

## **Biography for Chief Trevor Makadahay**

Chief Trevor Makadahay has been Chief of Doig River First Nation since 2015. Since then, Doig River has demonstrated notable successes in governance, leadership, administration, and economic development. In 2017, Doig River was awarded the AFOA Canada *Community Award of Excellence* in part due to its exceptional financial performance ratios and low dependency on federal program funding and the establishment of their Economic Development Corporation Ujuj Development, a separate entity from the Nation's administration. Doig River was also awarded for its work with industry and the province to clean up orphan wells in its traditional territory by the Environmental Managers Association of BC, and in 2022, DRFN successfully completed the First Nations Financial Management Board System Certification.

Under Chief Makadahay's leadership the community has completed its Treaty Land Entitlement Claim and established the first Urban Reserve in northeast British Columbia.

Chief Makadahay and his council are very committed to restoring and asserting Doig River's jurisdiction over its lands for the benefit of its members. Grassroots, community engagement and participatory decision making are the cornerstone of Doig River's culture and governance.

Chief Makadahay is highly regarded as a collaborator with the neighbouring communities of Fort St. John, Dawson Creek the Peace River Regional District, with other government officials and industry partners. Doig River is an active contributor to the Fort St. John Salvation Army, Women's Resource Centre, community sports and events.

Prior to being Chief of Doig River, he was a Band Councillor in the late 1990's and early 2000's and the Nation's first Lands Manager. When not on Council, he was employed in the oil and gas and transportation sector including owning and operating his own business, Renegade Construction successfully for many years.

Chief Makadahay's vision is to support a healthy and prosperous community and is committed to working with government and industry to protect treaty rights and the environment while fully participating in the local economy.

In his free time, the Chief is active on the land base, hunting, trapping, and using his cabin with his family and community members.

