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Osoyoos Indian Band Chief Clarence Louie Endorses Miles Richardson in upcoming AFN Election

Vancouver – Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos Indian Band, is proud to endorse Miles Richardson, former President of the Council of the Haida Nation to be the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

“Building our economies is one of the keys to success for Indigenous people. I am honoured to have Chief Clarence Louie in my corner to provide advice and support to effectively challenge the status quo and enhance our financial strength as First Nations people,” says Miles Richardson. “Our economic success comes from a combination of asserting our inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights to benefit from our lands, but as Chief Louie has shown, it also comes from ingenuity, resourcefulness, and entrepreneurship. Our people are inherently entrepreneurs.”

Miles Richardson’s platform (<https://milesrichardsonfornationalchief.com/platform/>) is centred on three core actions, fundamental to a proper Nation-to-Nation relationship between First Nations and Canada:

1. Recognition and affirmation of our inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.
2. Closing the gaps that have persisted between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for generations.
3. Building economies for self-sufficient nations

“Our economies are our number one issue,” says Chief Louie. “Our economic independence is the key to our self-determination, and I believe that Miles’ commitment to building our economic self-sufficiency is the right path and that is why I am behind him 100 percent. ”

As Richardson states, “I will help lead lasting and meaningful change - change that will protect our languages and cultures, enhance the opportunities for our children, keep our women and families safe, and ensure the health and well-being of our people. I will do that in partnership with First Nations first and foremost and with Canada in a Nation-to-Nation relationship in which our inherent and treaty rights are recognized and respected.”

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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