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Board Chair



Chief Sharleen Gale

Chair of the Board, *First Nations Major Projects Coalition*

Sharleen Gale has been an elected Councillor of the Fort Nelson First Nation since 2009. She is an active member of the Fort Nelson First Nation and envisions a future where all members are working together to become a strong, proud, healthy, and self-reliant Nation. She is the grand-daughter of Fred Burke and Madeline Needlay. Her roots run deep in the lives of her people and she enjoys being on the land with her family exploring the territory and teaching her son the traditional ways on the lands and how to hunt, fish, and gather medicines and berries. As a leader and Chief of the Nation, she understands the importance of upholding the spirit and intent of the treaty by asserting her peoples' rights to their land and taking responsibility for ensuring that our future generations are able to live their lives in their territory in a way that honours our ancestors. Sharleen started her career at Westcoast Energy Inc. in 2000. Her various roles working in Administration, Finance, Maintenance, Planning and in Leadership have given her extensive experience in the oil and gas sector, the corporate world and the vision to ensure our people are managing our lands and our resources in our territory to the benefit of our members. Sharleen is the chair of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) and believes that First Nations need to have the opportunity to have equity in major project infrastructure and access to meaningful financing for these projects happening in their territories. One that focuses on a balance approach of economic prosperity and environmental stewardship. Several First Nations have formed the First Nations Major Projects Coalition for the purposes of examining how ownership of major resource projects on their lands could be facilitated and how environmental practices can be improved to meet their needs.



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Spokespersons



Niilo Edwards

Executive Director, *First Nations Major Projects Coalition*

Niilo is responsible for implementing the work plans and overall strategy of the FNMPC, and advice to the Board of Directors. He provides direction to the technical team and is responsible for leading the engagements FNMPC has with its members on major projects as well as acting as the primary contact for stakeholders and other external interests looking to engage with FNMPC.



Chief Corrina Leween

Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, *First Nations Major Projects Coalition (Cheslatta Carrier Nation)*

Corrina Leween was first elected Chief of the Cheslatta Carrier Nation on May 23, 2003, the youngest Cheslatta person and third woman ever to hold that position. She has served four terms, being re-elected by acclamation as Chief in 2015 and again in 2017.

Chief Leween was appointed Vice Chair of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition in 2015. She currently serves as a member of the Management Committee of the CGL First Nations Limited Partnership.

Board of Directors

Chief Sharleen Gale, Chair
(Fort Nelson First Nation)

Chief Corrina Leween, Vice-Chair
(Cheslatta Carrier Nation)

Simooget Tsa Bux (Willie Blackwater), Treasurer & Director
(Wilp Tsa Bux)

Chief Priscilla Mueller, Director
(Saik'uz First Nation)

Councillor Savana Walkingbear, Director
(Thunderchild First Nation)

