



Alvin Fiddler

With over 25 years of leadership within Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN), Alvin Fiddler was first elected Grand Chief in 2015 after serving several terms as Deputy Grand Chief and working on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Alvin Fiddler was born in Sioux Lookout and raised in Muskrat Dam First Nation. He left his community at age 13 to attend high school in Sioux Lookout and Thunder Bay, and studied business management at the University of Lethbridge.

In the early 1990s Alvin helped his family establish a fishing and hunting camp in their traditional territory in Two Rivers. After leading the Tommy Beardy Memorial Family Treatment Centre in Muskrat Dam, a residential program for substance abusers and their families, Alvin served as Deputy Chief of Muskrat Dam from 1993-1998. He served as Health Director at Nishnawbe Aski Nation from 1998 until his election to the Executive Council in 2003. He served consecutive terms as Deputy Grand Chief before joining the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as Manager of Regional and Ontario Regional Liaisons in 2010. He was elected Deputy Grand Chief again in 2012, and Grand Chief in 2015.

Alvin has led justice initiatives including the Goudge and Kashechewan inquests, and the joint inquest into the deaths of seven NAN youth in Thunder Bay. He co-chaired the Debwewin Jury Review Implementation Committee for the implementation of the recommendations from the Hon. Frank Iacobucci's report on First Nations representation on Ontario juries. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws from the Law Society of Upper Canada in 2016 as recognition for his efforts in leading the push for an inquest into the deaths of seven First Nations youth in Thunder Bay, and he continues to advocate for the rights and safety of our youth.

Alvin's father Moses witnessed the signing of the Treaty No. 9 adhesion in Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug in 1929. He maintains the belief of the Elders that we never surrendered our jurisdiction over the land.

He lives in Thunder Bay with his wife Tesa and their two children.

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