

Siila Watt-Cloutier Offers Radical Hope in a New Podcast Series

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, July 3, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions](#) (PICS) at the [University of Victoria](#) is proud to present A Radical Act of Hope, a new podcast featuring the story of Inuk climate and human rights advocate Siila (Sheila) Watt-Cloutier, PICS' inaugural Indigenous Climate Fellow.

This limited series podcast explores the life, work, and wisdom of one of the world's leading voices on climate change, human rights, and Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

Watt-Cloutier calls her approach to climate advocacy "conscious leadership", which she developed through her experience as an Inuk woman rooted in tradition and culture, and refined as she became a global thought leader on environmental issues and climate change.

"Indigenous wisdom is the medicine the world needs," says Watt-Cloutier. "Our values, experience, and relationship to the natural world help us to imagine and tell a different story for humanity and the planet, which can guide us towards a more sustainable and equitable future for all," she says.

The podcast blends memoir and advocacy, showing how lived experience can be a powerful tool for both personal transformation and policy change. It is hosted by Watt-Cloutier, along with PICS Executive Director Ian Mauro, her longtime colleague and friend, and Gitxsan and Cree-



Métis climate researcher Janna Wale, PICS' Indigenous research and partnerships lead.

“Siila Watt-Cloutier's pioneering work to connect climate change and human rights changed the way the world thinks about and addresses climate change; her message comes from the Arctic and has global impact,” says PICS Executive Director Ian Mauro. “In this podcast, we take a deep dive into Siila’s leadership, how it developed, and how it can be a model for current and future generations.”



Over its four episodes, the trio of hosts are joined by Indigenous women leaders and changemakers Leena Evic, Nicole Redvers, and Aleqa Hammond. Together, they discuss climate conscious leadership as Watt-Cloutier models it — an approach that prioritizes consensus, intergenerational wisdom, and long-term stewardship.

Listen now on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, the PICS website, or wherever you listen to podcasts.

“Working alongside Siila Watt-Cloutier and the PICS team to bring this story to life has been one of the most impactful projects of my career. Siila’s voice is a beacon — clear, grounded, and profoundly needed in today’s world. This podcast is more than a series — it’s a movement built on respect, wisdom, and the power of storytelling to change hearts and minds.” — Jennifer Smith, President & CEO, [Everything Podcasts](#)

A Radical Act of Hope is produced by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions and Everything Podcasts, with support from The Gordon Foundation and the University of Victoria.

Watt-Cloutier’s work with PICS, including the podcast, supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically #3 (Good Health and Well-Being), #5 (Gender Equality), #10 (Reduced Inequalities), and #13 (Climate Action). Learn more about the SDGs at UVic.

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