

K. Shane Chegahno

I will bring Indigenous content, voice, and perspective to OCNI Board. As a successful Indigenous entrepreneur and Senior Vice President and co-founder of Makwa Development Inc., I've successfully bridged the gap between Indigenous communities and the energy industry, creating groundbreaking partnerships like Makwa-Dewar LP and Makwa-Cahill LP. My leadership and innovative approach has driven economic reconciliation and cultural understanding, ensuring Indigenous voices are integrated and utilized to assist in the sector's growth. My experience and commitment to Indigenous engagement will bring transformative change to the organization. Elect me to the OCNI Board of Directors, and together, we can build a more inclusive and sustainable future for the Canadian nuclear industry.



Shane Chegahno is the Senior Vice President and co-founder of Makwa Development Inc., a 100% Indigenous-owned company based in the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Traditional Territory at Neyaashiinigmiing on the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation. Under his leadership, Makwa Development Corporation has become a significant player in the energy sector, particularly in collaboration with major energy proponents. Shane's efforts focus on bridging the gap between the Indigenous workforce and the nuclear industry, ensuring that Indigenous voices are integral to the sector's growth and sustainability. With a strong commitment to fostering a more inclusive nuclear energy sector, Shane plays a pivotal role in creating strategic business partnerships that provide opportunities for Indigenous and local workers. Shane's work emphasizes the importance of Indigenous involvement and engagement in energy projects, advocating for economic reconciliation and cultural understanding. His dedication to these principles has led to numerous successful initiatives, including the establishment of the Makwa-Dewar LP and Makwa-Cahill LP, the latter being the first Indigenous-owned and fully Nuclear Qualified fabrication facility on Turtle Island. As a successful entrepreneur, Shane has accumulated an extensive background in the Forestry and Construction industries. Shane has been nationally recognized for his innovative work in Indigenous housing for the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation. He continues to support his passion of affordable housing for families through ongoing volunteer work. Shane has also received numerous awards for his dedication to his community, volunteer work, and involvement with youth sports.