canada and BC, Miles understands that the basis of any Nation-to-Nation relationship rests in the sovereignty of each of our nations. He has been an effective voice for his nation and for nations in the northwest and across BC, and has shown he has the experience and personal effectiveness to lead our nations, together, to transform the relationship with Canada and ensure we are once again thriving as Peoples. With Miles as National Chief, the agenda of the AFN will be driven by the nations of this Assembly, not the Ministers in Ottawa.”

Miles Richardson states, “I am motivated in this election to make lasting and meaningful change in the fundamental relationship our nations and Canada - change that will enable all of us to protect our languages and cultures, enhance opportunities for our children, keep our women and families safe, and ensure the health and wellbeing of our people. I will help our nations reap a fair share of economic activity in our respective territories and achieve economic self-sufficiency.”

For more information and details on the platform, please visit
<https://milesrichardsonfornationalchief.com/platform/>

The election for the next National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations will take place at the 2018 AFN Annual General Assembly in Vancouver on July 25th, 2018.

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