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Huu-ay-aht First Nations is pleased to announce that Shawn A-in-chut Atleo will be the keynote speaker at this year's People's Assembly on the evening of Saturday, November 29, 2014.

If Huu-ay-aht citizens vote to continue to explore the opportunity of an LNG project at Sarita Bay at the November 29th People's Assembly, A-in-chut has agreed to work with Huu-ay-aht and Steelhead LNG. He would provide ongoing support to the proposed Project by working with issues related to the resource development and the meaningful partnerships required, and by bringing his vision for First Nations and Nuu-chah-nulth principles in economic development on the national and global stage. A-in-chut's background and extensive experience would support the development of a First Nations, community and industry stakeholder engagement strategy that would recognize and respect community objectives as well as understand and balance corporate interests. He would also support implementation of the engagement process with external stakeholders and partners.

Of what he has seen of Steelhead LNG's approach with Huu-ay-aht First Nations, A-in-chut reflected, "Steelhead LNG's collaborative approach is a great way of ensuring Huu-ay-aht's highest principles are met and their environmental values are in the forefront. This project has the potential to help shape the emergence of a new First Nations long-term vision for the energy industry's future with increased environmental sustainability in Huu-ay-aht territory, British Columbia and beyond."

A-in-chut brings a wealth of experience and dedication to upholding the rights and interests of First Nations, and he will bring this to his advisory role with Huu-ay-aht. He is enthusiastic about the opportunity to support the proposed LNG Project because the partnership between Huu-ay-aht and Steelhead is already demonstrating that a fundamental shift is possible in the relationships between First Nations and Industry. He is hopeful that this could become a model in which meaningful partnerships, driven by First Nations, emerge as the new standard across Canada.

Biography

A-in-chut is a Hereditary Chief from the Aghousht First Nation. After serving a term as co-chair of the Nuuchahnulth, he was elected as BC Regional Chief in 2003 and served two terms before being elected in 2009 as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. In 2012, A-in-chut was re-elected as National Chief receiving an overwhelming majority of support from First Nations across Canada for a second consecutive term.



Advancing a vision of supporting and enabling the success of every First Nation on the basis of their rights and responsibilities, National Chief Atleo took forward a bold plan of action and engagement with all sectors of Canadian society. First Nations from across Canada supported A-in-chut in confirming education as a top priority for the Assembly. A-in-chut has been a tireless advocate for First Nations in every region of the country, with federal, provincial and territorial leaders, corporations and civil society, nationally and internationally.

Traditional teachings have guided A-in-chut to serve First Nations as a leader, facilitator, mediator, planner and teacher.