



AFN National Chief Campaign Platform

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“Strengthen Collective Sovereignty”

David Pratt is committed to advancing the Inherent and Treaty rights of First Nations across Turtle Island. In his AFN National Chief campaign, David will address the complex challenges facing First Nations with a critical mission of supporting our nations from remote areas. He is guided by our elders and ancestral knowledge to create a sustainable and prosperous future for our children, youth and future generations. He believes in working diligently and wholeheartedly, following the mandates provided to him by the Chiefs in Assembly.

Recognizing the importance of **collective sovereignty**, David’s campaign is dedicated to challenging historical injustices, advocating for legal recognition of First Nations rights, and fostering genuine partnerships that honour self-determination and self-governance. His platform centers around seven pillars: Land Back, Justice, Housing, Healing, Emergency Management, MMIWG2S+ and the implementation of UNDRIP.

Land Back

- Resource Sovereignty: Asserting the sovereignty of First Nations over traditional lands and resources, demanding recognition of Inherent and Treaty rights.
- Economic Empowerment: Advocating for sustainable, community-based economic opportunities that align with cultural values and environmental stewardship.
- Revenue Sharing: Pushing for fair revenue-sharing agreements with the federal government and industry, ensuring prosperity directly benefits First Nations communities.

Justice

- Self-Administered Policing: Holding the government accountable for its commitment to make First Nations policing an essential service based on our own laws and traditions.
- Addressing Over-Incarceration: Making the Indigenous Justice Strategy a priority for the National Chiefs Office and seeking direction from the Chiefs to address over-incarceration.
- Systemic Racism: Asserting the mandates provided by the Chiefs in Assembly to ensure First Nations have equitable access to justice and are actively identifying and eliminating systemic racism.



Housing

- Addressing the Housing Crisis: Lobbying for increased funding for housing on-reserve to improve living conditions for the overall well-being of our people.
- Community-Controlled Housing: Asserting the right to self-determination in housing programs and infrastructure development, while challenging federal constraints.
- Energy-Efficient Housing: Promoting energy-efficient and sustainable housing solutions that support the environment and reduce the cost of living.

Healing

- Physical Health: Advocating for equitable access to healthcare services, challenging discrimination and the disparities in funding and services for First Nations.
- Healing Intergenerational Trauma: Providing resources and support for the long and complex healing of intergenerational trauma and calling for federal recognition of this legacy.

Emergency Management

- Environmental Stewardship: Emphasizing First Nations' role as environmental stewards and advocating for sustainable environmental policies and recognition of the key role that Traditional knowledge plays in addressing the climate crisis.
- Climate Disasters: Collaborating with the federal government to improve disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation strategies to protect our nations.
- Assertion of Rights: Supporting leadership as they seek to assert jurisdictional rights over their traditional lands and territories to address the risk to the health and safety of First Nations.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQ+

- Report Implementation: Developing an implementation plan with the federal government to track the progress of all MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice, and the TRC Calls to Action.
- Accountability and Advocacy: Hold the government, police, and industry accountable while continuing to raise awareness and advocate for justice for victims and their families.
- Preventative Measures: Demanding support for preventative measures and support services that protect Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ peoples from all forms of violence.

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- Consultation and Consent: Demanding the federal government respect the principles of free, prior, and informed consent in all matters affecting First Nations' rights and interests.
- Indigenous Laws and Jurisdictions: Challenging the federal government to recognize and respect Indigenous laws and jurisdictions in governance, lands, and resources.