



## **Deputy Grand Chief Les Louttit**

### **Nishnawbe Aski Nation**

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Les Louttit was elected to his first term as NAN Deputy Grand Chief on August 12, 2009 and his second term on August 15, 2012. His second term election is justified by his extreme commitment to the people of Nishnawbe Aski Nation as well as the many initiatives and projects completed in his first term. Les has had a lengthy business career focused on economic development, housing development and improving living conditions in First Nation communities.

Les is from Fort Albany First Nation, a Cree community located in the James Bay region of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Territory. Born and raised on the land, he pursued his academic interests in southern Ontario, graduating from Queen's School of Business at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and earning an Executive Masters of Business Administration.

Les was one of the original employees of Grand Council Treaty 9, acting in a variety of leadership positions through the 1970s and 1980s including Director of Community Development, Director of Local Government, Housing Specialist and Executive Director.

One of his biggest accomplishments came while serving as NAN's negotiator on governance negotiations with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (1997-98). His efforts resulted in the Framework Agreement on NAN Governance, a landmark agreement that has helped shape the future for NAN First Nations. He was also a negotiator on the "Six-Pack Negotiations" which resulted in the creation of six new NAN First Nations in Northwestern Ontario (Keewaywin First Nation, New Saugeen First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Aroland First Nation, Slate Falls First Nation, and Wapakeka First Nation).

He has worked extensively in northern Ontario and Quebec for more than 20 years to help First Nations, Tribal Councils, First Nation organizations and other Aboriginal groups build better futures for their communities and their people.

Prior to his election as Deputy Grand Chief, Les operated a management consulting business based in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He has extensive experience developing capital housing and community infrastructure projects.