Defeating On-Reserve Poverty

Dale Swampy, National Coalition of Chiefs (NCC).

Mr. Swampy will speak about the NCC, its inception and its commitment to defeating on-reserve poverty by working with the natural resource industry, organizing and leading important First Nation economic development initiatives, speaking out in support of responsible development, and by creating a forum for discussion between First Nation Chiefs and leaders from the Natural Resource Industry of Canada through the annual NCC Energy and Natural Resource Summit www.coalitionofchiefs.ca. NCC is committed to developing important initiatives for First Nation communities through shared infrastructure expansion projects led by regional coalitions of Chiefs across Canada. The NCC invites Canada's Natural Resource Industry to join them in this important initiative.

Dale Swampy

Dale Swampy is a member of the Samson Cree Nation in Maskwacis, Alberta and a graduate of the University of Alberta with a B.A. degree majoring in Economics.

In 2006, after working for 22 years with his band, Mr. Swampy left his position as CEO with the Samson Cree Nation to start his own business as an Indigenous Relations consultant working on a variety of projects including the Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights Pipeline projects. After the completion of these projects, Mr. Swampy was honored by the Dakota Sioux Tribe of Manitoba with their highest honor, the Horse Medallion, for service to their communities.

In 2010, Mr. Swampy joined the Indigenous Relations team for the Northern Gateway Pipeline Project as Director of Indigenous Relations for the BC terrestrial region. During this time, Mr. Swampy would work with Indigenous community leaders to establish the Northern Gateway Aboriginal Equity Partners group, or AEP – a group comprised of 31 Aboriginal community leaders working as part of an unprecedented partnership with Northern Gateway. In 2014, the AEP leaders selected Mr. Swampy to manage a newly formed Stewards group comprised of four AEP community leaders that worked closely with the Northern Gateway management team to publicly support the project and to negotiate project benefits on behalf of the 31 AEP communities.

In 2016, after the cancelation of Northern Gateway, Mr. Swampy started the National Coalition of Chiefs (NCC). Today, the NCC works with Chiefs from across Canada and is committed to "Defeating On-Reserve Poverty" through positive dialogue and partnership with Canada's Natural Resource Industry.