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Sean Willy is the CEO of Des Nedhe Group, the economic development corporation of English River First Nation. Since taking over the role Sean, a member of the Deninu Kue First Nation in the NWT, has taken Des Nedhe to a national & international stage, growing & diversifying into new business sectors and regions all while maintaining high levels of Indigenous employment.

In his career, Sean has developed and implemented the most innovative Indigenous Inclusion, ESG & Socially Responsible strategies for resource companies such as Rio Tinto and Cameco Corporation. He has championed Indigenous peoples to be seen as a full partner in long-term relationships value added relationships.

Sean is a board member for TELUS Corporation & the Nuclear Waste management Organization. He is a past board member of Green First Forest and the Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan. Sean has also been past Co-Chair of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business and has previously sat on the Canadian government's Indigenous Innovation Housing Committee and the Indigenous Advisory Committee on Small Module Reactors.

Sean is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, holds his ICD designation and was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal in 2024.

Sean has two children and lives with his wife Melissa in Saskatoon.