

Robert Louie, LL.B, OC, Westbank

Robert Louie is the Chief of the Westbank First Nation for which he has served 20 plus years. He is also the Chairman of the First Nations Lands Advisory Board and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Peace Hills Trust (Financial Institution). He served as a Board of Governor member with the University of British Columbia and as a member for the President's Advisory Council of the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBC-O).

Chief Louie is also a former member practicing lawyer who specialized in native law. Previously he was a member of a Task Group of the B.C. First Nations Summit and was involved in B.C. treaty negotiations representing the Chiefs in B.C. for a period of 4 years.

Chief Louie has served on numerous other boards and advisory bodies, including the National Aboriginal Economic Development Board, First Nations Finance Authority Inc., All Nations Trust Company, Kelowna Chamber of Commerce, United Native Friendship Society and the Premier's Advisory Council of Aboriginal Affairs.

Chief Louie has been the recipient of many awards and recognitions over the years. Most recent, and by far the most prestigious, was his appointment as an Officer to the Order of Canada. He is also the owner of several successful businesses in the Kelowna area.