

SQUAMISH NATION 2017 ELECTION

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| Name | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xayil – Jacob Edward Lewis • Father: Syexwaltn - Jacob B. Lewis → Mother: Sherry Lewis • Grandfather: Xayil-t – Late Jacob K. Lewis → Grandmother: Late Elizabeth Billy • Son: Tayo Lewis-Beverly |
| Occupation | Payroll Coordinator/Accountant Trainee – Squamish Nation |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capilano University–Bachelor of Business Administration Degree w/ Advanced Diploma in Accounting • National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association Certification • Payroll Compliance Legislation Certification - CPA Student • Thompson Rivers University – One year of General Studies • BCIT – Computer, Web Design, & GIS courses |
| Community Involvement and/or Relevant Information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squamish Nation Electoral Commissioner – 4 year term. Nov 2015 – Nov 2019 • Squamish Nation Trustee – 2 year term. Oct 1, 2016 to Sept 30, 2018 • Kwi Awt Stelmexw – Board of Directors (Treasurer) • First Nation Youth Support Worker (SV) • Stitsma Employment Centre (SV) – Summer student client intake advisor • Recreation Program Assistant (SV) • Cultural Worker Assistant (SV) • Team Leader for the 1st year of the Squamish Nation Guardian Project (Sea-to-Sky corridor) • I have been playing basketball with the Squamish Nation Mens’ teams (Wolves, Txayusem) over the last 15yrs. |
| Platform: What do you specifically intend to accomplish by the end of your term if elected into office | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Policies/Governance</u>-My goal is to move forward with Election Reform created by the people for the people. During the 2013 campaign period I campaigned on this topic and to follow through I have been part of the Electoral Commission since November 2015 working on the process to update our Squamish Nation Election Regulations. 2. <u>Finance</u> - My background & focus will revolve around financials and communicating/interpreting them to the people. While at the same time making analytical financial decisions to progress our economic standing. I believe business knowledge and the ability to understand financial statements is necessary to make informed decisions. If there isn’t any understanding then the decisions will be left up to the minority. Financial transparency with our people is a must. I will work at communicating important economic development transactions to build the trust within our community. We are blessed with our geographical location and business opportunities. I believe in deliberating when dealing with business decisions and acting fast with communication. This is a vital component and what I believe membership has been requesting. 3. <u>Housing</u> – It is time to bring more of our members back home. As a council it is time to take action and create strategies which are sustainable and progressive. With a proactive council to create well-planned strategies we can move forward with highest and best use developments to house our community members. 4. <u>Youth/Elders, Health & Education</u> – Healthy people create healthy minds. I would like to be a part of kick starting youth/elder initiatives in regards to health & education. We will need healthy, strong-minded, educated youth to advance our people and create self sufficiency. Our elders are the link to our history and culture. It is important to treasure them and enrich their lives as much as they enrich our community with history and knowledge. <p>My 4 topics above will be my goals to attain and be proven to membership by the end of the term. While on council I believe working with finances will open up creative ways to find housing solutions, community development ideas, and the opportunity to see where money is being over spent and where it can be utilized elsewhere.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Let’s Build A Community TOGETHER</u></p> |

Personal Note:

I am Jacob Lewis III, I was born in Squamish, B.C and I'm from the Cheekye Reserve. I have lived off-reserve for the majority of my life and understand the struggles that come along with it. I will be an ear for our off-reserve members and advocate for those living away from the community.

As my heart is in Squamish, I will commit a set amount of time each week to be in Squamish and listen to the concerns of our families in the valley.

I believe in the importance of independence and building our people up so we can build a strong and prosperous community. To do this, it is important for us as individuals to give back to our community and I strive to do this in whatever capacity I can.

I have been blessed to work in different industries which have provided me a broad background of experiences. Some examples of my work history include:

- Finance/Business – Squamish Nation Payroll/Accounting, First Nations Health Authority Payroll, Greens Market Bookkeeping
- Building Development – Crown Pacific Group
- Education/Culture – Student Support Worker, Cultural Assistant, Recreation Worker, Guardian Project
- Construction – Ironworking, Rigging, Painting
- Operations/Distribution – Gordon Food Services
- Restaurant/Hospitality/Customer Service - Granville Island Hotel, Fuel Wharf

In order to change the status quo the responsibility lies with us, the community members. If you would like to see change it is significant we vote in new individuals who have experiences relatable to running a healthy organization.

We are all family and we all have family members who are candidates. Please really take into consideration the experience of each candidate and vote with our minds, not just our hearts.

Encourage all of our family members to get out in vote! Let's make change a reality!

I humbly thank you for your support.

VOTE JACOB E. LEWIS III !

VOTE NINE!

Sincerely,

Jacob E. Lewis III

