

2025

Squamish Nation General Election

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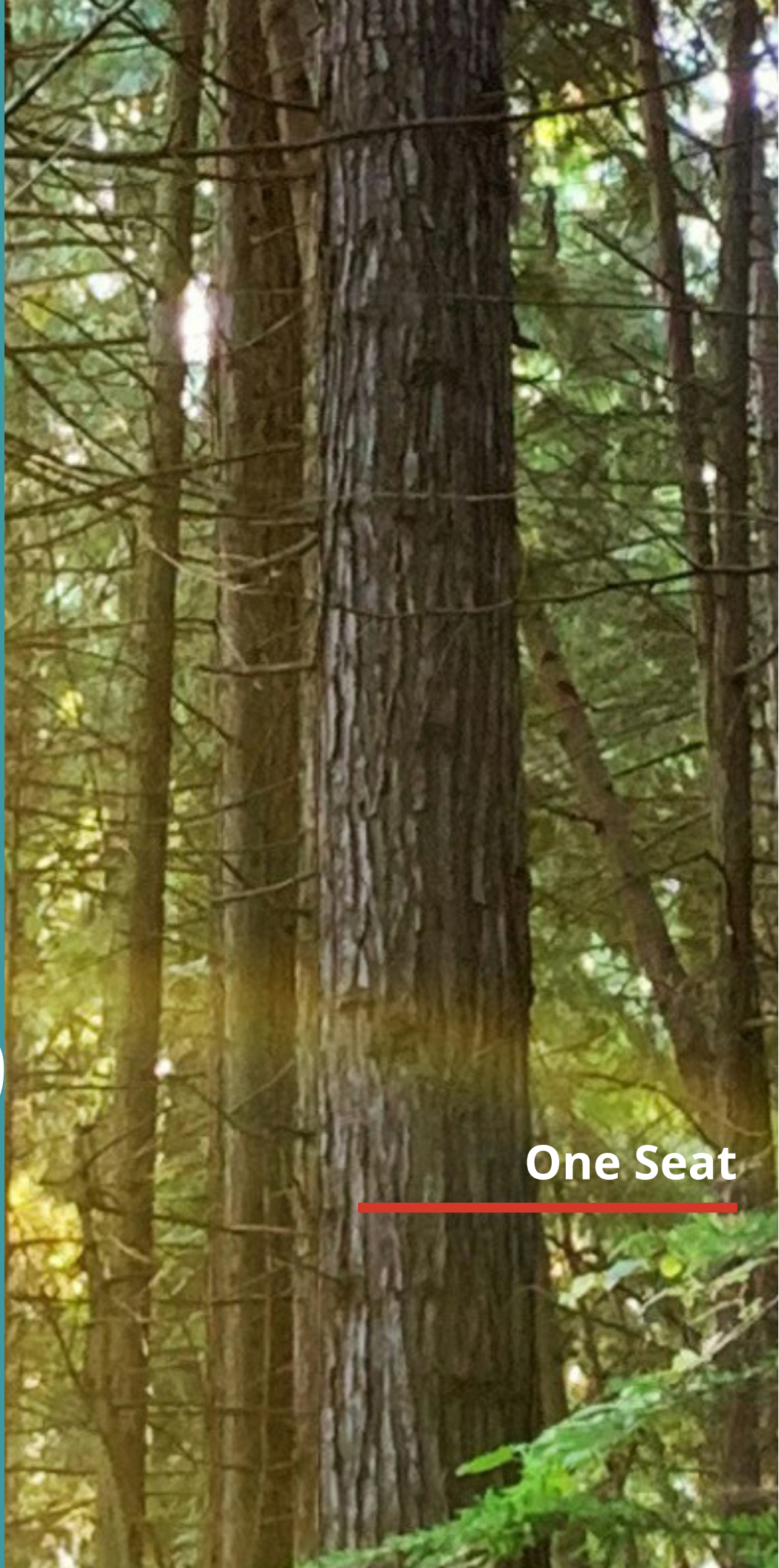
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Band Manager



One Seat





Leanne (Bird) Lewis

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Biography

Ha7lh skwáyel. Leanne Lewis, most know me as Bird.

My Family: I am the eldest granddaughter of Allen F. Lewis Pelkwalem-t and Elizabeth "Betty" Lewis. Wilfred "Doc" Williams and Josephine "Paina" Williams. I am the eldest daughter of Allen "Bebe" Lewis Pelkwalem-t and Deborah "Dubz" Williams, Tom Harry. My siblings are Allen Lewis 3rd Pelkwalem, Angie August (Chris August), Louie B. Lewis, Roxy Lewis, Chase Lewis. My son, T.Ben Lewis. Foster son of five years, Bronson Lewis. Special nephews, Tyler Baker, Rece Lewis, Charles Lewis, Decimus Lewis, Dayton Lewis, Aiden Baker, Francis "Franny" Lewis. Godchildren: Peter Cooper Jr, Roy Cooper, William August, Sakoka. Special sister Nicole Langstaff.

I was born in North Vancouver, raised in Squamish, WaiWaKum & Ch'iyákmesh territories.

I started working with Squamish Nation in 1992 with SV Recreation, then I continued working constantly as Administration/Finance from 2006- 2018 in many of SN's SV Departments. I joined First Nations Health Authority in 2019, and I am currently employed with them. I have supported the Corp. Serv., Jordan's Principal, and Health Emergency Management departments.

I am 13 years sober. I do not drink, smoke, toke, vape or do drugs. My son has asked me not to indulge in such doings as it has taken my time away from him. Respecting my son's wishes, I have quit those habits. I enjoy working on my wellbeing with music, community events, and time in Mother Nature. Attending Chopra Wellness Treatment Centre, Slaxin Lelum and my Counsellor Sara Place have been my biggest factors in my life to be on a fab path.

I enjoy listening to stories and any sharing people like to share with me. I look forward to time together, support people, as previous Band Managers have. I appreciate feedback and direction from history and for future engagement. I will be effective as Band Manager.

Nominee Election Statement

To be effective.

I love to hear your concerns, ideas, direction.

I feel my background, who I am as a person, is very beneficial to be the next Band Manager.

I have always been in community events, meetings and such. You will continue to see me, hear me. I would love to advocate for you. Help you.

I appreciate the previous Band Manager's boots on the ground and would like to follow suit.



Tsunaxen Willie Lewis

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Biography

Tsunaxen Willie Lewis, grandson to the Late Ross and Molly George and son of Lisa Lewis and Willie Lewis Sr. I worked to support the removal of barriers to employment and education for Indigenous Peoples. I hold a First Nations Tourism Management diploma from Capilano University and have proudly served Indigenous Peoples for over a decade. I have provided management, sales, and customer service support to various Squamish Nation businesses. I share my cultural leadership, relationship building, event organization, and community engagement skills to recruit and ensure success for Indigenous organizations. I have worked with the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, Indigenous Tourism BC, Destination BC, and the Squamish Nation Language and Cultural Affairs Department.

Nominee Election Statement

I am running for the position of Band Manager. I know I have a lot to offer our community members and if elected, I would be honoured to work tirelessly to improve our community for the better. I have had the opportunity to work with different organizations to gather knowledge, learn skills, create relationships, and gain various tools to help support our community. I have also had the opportunity to serve the Squamish Nation community, and it was one of the greatest feelings of pride and honour being able to work with our members, it was fulfilling to be in the community and watch our young members grow and take on roles within the community. I also enjoy connecting with our community members.

If elected I would commit to working with external organizations to improve our community.

I want to work with ITBC and Destination BC to apply for community revitalization grants, especially the revitalization of Capilano field. It would bring a sense of pride to have a safe and functional recreational sports field our own Cap Crew can call home. We would also be able to host tournaments like we have in the past. There is funding for tourism related events: i.e. Squamish Nation Youth Pow Wow, the funding available would help to create either a temporary or permanent arbor if we can work together to provide a space for it.

I will be present for all community members and would like to bridge the gap between Chief and Council and our Squamish Nation members. I want to ensure that our family in Squamish Valley is also properly represented as I know there is a feeling of division between the Valley and the city.

I would work with the community safety team to learn what our plans are in case of any emergencies within our community or territory, whether it be escape plans or even emergency preparedness kits and make sure members are informed.

I would absolutely work closely with Chief and Council to learn our political landscape and share relevant information so the community feels informed about leadership but also present in a way that is accessible to all members.

If elected, I will be present, accessible, and work tirelessly to represent our community in a way that is honourable and truthful. I will work to leave the community in a better place than it is now. Our ancestors worked for what we have, our Elders have kept the teachings and shared their knowledge, it is our duty to uphold and ensure that we are being represented properly and our Mérimen deserve all the benefits of being Squamish Nation, I am working not only for us now, but also our future.

Tsunaxen Willie Lewis

Council Chairperson



Filled by Acclamation



Wilson Williams

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Biography

I have dedicated my life to furthering the cultural, economic, and geographical interests of our great Nation. Currently serving my third term on Squamish Nation Council, I also act as one of two appointed spokespersons and Chair two of the three Council Committees.

I serve on several Boards supporting the interest of our Nation including the MST Steering Committee, and Chair of MST Employment and Training Society and the Trades Centre Board.

A believer in the power of sport as a catalyst for growth, I am President of the North Shore Indians Lacrosse Club and a loving husband and father.

Nominee Election Statement

I wish to be elected as Chairperson of Squamish Nation to build on all I have accomplished during my twelve years on Council and to continue my life's work of furthering the interests of the Nation. Over my three terms of Council, one as appointed Spokesperson, I have been directly involved with every facet of governance within the Nation, both internally and externally.

I have been extremely proud to have been involved in dozens of initiatives that have set the course for generational prosperity for our Nation, including the establishment of both the Nch'ka' Development Corporation in 2018 (which leads the economic development of the Nation), and Hi'yá'í Housing in 2019 (whose goal is to house every Squamish Person within a generation).

Since 2019, Hi'yá'm Housing has completed three new housing complexes (Estítkw Place, Chenkw Emút, and Eskékwí7ch t'l'a Sp'ákw'us Place) and is in the final planning stages of a fourth. And under our Generation Plan, we will break ground on six hundred new homes within the next two years.

In addition to my role on Council, I serve on two of the three Council Committees: The Community Services Committee and the Rights and Title Advisory Committee. Externally, I serve on the West Vancouver Police Board, the NST Steering Committee, and I am the Chair of both the MST Employment and Training Society and the Trades Centre Board. I am also the volunteer President of the North Shore Indians Lacrosse Club and served on the Board of Directors for the 2025 Invictus Games.

I recognize the importance of sport as medicine in our community and was thrilled to recently attend the opening of Kw'eshkw'shétsutay (Playing Place) which represents years of planning and work and will soon become a healthy hub for everyone.

If elected Chairperson, I will build on my previous successes while establishing a strong path for the future. I pride myself on relationship-building and increasing the profile of our Nation. We are now sitting at tables we have never been included in before, but there are still many doors to open. As Chairperson, I will ensure we are invited to those rooms and continue our path to full economic and political independence.

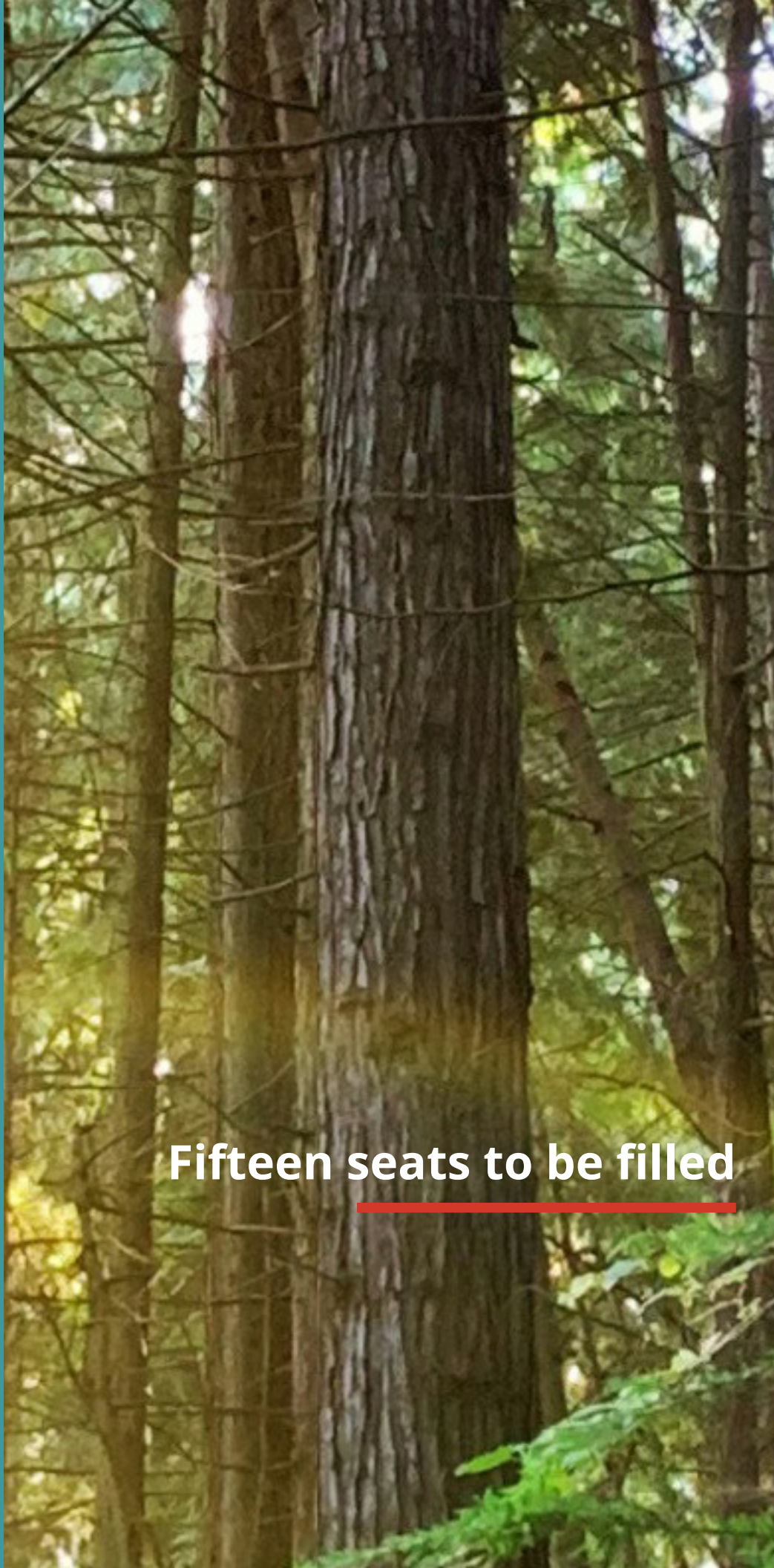
I have devoted my life to my two loves: the Squamish Nation and my family. When I'm not working, I spend as much time with my beautiful wife Kaiya, and our three daughters, Wilaiya, Treleen, and Pearl because my family means the world to me.

O'siem!



General Councillor

Fifteen seats to be filled





Clarissa Antone

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Biography

My name is Clarissa Antone. I was born on October 21, 1963, at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. My parents are Delphine Peters (Nahaneé) and Roger Norman Antone Sr. My maternal grandparents are Amy and Joseph Peters. My paternal grandparents are Violet Antone and Daniel Cheer.

I identify as a strong woman who always speaks the truth. I have a big heart and I'm family oriented. I am proud to be Indigenous. I am 100% for the membership.

I have learned a lot through my life experiences. I have been a longhouse dancer since 1981. I have received knowledge from two important role models in my life, the late Auntie Mazie and late Harriett Nahaneé. Through them I'd like to share how I've learned to show up for Council: Always attending general meetings, and how important it is to listen and to be an advocate for the people.

I have attended Council meetings since 1985 where I learned by observing how everything works, observing Council motions, and how change comes about. I have also attended various marches. Some honourable mentions are the Missing Murdered March (annually), and the Kinder Morgan Pipeline March (2014) where I earned the title "Mama Bear" - Guardian of the Fire."

I believe that life is a journey. I look forward to continuing to learn and grow. I promise to always be present and be an advocate for our people.

Nominee Election Statement

If I am appointed to be a Council member, I would prioritize listening to the voices of our membership and being a support system for our people. I will always advocate to be a protector of our cultural traditions and our custom ways, all while demonstrating honesty, integrity and treating everyone equally. It is important to me to improve health coverage and support for families.



Alroy (Bucky) Baker

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Biography

I was born in Vancouver on February 13th, 1960, parents were late Alvie and Velma Baker nee Antone. Dad's parents were Willie Baker and Margaret nee Johnny. Mom's parents were Moses Antone and Sarah nee Cordocedo.

I taught Squamish language and culture for 34 years in school district #44. Employee of Squamish Education. Retired from Nation 2022 to care for my now late common law wife, Elaine Stogen, Musqueam.

Teaching our Squamish ways to schools in West Van and Burnaby 2022-2025.

2 years, 2021-2022, Diversity Committee with North Van RCMP as Co-Chair.

Sat at Chiefs and Council table 1993-2021, 28 years.

Member of Squamish Ocean Canoe Family since 2001 representing our membership on "Tribal Journeys."

Played sports my entire life, G.S.L., football, NSI soccer team, North Shore Chiefs softball, Wolverines ball hockey team, soccer teams outside our communities.

Semalmaka Canoe Family since 2007. Chiefs and Council accepted from N.V. RCMP Chief Mike Ashcroft.

Nominee Election Statement

To allocate funds for infrastructure on lands that Council purchased years ago for housing.

Create an Elders Home that caters to our Elders by our educated members.

Create programs in new buildings erected these past few years. Programs to have members heal from their illness, whatever that may be.

Program for our Youth, Cultural, Education.

Meetings for members off-reserve to have their concerns heard, discussed, and solved. Quarterly meetings.

Discuss employees that help with Cultural ceremonies.

IFNU out patrolling but some members want "Peace Keepers" to make a come back. Employees now drive around communities; they need training.

How many employees does the Nation really need?

Have many members involved more with discussions and making decisions with outside companies.

Inform members of job opportunities with land development these years and coming years.

Drugs and Alcohol removed from our communities! Treatment for those in situations. More employees for that department.



Darren Baker

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Biography

I am Darren Baker, grandson of Ray and May Baker, and son of Harry and the late Judy Baker. Growing up with the backing of family and the community openness fostered my caring for our great Nation.

I grew up on Eslha7an, was a dedicated player of lacrosse for 45 years with 14 years of coaching our youth. I attended Sutherland Secondary School and further graduated from the RCMP Cadet Training Program, with over 17 years of service supporting Indigenous communities throughout the Province, and Team Leader, Community Operations Department, for Squamish Nation.

Nominee Election Statement

A Community Safety Platform is a system that aims to improve safety and well-being within the Squamish Nation Community, often involving collaboration between local governments, law enforcement, and residents. These platforms include mobile apps, online portals, or integrated systems that provide tools for anonymously reporting incidents, accessing information, and participating in community initiatives.

The benefits of Community Safety Platforms increase resident engagement, empowering residents to actively participate in maintaining their community's safety, and facilitates improved communication between authorities and residents, which provides a more responsive and effective approach to safety and enhancing situational awareness within the Community. Platforms can provide real-time information about incidents and potential threats, allowing for quicker responses, reducing crime rates, and better resources allocation

The Platform will set principles and policies to contribute to addressing the issues affecting the Squamish Nation Community; discontinuing the use of residential homes to make and sell illegal drugs, illegal drug use, open use of marijuana, and all other substance use (including alcohol), within marked drug and alcohol-free areas, more specifically our Nation's schools, community centers and parks. Abolishing usage of residential homes for the making and selling of illegal drugs will certainly contribute to the Community, at large, feeling safe.

The Community Safety Platform will also contribute to fostering unity within our Squamish Nation. By promoting a sense of security and well-being, it can encourage residents to interact more, participate in Community events, and build stronger relationships. This, in turn, can lead to a more cohesive and unified Community environment. When people feel safe, they are more likely to spend more time in public spaces, attend community events, and interact with their neighbours. As well, a unified Community is better equipped to address local issues and work together to find solutions, which reduces stress and anxiety, allowing residents to focus on building positive relationships and contributing to their community.

With my background as a Constable and Corporal with the RCMP, the safety of our Nation for Youth and Elders alike, is very important to me.

Having served remote Indigenous communities within the Province of BC, seeing firsthand the troubles and crises that can and will arise within the generations, I firmly believe that my diplomacy, tactical mindset, and ability to foster strong relationships with our Peoples will garner positive changes to create a safer Community, as well as producing a unified collective within the Squamish Nation.

I endeavor, as a Councilor of the Squamish Nation, to create a unified and protected Community for our Nation as a whole, and have our residents actively and effectively contribute to the theme of Community Safety and Unity.



Kwakwee Baker

Biography

Kwakwee Baker was born 1972 in Essaouira, Morocco Africa. The son of Frank Baker and Thais (Sewell) Baker, grandparents were Dan Baker of Stawamus and Emily (Nelson) Baker of Kingcome Inlet, Kwakwee is the proud father of 5 boys. A world traveler by the age of eight, Kwakwee never saw things through limited scopes of reality. Exposed to multiculturalism at an early age, he thrived in being creative and understanding the natural world around him, enabling him to develop professionally as an artist and designer.

Mr. Baker was fortunate to grow up in diverse places throughout the world, but found a home at the Capilano Reserve of the Squamish Nation for the past 30 years, while hunting and fishing in the Squamish Valley and connecting with nature.

With a background in film production and directing, Kwakwee is knowledgeable and experiences working with First Nations organizations governments and education committees by creatively allocating available resources, development service plans and reviews and evaluates project process and delivery. As a senior management team member, he upheld provincial tourism hospitality standards by managing financial policies and forecasting, hiring staff and capital assets with tactical planning. Kwakwee also performed access control, risk assessment and safety protocols.

He reviewed and evaluated both existing and proposed government policies regarding self-government, and for First Nations land claims regarding: mining, fisheries, and hunting in Northern Indigenous communities of British Columbia.

- Advanced Project Management – Langara 2012-2022
- Workplace Mental Health and Trauma Counselling – First Aid Certificate 2020
- Vancouver Academy of Art and Design – 2016-2017
- Northwest Indigenous Council – Board Member – 2016-2018
- Independent Indigenous Digital Film Production – Capilano University – 2008
- Land Stewardship Course – Squamish Nation – 2007
- Workplace Crisis Intervention Certificate – 2003
- Political Science Graduate UBC Open House of Learning 2001
- BA Institute of Indigenous Government 1999 Indigenous Political Development and Leadership
- International Negotiation Strategies certificate – Institute of Indigenous Government – 1999
- Public Speaking Certificate Institute of Indigenous Government 1999
- Chief Negotiator – First People's Party 1997-1999
- Social Science Diploma – Douglas College, British Columbia 1997
- Business Administration Diploma, Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla WA 1992
- North American Coaching Certificate Level 2 - Current



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

I am running for Council because I am concerned about the direction and future of our Nation. As the 21st century bulldozes through our communities, it is a critical time as members feel the loss of employment and financial gain as shareholders of this Nation! Now is the time for strong leaders to oversee, condone, support and negate tabled initiatives, which do not always have the best interest of our members. As a hereditary chief of the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw Tribal Council and member of the Squamish Nation, I have dedicated myself to the betterment of our Nation, through work across various departments in the Nation and others, including Youth Development, Habitat Restoration/Protection and developing the design of the new Lacrosse Box. With honesty, integrity, and accountability, I have connected with young and old people alike and uplifted them through coaching lacrosse and strong role modeling. I have coordinated with Elders, their wisdom, blessings, and mentorship like Joe Mathias, Richard Band, Frank Rivers, and Simon Baker.

With extensive knowledge and experience with intertribal governments, a certified negotiator and public speaker, I am a Political Science graduate from UBC. I have a BA in Indigenous Political Development and Leadership from the Institute of Indigenous Government. I completed the advanced project management course by the Nation and assisted the design and implementation of Indigenous Protected Cultural Areas (IPCA) in northern communities. With combined education and experience, I'm a qualified councillor for Squamish people. Now is the time more than ever for certified, educated and experienced council members to lead our Nation toward prosperity and equality for all! Now is the time!

Sincerely,

Chief Kwakwee Baker



Lenore Baker (Natrall)

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Biography

I was 17 years old when I met my father Howie “Cookie” Natrall again. Little did I know I opened the door of my past; and welcomed my ancestors into my future.

Honouring Kapaalk (Andy Natrall), grandmother Helen James, mother Christine Natrall, and my father Harold Natrall; I volunteer as an advocate for Species-at-Risk, children & families, vulnerable adults, Elders/seniors, climate, old growth, wild salmon, health, justice, MMIWG2S+, First Nations rights & title.

Working with and for our Skwxwú7mesh stélmexw.

Nominee Election Statement

Nominated by Elder Val Wright, I am running for Council, my name is Lenore Baker (Natrall).

My grandparents were Andy and Helen (James) Natrall. My parents were Harold “Cookie” Natrall and Christine Natrall. To honour the memory, connection and love of my late grandparents and parents, I strive daily to walk in their footsteps of pride, identity, culture, tradition, protocol and honour.

I was raised off reserve, my parents separated when I was 2 years old. Although I have lived off reserve, I was not excluded from the trauma and impacts of residential school, poverty, sexual abuse, alcoholism, drug addiction, domestic violence nor the systemic discrimination and prejudices of the education, health, justice, child protection and policing systems.

The youngest of six, I instinctively chose to fight as my trauma response.

I grew up witnessing the impacts of social, environmental, historical and colonial injustices toward our peoples, my peoples, my family, myself.

How does one convey, in words, enough information about oneself to gain the trust of estranged family and community to run for Council? My Skwxwú7mesh Elder says to speak from my heart...I will do my best.

My father was a St. Paul's residential school survivor. There are not too many photos of my grandparents and parents, so I rely on the memories of our Elders who graciously share their memories and connections to my family which help me to feel more connected to them in my heart and spirit.

As mentioned, I grew up off reserve and faced many trials in my life. I was not privy to being provided with distinct Skwxwú7mesh supports and services. Nor did I grow up having access to my relatives, culture or ceremonies and environmental resources that could help heal my heart, mind and spirit. I had to rely on Western ideologies and practices. I grew up feeling like I never belonged, always looking for HOME.

My father came looking for us when I was 17 years old. He awoke my spirit, and I became hungry for knowledge. I am still hungry. I continue to grow values instilled from my mother. My parents passed when I was 24 years and 36 years old. I now rely on my Skwxwú7mesh Ancestors, Elders, family and kin to continue the learning of our ways, language, history, and protocols. Teachings that reinforce the values passed down to me from my mother; values that I see my children processing as well. I understand and emphasize the struggles our on-reserve kin have endured. I send prayers up for all of our families as we all have our own stories. We need to come together – on and off reserve – to heal as people, as family.

In 2005 I worked for the Shushwap Nation tribal Council (SNTC). It was here where I fell in love with the culture. I like to think of SNTC as an adopted auntie or uncle in the way they showed me who our people are. Where we come from and who we all strive to be for our future by honouring our ancestors, Elders and traditions.



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

I have worked within colonial government ministries that provide education, financial assistance, child protection and public safety and have seen underlying policies, legislation and colonial practices create barriers to its intended implementations. I experienced mistreatment and witnessed our Indigenous kin subjected to mistreatment in each of these roles.

I have worked for First Nation governments and witnessed the political and colonial barriers faced when asserting their inherent rights to self-govern, socio-economic wellbeing, addressing systemic and colonial laws and policies, protecting cultural heritage, fiscal determination, and preserving language and culture.

I look to culture to balance myself. I go to my Elders for guidance to ground myself, to the land for healing, grounding and connection.

My provincial employment experience has given me an inside perspective on the issues of colonial government:

- Ministry of Education, Aboriginal TA, Program Coordinator
- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Employment Assistance Worker
- Ministry of Children & Families, Roots Practitioner
- Ministry of Social Development, Community Integration Specialist
- Ministry of Attorney General, Family Justice Interviewer

My grounding work fulfills my heart and spirit, and this is my contribution for the betterment of our lands, relatives and peoples. Some examples:

Health

- Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Chiýáxw – Co-Chair
- The Foundry, Abbotsford
- Fraser Health, First Nations Health Council, First Nations Health Authority

Climate

- Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Climate Legacy Strategy
- Disaster Climate Risk and Resiliency Assessment (DCRRA), EMCR/ECCC
- Ultra High Frequency Spectrum (UHF), Advintive/Spuzzum First Nation
- Old Growth Protection, Spuzzum First Nation
- Indigenous Climate Action Network (ICAN)/ Coastal First Nations-Great Bear (CFN-GBI)

Conservation

- Species-at-risk, Northern Spotted Owl, ECCC/CIER
- Northern Spotted Owl, Spuzzum First Nation/FLNRD, NSOBP
- Wild Salmon, Spuzzum First Nation
- Western Grizzly, ECCC/CIER

Safety

- Community Safety Policing Agreement, Spuzzum First Nation
- Citizens on Patrol, RCMP
- Operation Red Nose, non-profit
- RCMP



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

Justice

- Gladue Writer (in progress)
- Coalition on MMIWG2S+, UBCIC
- Domestic Violence, Intimate partner violence

Education

- Indigenous Climate Resilient Future Zine
- Edwin, Toronto (classroom materials K-12 literacy and social studies)
- DCRRA report – NSO as a keynote species
- DCRRA report Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Chiyetmixw song

Conclusion

I encourage all to come sit with me and share stories. I know I am home, when I learn from our land, our people, our traditions. Our culture, traditions and inherent right to identity and indigeneity helps me heal, grow and feel connected...connected to my home.

I am running for Council because I am home. I want to bring my values, experiences and self back to my family and relatives. Some areas of contribution I would like to pursue further:

- The protection, sustainability and restoration of our natural resources for our future generations
- Keeping our families together under our Nation's natural and traditional laws and legal jurisdiction
- Help our community members in need find a path to healing through self determination in distinct wrap-around health services
- Bring sovereignty and equity into the justice, health, education systems
- Help find solutions to our housing, drug & alcohol and poverty crisis
- Support our Elders in using their voices for inclusion, care, roles and contributions to our future
- Bring our off-reserve families home by listening to their voices about housing, employment, culture, resources
- To advocate for free, prior informed consent at all levels of government, industry and organizations, including within our own Nation
- To promote our right to self determination by becoming financially independent (stumpage fees, property tax, licensing control etc.)

"Let's put PASSION into ACTION TOGETHER for Skwxwú7mesh!"



Liza Baker

Biography

I am a member of the Squamish Nation. I have been married for 15 years with my spouse Mike Baghaii, and I have 3 daughters: Fiona, Emma, and Ella. My parents are Teresa L. Harry and Arthur Harry (Late father Frederick Marvin 'Mah' Williams). Grandparents are late Edith and Leonard Baker from my mother's side, and Late Jessie and Ralph Williams from my late father's side. Late Mary and George Harry from Arther Harrys side. Great grandparents are Celestine and Bill Williams; Maryanne and August Jack (Khatsahlano) are my great great grandparents from my grandma's side. Ray Baker and Maemie Cole are my great great grandparents from my grandpa's side.

With several certifications for management, I am Team Leader for Squamish Nation Income Assistance for North Vancouver and Squamish Valley. Have also worked under Ayás MéhMen July 2005-2007, Spo7ez Cultural Centre & Community Society 2005, Eshla7an Employment & Training 2005, Squamish Nation Human Resources 2003-2005, Squamish Nation Council Dept 2005, Land Claims in 2004, Business Revenue Services 2004, Squamish Nation Housing Dept 2001-2003, Social Development 2001-2003, Recreation Program Coordinator 2003, Education Department in 2003, Recreation Department as a Summer fun Leader summer of 1997-1999, Education Department summer of 1996.

Nominee Election Statement

It would be an honour to have the opportunity to be on Squamish Nation Chief and Council for 2025-2029 term, for which I have been nominated. I know I would be an asset to Chief and Council, as I have been employed with the

Squamish Nation since 1999, until the present date 2025. I will do the best I can while on Chief & Council for the term.

I am a very hard-working and dedicated employee. I really love working for our people, with our people. This is my life and the future of my children, and eventually grandchildren in the future. We need to make sure that there are positive impacts and communications with the government, and within our Nation, and other Nations. Making sure there is clear communication with everyone. Be there for our Nation in a positive way.

Hoping to make the change for more Nation people getting hired, to work for our own people, as I have had the opportunity to work my own Nation. Make our Squamish Nation stronger, more education/ training and working together. We all need to paddle together as one.

I know housing is also an issue and would love a chance to help work on this with our Nation. (In Squamish Valley and North Vancouver, and West Vancouver).

Make sure everyone receives the help for education, employment and training as needed. Everyone deserved the best for their livelihoods and families, everyone deserves to be financially stable.

Band distribution: I know has been the topic also for years. I would like to investigate this budget and see if there can be some increase for everyone in the nation. I know it has been the same amount for years.

Elders: some may need more hours for home makers' help. See if this can be increased. Equality for both Squamish Valley and North Shore areas. Assessments need to happen more regularly. Making sure our Elders get the assistance they need.

Equality for both Squamish Valley & North Vancouver. Take care of our Nation for our future generations to come.



Yul Baker



Biography

My name is Yul Baker, my ancestral name is Walla-bossa-ma. I'm a member of the Squamish Nation, born and raised in Eslha7an and now living in Xwémelch'stn. I'm the proud father of two children, and my roots run deep through the Baker family – son of Barbara Baker and Murv Smith, grandson of Willis and Nora Baker, and great-grandson of Ray and May Baker. I'm approachable, an active listener, and always honest. I believe in respecting our Elders, uplifting our youth, and being a voice for our people. I'm here to lead with heart, learn with humility, and help bring positive change forward.

Nominee Election Statement

I am running for Council to be a voice for our people – a voice that listens, learns, and leads with honesty. My top priority is addressing our Membership Code. As it stands, it limits growth by not recognizing other Indigenous Nations. That must change. Our people deserve a thriving population, and we must honour all bloodlines that connect our Nation.

I also care deeply about protecting our land – from erosion, floods, and other external threats – and strengthening our ways of life like fishing and cultural practices. We need stronger Elder programs, more support for youth, and greater unity within our Nation.

I lead with transparency, respect, and accountability. I believe in balancing tradition with new ideas. If elected, I will bring patience, integrity, and the determination to create lasting, positive change.



Jody Broomfield

Biography

My ancestral name is Sinamkin. I was blessed to carry this name from my late grand uncle Elmer Paull. My English given name is Jody Broomfield.

My parents are Dana "Kathy" Carpenter and my late father is Peter Broomfield Sr.

My maternal grandparents. Grandmother late Mitilda "Tilly" Paull (nee Moody), Grandfather late Edwin "Manny" Paull.

My paternal grandparents. Grandmother late Ann E. Broomfield (nee Bennett), Grandfather late Normal Broomfield.

Education: Graduated of Carson Graham Secondary School 1994

Capilano College 1995-1997 Upgraded Math and English to a university level.

Carving Apprenticeship: 9 year mentorship (1999 -2008) under Klatle-Bhi (Chuck Sam) learned how to carve, drumming and singing, learned about our history, arts and culture of our Squamish Peoples.

I am proud Squamish Nation member and have been a professional artist for the past 26 years. I am a 3 time recipient of Public Art Awards and Heritage Award from the City of North Vancouver. I have represented our Squamish Peoples during my span as an artist, visually storytelling who we are, through the expression of art.

Nominee Election Statement

It is with great pleasure that I announce my candidacy for the 2025 Squamish Nation Council. If I am given the opportunity, I stand ready to work alongside our people as an elected official to help strengthen our communities, keep our members safe, and build on the work of past leadership, who came before us for the prosperity of the Squamish Nation.

Since returning home to the lands of our Squamish Peoples at the age of 17, I have proudly lived in the Village of Xwemélch'stn (Capilano) for the past 31 years. During that time, I've seen many changes in our communities – our population has grown, and with it, so have the needs of our people. I want to acknowledge and thank our past and current councilors for their hard work in improving housing and living conditions for future generations.

However, much more work still needs to be done to support our membership.

Community Safety:

As our communities grow, so do our concerns about the safety of our members – especially our children and Elders. I will strongly advocate for our Community Safety Team (CST) to receive proper training in partnership with local police and authorities.

This training would include techniques to safely handle and detain individuals who may pose a threat, ensuring our CST can protect themselves and our members.

I also believe the CST should be equipped with the right safety gear – including protective vests, pepper spray and handcuffs to keep themselves and others safe while waiting for police to arrive.



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

Community Security Cameras:

In today's world, many of us already have security cameras in our homes to keep our families safe. I believe the Squamish Nation should also install community cameras in our villages – from North Vancouver to the Squamish Valley.

These cameras would be placed at main entrances and busy roads. They help the CST monitor and respond faster in emergencies and deal with any threatening or unwanted situations.

Community Emergency Response Training:

In the wake of a natural disaster such as an earthquake or forest fire – I would strongly advocate for our Squamish Nation Membership to have a volunteer Community Emergency Response Unit. I believe we should have these teams available from North Vancouver to the Squamish Valley to help protect our homes, lands and properties – when outside resources (Fire Departments and Paramedics) are stretched to the limit.

This training can include certified levels of first aid, training for containing fires, evacuating members and bringing them to safe zones.



Bianca Cameron (Joseph)

Biography

I am a proud Squamish Nation member, born and raised on our Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw territories. My Ancestral name is Tsiyaliya, Bianca Cameron. I'm married to Bronson Cameron; I am the daughter of Brenda Joseph and the Late Byron Joseph. My grandparents were the Late Stan and Caroline Joseph. My maternal grandparents were Late Norman "Smokey" Adams and Margaret Douglas.

I have served 25 years working for the Squamish Nation people. Each role was geared towards Administrator/Officer positions. My skills include strong leadership qualities and a high level administrative skillset. My knowledge and work experience would always bring well-researched solution-oriented suggestions to any unforeseen situation.

Nominee Election Statement

I've proudly served as Band Manager for our great Nation for the past 4 years, a role I took seriously and put my best foot forward with every day. The experience was extensive, intimate and insightful; especially to our Nation's governance systems, processes and practices, along with comprehension of the numerous initiatives and challenges we face as a Nation. Particularly, it is understanding our people, our rights and ensuring transparency and accountability to leadership and to our citizens.

It has been a true honour to serve in the capacity as a Band Manager. As it has its limits, I'm ready to transition politically. I will be putting my name forward for a Councilor seat. This will put me in the space to have a formal vote at the table and to truly be the voice of the people. I'm confident with my substantial and versatile professional experience and "putting our people first" that I can represent our Nation with confidence. My hands are raised to the past leadership with their dedication and accomplishments. Our foundation is Squamish Strong. One Heart, One Mind.



Jonah Trevon Chase Gonzales

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Biography

My name is Jonah Gonzales, I come from the Gonzales family and my background consists of many areas such as community engagement, human resources and culture education/appreciation. Currently almost completed bachelor degree in business with a concentration in Human Resources and minor in Legal Studies.

Nominee Election Statement

I am seeking election to Council not for personal recognition, but to serve our people – to be a voice at the table for those who have not had the opportunity to speak, and to represent the values of our youth, our culture, and our future generations. This role is about responsibility and connection.

As a Council member, I will prioritize staying connected to the people and to being accountable.

My primary focus areas will include:

Peoples' initiatives and support services: Improving access to essential support systems and ensure services are culturally grounded and effective.

Language protection: Removing barriers that make it difficult to learn our language. Preservation is critical for protecting our identity.

Protecting our people and land: I will strongly advocate against loss of our lands. I will work to safeguard our hunting and fishing, harvesting rights, and protect our forests, rivers, and mountains from exploitation.

Ethical economic development: Development must be done ethically and in the best interest of our people. If there are opportunities to reclaim land and build housing for our community, I will support these whole heartedly.

Accountability in leadership: Being a Council member is not about the title, it's about making decisions that truly serve our people. I am committed to create community-based initiatives in Squamish Valley and North Vancouver and make sure off-reserve members are included. Improving support services, educating and empowering our youth to create a prosperous future.



Faye Halls

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Biography

I am the youngest daughter of the late Khot-La-Cha (Chief Simon Baker) and Emily Rivers. Born on Xwméłch'sten, I was raised with strong cultural values and a passion for teaching. After 25 years living off-reserve due to disenfranchisement, I returned home and have lived in my village for the past 20 years. My 40-year career spans roles in North and West Vancouver School Districts. I also founded the Eslha7an Learning Centre, Squamish Nation Trades Centre, and the HR Department. I previously served one term on Council and am inspired to return as an Elder, guided by experience and deep community commitment.

Nominee Election Statement

Bringing Back Unity, Trust & Strong Governance Rooted in Culture.

My name is Faye Halls (Yeltsilewet), and I am honoured to put my name forward for Council. As an Elder, I bring with me a deep understanding of our cultural teachings, decades of leadership experience, and commitment to education, fairness, and prosperity for all of our people, on and off reserve.

For over 20 years, I served as the Director of several vital Squamish Nation programs and institutions:

- Eslha7an Learning Centre
- Stitsma Employment Centre
- Income Assistance
- Squamish Nation Trades Centre

In these roles, I fought for our people to gain skills, access

opportunities, and rise above systemic barriers. I also previously served on Council from 1997-2001, where I helped create policies that empowered our Nation with respect, accountability, and fairness.

It has been painful as an Elder to witness the distance grow between our Council and our community. With 16 Councilors we cannot go backwards, we must move forward in a way that embraces our cultural values, promotes transparency, and brings our community back together.

Your Elders carry wisdom that cannot be found in books or policies. Our role is to guide, support, and uplift the next generation. I believe we can build a Nation that truly honours our teachings, our identity, and our people.

With your support, I will work to:

- Restore trust and representation in Council
- Advocate for fairness for all members, wherever they live
- Re-establish transparent HR and hiring practices
- Support sustainable economic development rooted in our Nation's values
- Foster intergenerational communication and healing

Let's move forward together.

My Vision and Priorities

Rebuilding Trust and Unity in Our Governance

My first priority is to restore trust, harmony, and unity in our Nation. The current system has strayed from our traditional values. I was part of the team that worked tirelessly to bring the electoral reform to referendum. Restoring a 16-member Council ensures fair representation ensuring power is not held by a select few. We need leadership that respects our Chiefs, Matriarchs, Elders, and community voices.



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

Equity for Off-Reserve Members

I lived off-reserve for 25 years, so I fully understand the unique challenges faced by members living away from home. We must create fair, inclusive policies that ensure off-reserve members are not left behind in housing, support services, or economic opportunities.



Matthew Houghton

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Biography

I grew up off reserve in North Delta for 30 years. After school, I entered a welding apprenticeship with a multi million dollar company in South Delta. In 2010, I started my own welding shop and, wanting to serve my people, joined Fisheries on weekends. In 2015, I moved to Capilano Reserve and was later hired as a COVID guardian. My hard work and attention to detail led to roles in Emergency Planning and, eventually, Team Lead of the Community Safety Team. I hold certifications in bylaw, security, project management, and first aid. I am dedicated, hardworking, and committed to serving my community.

Nominee Election Statement

I am running to serve my people because our community deserves better safety, healing, and a future we can count on. I've worked in public safety for the Squamish Nation, and I've seen the truth - we are not doing enough to protect our people from addiction, elder abuse, or financial uncertainty. That's why I'm stepping up not for power, but to get things done.

If elected, I will fight to use the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action to force Canada to fund a Squamish-run treatment center on our land followed by transitional housing that gives people a sober place to rebuild their lives after treatment. Too many of our people get clean and then fall right back into unsafe homes. We can change that.

I will also push to create safe housing for Elders facing abuse or neglect. TRC Call to Action #21 supports healing centers, and we can use that same authority to build a safe space where our Elders are respected, protected, and cared for, away from drugs, violence, or intimidation.

We must also stop the over-hiring of non-Nation staff and put that money back into our people. That money should go toward training and employing Squamish members, and any savings should be invested into proven financial tools like the S&P 500, which has averaged 10% annual returns over its history.

Using the Rule of 72, we can double our money every 7.7 years. If we start now, future generations could live off that fund forever, never having to beg for food vouchers or worry about housing again. It's time to think like investors, not just spenders.

My platform is about protecting our people, helping our community, and building real wealth for the next generations. I'm not running for a title. I'm running to work for you, for our Elders, for those battling addictions, and for every child yet to be born into this Nation.



Shayla Jacobs

Biography

Sumkwaht – Shayla Jacobs

Family ancestry:

My children – Sariah Jacobs, Stella Jacobs, Slade Jacobs, and Skylen Jacobs

Parents – Stewart Jacobs and Eva Martin

Grandparents – Paitsmauk (David Jacobs) and Slawiya (Andrea Jacobs)

Great grandparents – Henry Jacobs and Anne Wyse

2x Great Grandparents – Isaac Jacobs and Maggie Burns

3x Great Grandparents – Old Jacob (signed the Amalgamation)

I grew up and still reside in Xwmélch'stn Village. I am a graduate of Business Fundamentals at Capilano University and have a Child and Youth Certification at Douglas College. I have 20 years of experience working for various departments within our Nation. I currently hold a seat on 8 different Boards and Committees representing our Nation's voice.

Nominee Election Statement

My ancestral name is Sumkwaht and my English name is Shayla Jacobs. I am a devoted councilor of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, serving as the North Shore Councilor 2021-2015. Deeply rooted in my community and culture, I bring a powerful balance of community voices, culture and leadership in my role. I will bring second term experience as a member of the MSTDC Board, Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Board, MST Employment and Trades, Community Services Council Committee, Corporate Services Council Committee, People Services Council Committee, Strategic Priorities and Budget Council Committee, Squamish Nation Training and Training Centre Board, and a member of the Woodfibre Gender Safety Women's Committee.

I pride myself on ensuring the Nation can continue to grow and thrive economically for the benefit of future generations, while ensuring development happens in a way that respects our land, waters, Skwxwú7mesh people and cultural values.

My upbringing was steeped in culture, guided by grandmother Slawiya and my grandfather Paitsmauk – who instilled a deep respect for cultural teachings and community values. Culture is not a practice – it's my way of life. Emphasizing the importance of Skwxwú7mesh language revitalization, I proudly support Skwxwú7mesh Reclaiming Education. Our children are our future, teach them who we are as Skwxwú7mesh peoples and they will lead the way.



Tony Johnston

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Biography

My name is Anthony Johnston, and I am a proud Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Nation member. I am the proud first-born son of Jennifer Johnston and grandson of Everett “Jimmy” Johnston. My family’s roots run deep in the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Nation, and my ancestral name is Saiaosout. I was born on April 10, 1969, at Lions Gate Hospital and raised in the Eslha7an reserve. I also spent part of my childhood in East Vancouver before returning to the Capilano reserve as a teenager. I graduated from Carson Graham Secondary in 1987. While my path didn’t include formal post-secondary education, I’ve learned that leadership can take many forms. Many of our community leaders have relied on traditional knowledge and teachings, which are just as valuable as any academic degree.

I married April Joe, from the shishalh Nation, and together we have two wonderful sons, Brody Johnston and Breed Joe. Through my marriage, I’ve been blessed to learn strong family and political values of the Joe family, and I’m eager to bring these lessons home to our community. The shared values of family, community, and culture are the foundation of everything I do. Over the years, I’ve had the privilege of supporting family members in their Chief and Council campaigns and being involved in key decision-making processes within our community. These experiences have deepened my commitment to serving the needs of our people.

For the past 20 years, I’ve worked as a truck driver at the Heidelberg open-pit gravel mine, and I’ve also supported my wife in managing her successful janitorial and catering businesses, handling everything from invoicing to scheduling to inventory management. These roles have strengthened my leadership skills, organizational abilities, and my understanding of what it takes to run a business effectively.

Community has always been at the heart of everything I do. I’ve volunteered at various events, including First Aid, sports events, and have helped transport Elders and other community members to ensure they are well cared for.

Nominee Election-Statement

As a proud member of the Squamish Nation, I, Anthony “Tony” Johnston, am committed to being a vocal advocate for the safety and wellbeing of our communities and a fair, transparent housing system. My mission is to promote safer environments by addressing concerns such as uncontrolled road speeds and the presence of dangerous individuals on our lands. I will work to improve housing policies so that all Nation members are treated with fairness and respect.

Guided by the voices of our people I aim to bring passion, accountability, and strong representation to Council.

I have heard through some of the community members that I have spoken to that the housing system needs some proper attention and should be corrected, such as people being pushed down on the list and not given any reasoning for it. This is something that Nation members take very serious and very personal. I believe that this is a subject and issue that needs to be looked at and rectified. I believe that this issue is as important as keeping our community safe and liveable.

I was taught that I have a voice and that I should use it when I believe it should be used, this is what I will bring to this position. Living in a smaller community for the past 22 years, political issues have become more visible and being part of a very strong political family I was able to be a part of strategy meetings of family members that were running for Chief or Council positions in that community. I was able to see that the issues in their Nation are very similar to the issues that our Nation faces which are COMMUNITY SAFETY and HOUSING issues.

If I am elected, I will do my best to be a very vocal representative for our Nation.



Anthony Joseph

Biography

Edward “Anthony” Joseph grew up in Sta’Mus village. His parents are Melody Joseph and Tom Harry. He carries and shares the ancestral name Is’gh’li-ya with his younger brother Russel and cousin Nigale from his Snuneymexw family. For the past 15 years, he has worked in school district #48 as a Male At-Risk Youth Worker, First Nations Support Worker, and Team Leader of the First Nations Support Workers in the Squamish Valley.

Nominee Election Statement

My name is Edward Anthony Joseph, and I am honoured to be a candidate for the Squamish Nation Council in the upcoming election this fall. I serve as Team Leader of the First Nations Support Workers in the Squamish Valley. I have had the privilege of working with the Squamish Valley Education team since 2010. In 2011, I earned a Provincial Instructors Diploma from Vancouver Community College with other education team members when the principal took away the First Nations class at our local middle school. With this diploma, I learned that education truly does open more doors. I returned to school in 2019 to earn my Master of Education from Simon Fraser University in 2021. After completing my Master of Education Degree, I could not wait to enter the Skwxwú7mesh sníchim program at Simon Fraser University the following term. I earned my Language Proficiency Diploma from Simon Fraser University in 2023. I have always been passionate about our Squamish Education team and its mission to make school a safe environment for our indigenous learners to feel proud of who they are. As a result, they can build resilience to walk in two worlds by learning and practicing their culture.

My journey with the Squamish Valley Education team began 15 years ago when I joined as a Male At-Risk Youth Worker. Over the years, I have learned Skwxwú7mesh sníchim, Skwxwú7mesh art, Skwxwú7mesh ceremony and protocols, how to be a voice for the community, how to be a voice for my education team, wool weaving, cedar weaving, traditional stories, leatherwork, learn and create Indigenous artwork, and practice traditional drum songs and dances.

With 15 years of experience in education, I have developed a deep understanding of how we are building and holding up tomorrow’s leaders by helping them regain their inherent right to their culture. My education career has included roles such as Being an advocate for Indigenous students, Male-At-Risk Youth Worker, Boys Group Leader, Culture Camp Leader, Squamish Valley PAC member, Lead Singer of Welh Tima Kexwusem, Lacrosse coach, Drop-in Basketball Program Facilitator, and Traditional Speaker for many different ceremonies such as pole raisings, blanketing, celebration potlatches, and funerals. Wearing multiple hats within the community has allowed me to gain insights into Squamish Nation’s operations and our members’ needs.

I am known for my approachable presence and personable personality. I am an active, patient listener who leads with integrity, empathy, patience, dedication, and teamwork. I am committed to bringing these values to my role as a Councillor. My approach is always transparent, and I am willing to listen to the concerns of Squamish Nation community members, which is essential for fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment.

If elected, I will focus on finding a way for everyone to receive equitable services and support no matter where our Squamish Nation’s members live. I would also like to support education by helping to spark interest in more Squamish Nation members to become Indigenous teachers of language and culture. I would also like to prepare our youth to nurture their gifts so they can attend post-secondary education and then come back and contribute to our community.



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

In doing so, I would also like our Nation to plan and create positions in advance so that our youth who earn a post-secondary degree will have positions ready to be filled. I will help alleviate the stress of our housing issues as well. A great starting point would be to look at relations with the BC Housing Society and other housing relations to ensure we maximize our housing opportunities for all members, regardless of marital status. I will also advocate for improving our cultural community, such as the Shaker Church. Shakers are the closest spiritual support we have to an Indian doctor. They always support our families by supplying medicine with bells, candles, and songs. However, there are just a handful of dedicated Shakers, and the workload can sometimes be tiresome for such a small group.

They will need increased numbers of community members to continue the good work. Youth active in extracurricular activities can always use extra support to make their way to the destination of their activities, such as canoe club, rugby, lacrosse, basketball and soccer. I know the Squamish Nation will build a longhouse and an Elder's center on Sta'Mus village, but I will ensure these projects arrive on time.

I raise my hands in thanks for considering my candidacy. I am excited to potentially serve the Squamish Nation people by contributing my skills and passion to our people's shared success. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Is' gh' li-ya Edward "Anthony" Joseph



Bertha Joseph

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Biography

My Squamish family is the Chief David George and Chief Bill Williams family. I am from hereditary chief lineage through both my Dakelh mother and Wet'suwet'en father. I live at Xwmélch'sten. I am committed to personal health and fitness.

I am a practicing Lawyer with 25 years experience acting in Title and Rights litigation, Indian Act matters, HR, and Governance. My experience includes: Managing Lawyer for a boutique law firm; in-house legal counsel to a First Nation; IRS Adjudicator and Claimant Counsel; and Squamish Nation Trustee.

I hold a Masters in Business Administration with experience in economic and community development, program planning, negotiations, evaluations, and conduct of forensic audits.

Nominee Election Statement

Vision Statement

Committed to advancing self-determination, community wellness, and sustainable prosperity for the Squamish Nation. I bring over 25 years of legal, governance, and economic development experience, rooted in working with and for First Nations. I seek to serve Squamish Nation Membership with integrity, transparency, and vision – building on Skwxwú7mesh values and traditions while securing a strong future for the next generations.

Why I am running

Today too many members feel disconnected from the Council and Administration. There is a feeling that Skwxwú7mesh history is overlooked and colonial systems and identity are favoured. Despite a very large administration many members feel ignored and services don't appear to reflect Skwxwú7mesh values.

To pass on a strong Skwxwú7mesh identity to future generations, we must focus our government and administration building on Skwxwú7mesh history, language, and traditions. I have the skills, experience, and commitment to help make needed changes. My goal is to return power and voice to the people.

I believe the council should have – and will advocate – the following priorities.

Honouring Skwxwú7mesh identity:

- Requiring that Skwxwú7mesh Language, culture and values and membership priorities are at the core of all existing programs and services
- Involving Skwxwú7mesh traditional leaders in programs and decision making, particularly on lands, Title and Rights and protection of sacred sites
- Supporting programs for youths and adults to learn Skwxwú7mesh language and stewardship of traditional territories through land based cultural camps and mentoring
- Elected council with the support of traditional leaders must take a strong stand to protect Skwxwú7mesh territory and rights from all who attempt to assert a claim or interfere with Skwxwú7mesh territory and rights



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

An Accountable Council and Administration

- All areas of administration should undergo an independent performance review and must justify staffing levels and expenditures with results reported to Membership
- Membership must have meaningful input into the Policies adopted by council, including Governance Policy
- Council decisions which impact rights, title, identity and land should require free and informed consent of Squamish membership
- Gaps in accountability to members, due to council transferring Squamish Nation assets, including rights, to independent Boards of Directors must be addressed
- A compliance review on Nation Bylaws as well as legal standards in the areas of Access to information; Privacy; Safe Workplaces; Whistler Blower procedures; with results reported to membership

Protecting and Supporting Members

- Develop a strategy to promote the return of off reserve members to Skwxwú7mesh communities
- Review use of OSR with the requirement there is equity in treatment of all members; age groups; and communities
- Work with membership, law enforcement, health and social services and administration to develop an actionable and measurable strategy to increase safety and reduce harmful behaviour, particularly substance abuse
- Consult with members on a strategy for shutting down drug dealers in the community, including considering a Bylaw on penalties and enforcement
- Hold monthly members meeting with members' give members the opportunity to set the agenda; and return to custom "Members Day" meetings



William Joseph

Biography

My name is William Joseph Mathias, and I am running for Council to serve and uplift the Squamish Nation. I come from a strong and rooted line of leadership and responsibility. My father is Cody Mathias, and my uncle was the late Chief Joe Mathias, a name that still echoes with pride and strength in our communities. I am also the great-grandson of Chief Mathias Joe, and the great-great-grandson of Chief Joe Capilano, who carried the voice of our people all the way to the King of England. That is where I come from—this is the legacy that grounds me. My roots are traditional, my teachings are ancestral, and my purpose is to serve with the same strength, clarity, and vision as those who came before me.

From a young age, I was raised with purpose. My father prepared me for this path my entire life, teaching me about leadership, culture, and what it means to serve our people with integrity and heart.

For years, I have been a fish guardian down by the river, working closely with the land and the waters that give life to our Nation. That role has not just been a job—it has been a spiritual and cultural responsibility that has taught me the importance of protecting our traditions and listening to the natural world. I've learned that leadership isn't about being the loudest voice—it's about listening first. That is how I carry myself today. I let people speak, I hear their words, and I respond with honesty, care, and intention. I believe that every single person in our Nation deserves to feel heard, respected, and valued.

Nominee Election Statement

Like the salmon we harvest, we must keep moving forward—strong, determined, and connected to where we come from. We are close with the salmon people, and they remind us that returning home, year after year, with purpose and resilience, is part of who we are. Our strength is in our connection to our land, our waters, our teachings, and one another.

I hold close the documents, writings, and plans that my uncle Chief Joe Mathias left behind. These are more than just papers—they are blueprints for a stronger Squamish Nation. I intend to carry forward that vision, while also meeting the modern needs of our people today. My goal is to bring us back to that strength, pride, and unity that our uncle once helped cultivate. We are a powerful Nation, and it's time we step back into that power with confidence and care for one another.

I am not coming into this position to lead alone. I am here to be a voice for our people—to represent your concerns, ideas, and hopes. I understand the responsibility of leadership, and I don't take it lightly. I come from chieftainship—leadership is in my blood, but more importantly, it is in my heart. This is not about status; this is about service. I am here to serve the Squamish people with humility, strength, and vision.

Our Nation is ready for renewal. I believe we can make the Squamish Nation strong again—not by repeating the past, but by building on the wisdom of our ancestors and moving forward together. I am ready to take on this responsibility—not for myself, but for our people, our youth, and the generations to come. I ask for your support, your guidance, and your voice, as we walk this path together.



Sandy (Douglas) Lafontaine

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Biography

My Squamish ancestry is from the Douglas and Paull families (mom: Brenda and dad: Bill Paull). I was raised by my grandparents, Margaret Douglas & Smokey Adams, and my parents, Brenda & Byron Joseph.

Education: Bachelor of Legal Studies and a Juris Doctor. I recently passed part of the Bar Exam and am awaiting results of the other half.

Work Experience: I have worked outside of the Squamish Nation and also have 15+ years with the Nation—including 2001 to 2003 in the Council Department, 2003 to 2007 in the Finance Department and 2007 to 2016 back in the Council Department.

Nominee Election Statement

Being an elected Councillor of the Squamish Nation feels like something I have gravitated towards for most of my life. When I was a child, Squamish Nation governance was discussed often in our home and I took great interest in the discussions. I began by listening and then eventually started contributing to the discussions. I was always made to feel like my voice and my questions were valued and important. Reflecting back, I cherish that inclusion and welcoming into the important discussions. I will never forget this powerful sentiment and hope that everyone in our Nation can be inspired with a purpose to contribute and participate.

My gravitation to Squamish Nation governance is largely associated with my being drawn to law school. The various debates, the ongoing issues, the frustrations, the complexities, and the victories I have seen over many

decades with respect to Squamish Nation governance are things that I reflected upon throughout my education journey. Additionally, the time I had the privilege of being an employee with our Squamish Nation, provided me an opportunity to see the many great challenges that we can face as a group and as individuals within the vast and varied spaces of our Nation. There are so many issues, ideas, wants, needs, frustrations, joys and pride interwoven within what I will describe as a web or our Nation. I use the analogy of a web because it is both fragile yet strong, requiring persistent, dedicated work to maintain it, and it spreads out in different directions yet flows from one source.

My longstanding exposure and participation in Squamish Nation governance, my life and work experience, and my education will assist me in doing the work required of a Councillor. I will participate in the important dialogue and debate that is necessary to address all the varied matters that are before every Squamish Nation elected Council. I will dedicate to taking needed action that flows from these important conversations. Both dialogue and action are required to shape and strengthen our Nation.

I feel it is unrealistic to expect miracles and complete turnarounds from any newly elected Council. It is also unfair to make unrealistic promises to the people who rely on an elected Council. But it is fair to expect a Council to be persistently dedicated to protect and maintain every aspect of our Squamish Nation and every member of our Squamish Nation to the very best of its ability. That, to me, is the only true promise. And while I will not make empty promises, I can make a promise to act with diligence, respect, integrity, and persistence in my contribution to our Squamish Nation governance. I am also committed to ongoing communication and transparency.

I have accomplished things in my life that I never thought I could accomplish but did so by never giving up and working hard. I have overcome challenges and I can be relentless. I am an independent and critical thinker and feel these attributes will be a great contribution to a Council.



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

Whatever the outcome, this experience in attempting to achieve a Council seat has provided me with knowledge and with gratitude. I am thankful for the people who have supported me so far.

I am thankful for loved ones who believed in me and shared their gifts with me. They are in my hearts forever and I thank

them for providing me with their spiritual presence during this journey. It tells me I made the right decision to proceed with this work and it affirms my confidence in my ability to carry the work, if given the opportunity



Crystal Starr Lewis

Biography

Crystal Lewis is a highly engaged Indigenous advocate and leader who is guided by the principles of “Be the change you wish to see, lead by example, and take action.” Crystal’s unwavering dedication is exemplified by their engagement in global issues, policy, various levels of government and the United Nations. Advocating for climate action, social justice, cultural revitalization, youth welfare and more, Crystal ran for Squamish Council when she was 19 and 24; and recently graduated from Harvard College. Crystal was elected by Chiefs as the BC AFN Youth Representative and was appointed to the AFN National Youth Council. Her portfolio focuses on Intergovernmental and International priorities. Crystal worked on Parliament Hill as an intern and helped co-create GreenPAC’s Indigenous Youth Parliamentary Internship Stream; learning her language, culture, being actively involved in the community, earning various awards and certificates over the years and more.

Nominee Election Statement

Ha7lh skwáyel ta newyap,

My name is Crystal Starr, my late grandfather was Willard Lewis and my late grandmother was Mary Julianna Lewis and also late Julie Guerrero. My late biological mother was Elizabeth Lewis and my late brother was Willard Lewis.

I grew up in foster care raised by the Moody family in the Squamish Valley, Wa’wnti village. My late grandmother is Geraldine Newman and my late grandfather is George Moody. My foster mother is Elaine Moody and my brother is Aaron Nelson-Moody who is also known as Splash.

In short, my platform focuses on:

- Transparency and accountability
- Consultation and engagement with all Nation members (Chiefs, Elders, 2slgbtqia+, youth, off reserve members, on-reserve members, and more)
- Focusing on tangible priorities decided and guided by our members, that can be achieved within a 4 year term

I believe that we are all a part of the solution, and we are all the pieces of the puzzle.

I look forward to discussing my platform with you, door to door. Thank you for your valuable thoughts, ideas and solutions. Thank you for your time and consideration and for all your support and more. I am grateful to you all - My family, our Chiefs, Regional Chief, Elders, 2slgbtqia+, youth, off reserve members, on-reserve members and mentors, etc. Thank you all for your strengths and gifts and more.

Chen kw’enmantúmiyap.



Kálkalilh Deanna Lewis

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Biography

Deanna Celia Lewis, my Ancestral name is Kálkalilh. My Family Lineage: Grandparents-Late Norman Lewis and Lena Corkhill. My Parents: Diane Lewis and Mike Coughlin. My children: Seraphine, Justin and Kwilayus. I come from Ch'iyákmesh. For the past 3 years, I have operated my own business called KC-Kálkalilh Communications. I facilitate Gender and Cultural Sensitivity Training for Businesses, Government, Corporations and School Districts. I was an Elected Squamish Nation Councillor for a four-year term from 2017-2021. My whole life I have been a Cultural Ambassador, from being a Teacher, Artist, Mentor and Coach.

Nominee Election Statement

I'm Kálkalilh-Deanna Lewis, proud Skwxwú7mesh Nation member, mother, and lifelong advocate for our lands, culture, and people.

I'm running for Council to make sure our voices are truly heard in every room, at every table.

I've stood with our people through housing struggles, cultural work, land protection, and supporting families at their toughest times.

It's imperative we stay connected to our land, our family, and our community living and breathing our Skwxwú7mesh protocols and laws and handing them down strong to the next generations. Together we can preserve our land, language, sports, family unity, formal education, and teach our own to work for our own.

Let's honour our ancestors and lead strong for those yet to come.



Roger H. Lewis

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Biography

Good day, my name is Roger Lewis. I come from the village of Ch'iyákmesh, my parents are Paul and Wendy Lewis, my grandparents were the late Jacob Lewis and Betty (nee Billy). My great-grandfathers were Louie Lewis and Dominic Charlie. I am a proud father of four children, I have always made it a priority that they are raised with a strong connection to our identity, values, and traditions. I grew up on and off reserve in the Squamish Valley, working from a young age in Forestry beginning in 1999. I also grew up on the waters of Atl'ka7tsem (Howe Sound), where I began war canoe racing at the age of twelve. I remain active in our cultural and spiritual practices. I have been involved with the Shaker Church for the past two years, and two of my daughters are proud pow-wow dancers. It is deeply important to me that our children are immersed in culture and understand where they come from.

Nominee Election Statement

My name is Roger Henry Lewis from the village of Ch'iyákmesh, I am the son of Paul and Wendy Lewis; Grandson of the late Jacob and Betty Lewis (née: Billy). My families story stretches far beyond my own; my great-great grandfathers are the late Dominic Charlie and Moses Billy.

I am grateful and honoured to have that support of my aunties who have put my name forward to serve our people with integrity, cultural strength, and a lifelong commitment to land, water, and community.

As a proud father of four, a land steward, and forestry leader with over 25 years of experience; I understand the importance of deep connection between our territory, our physical & mental health, and our future.

I believe in protecting what matters most –our people, our culture, and our land.

I will speak up and advocate for:

Environmental Protection: Immediate action to stop degradation, protect salmon habitat, safeguard clean water, and preserve sacred cultural sites.

Wildfire Readiness: Nation led fire bans throughout the entire territory, more training, equipment, and resources to protect our communities from growing wildfire threats. I am committed to implementing cutting-edge technologies - such as real time satellite monitoring, AI driven risk assessment tools, and drone based early detection systems.

Housing & Elders Care: It's time to end overcrowding and build safe, appropriate homes - especially for our Elders. I support the development of an Elders Centre in the Squamish Valley.

Healthcare & Mental Wellness: We need better access to care, including a Wellness Centre in the Squamish Valley that supports mental, physical, and spiritual healing.

Education: Invest in culturally grounded education, language revitalization, and lifelong learning opportunities for all ages.

Family Law Reform: Update the Squamish Nation Membership Code to ensure that Squamish children and families are recognized by and connected to their Nation.

I walk with the teachings of my late grandparents and great-grandfathers. Their legacy guides my purpose: to serve our Nation with respect, accountability, and long-term vision. Together, we can protect our territory, strengthen our governance, and build a healthier, united Nation for our méhmen.

I humbly ask for your support and vote.

Roger H. Lewis



Victoria Michels (Baker)

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Biography

Nuuw, my name is Victoria L Michels, nee Baker. My ancestral name is P'elákwíya, recently shared in year 2024, from my cousin Margret Muehlfarth nee George. My parents are Late Thomas and Hazel Baker. I am the youngest of 9 siblings, and a proud Squamish woman, born in Vancouver St. Pauls Hospital. My family was raised on Mission reserve 1, and I currently reside in Capilano, in my home. Some still reside in that village of Mission reserve 1.

I'm happily married 39 years to Robert Michels. His mom's side are native descendants from Ontario; he is partial native descendant. We have 3 children: Warren, Katrina, and Lynn Michels, and am a proud gramma of Saryn-Jax 19, Sophia 15 and Silas 11 years of age. My descendants are late, Grandparents are William and Margret Baker, parents of my father. His brothers are Alvie, and Lawrence Baker. My late mother is Hazel L Baker- nee Johnston. My grandparents are Emma Jack born in Nanaimo and William Johnston from Soowahlie Chilliwack. My great grandparents are Mary Ann Martin and Siem August Jack, family line is from the line of respected ancestor Khatsalno. I am part Nanaimo, and Stolo Nation, and still learning my family tree.

I breathe my culture wa lh7tińhá Skwxwú7mesh ways, am a traditional singer, rattler and dancer, and a member of Squamish Ocean Canoe Family since 2006, known as stamsh warrior, my nick name is Cougar- known all around BC Waters~ West Coast Islands, Northern Canada and US. I will always love. My seat is clam digger, love ocean floor, travelled far, on Tribal Journeys, and pull with beautiful family-isun pulling Canoe. My inspiration in snichim, Squamish language, was taught by my late uncle Lawrence Baker, known as Xalek'. I went in Capilano Big house on Feb 4, 2008, and feel blessed, encourage others to heal slowly, gently. I am always in community involvement.

My path is paving, working with Squamish Nation offices, as an experienced admin support, consultant, and cultural ambassador. Business career learning and is a journey to serve the Squamish Nation membership until retirement. Squamish will always be on top my mind and, heart. My (We) I live the values our ancestors and taught me, for me to hand down, and share. My motto is, "do your best, and goodness will follow you," respect is there, if you respect others, we are stronger together.

I'm working for Squamish Nation as Admin Support for Finance Accounts Payable. My caring way is betterment of Squamish Nation membership. I'll continue paving the way for our next generation. Most importantly, we can utilize our leadership, Elders, and continue their teachings and legacies.

Nominee Election Statement

Nuuw, Hello To our Squamish membership,

My, English name is Victoria, ancestral is P'eláltwiya. I was nominated, and I accepted. I'm interested in running for this four-year term on council 2025- 2029. I would be honoured to have a full-time job as a general Council, I'm ready! With my 15 years experience Administering our Nation for in many multiple Squamish Nation Departments. My admiration for governance is important, and respected, to obtain responsibilities as Leadership. My kindness, admiration, is, I love, enjoy a cup of coffee, and to collaborate with membership and Colleagues, alongside with the 15 councillors, and staff. I will utilise my education tools, which will be a benefit for this position. Currently, I am employed with Squamish Nation Finance Department, as front Accounts Payable Admin Support. My experience of policies, and the business structure, will benefit our budgets, on the Council table.



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

In the past, I've accomplished and studied Business Management, at Capilano University, and Marketing in the year 2015, after that I opened a consultant company. To assist a project, First Nations small business, and few contracts with Squamish Nation I completed as a contractor with Nch'kaý, enjoyed meeting, and registered over 200 Squamish entrepreneurs funded by Provincial government grants. My Financial knowledge within the Squamish Nation Finance department is a great accomplishment.

My community members-on/off reserve members' concerns, my involvement with Nation members, are concerns that are important to address, prioritize at risk issues of Membership concerns regarding having safety on our Squamish lands.

I served four years as a volunteer Peacekeeper. I worked with a great team and made deep positive changes in the past. Today we're facing challenges and experiencing serious issues that have impacted our community.

It's needed again today. Then we can enjoy our culture and have a healthy, clean environment, for our future events held on our lands. I am known as a Stash woman, with a kind heart, and strong voice, for our people. I'd love to create an open door policy, bring back our old ways, demonstrate unity, for each Department Band offices. I'd be one matriarch at the council table, to support our Elders, and provide guidance for our future generation.



Stath'loat Amy Nahanee-Baker

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Biography

I was born and raised on Mission IR #1. My late parents were "Jerry" and "Terri" Nahanee (nee Thomas). My grandmother is "Freda" Nahanee (nee Thorne) and late "Jimmy" Nahanee. My late great grandmother was Margaret Nahanee (nee Lockett-Joe). My late great great grandmother was Annie George (nee Harry of Squamish Valley). I have been married to my husband, Toby Baker for 18 years and have Emily, Bradey and Ty.

I received a Grade 12 Diploma, a Certificate in Accelerated Office Technology and a Certificate from First Nations Land Management, including extensive experience in land management and economic development.

Nominee Election Statement

Amy Nahanee-Baker: A Vote for Change

Amy Nahanee-Baker, a proud member of the Squamish Nation, brings a wealth of experience, a deep commitment to her community, and a vision rooted in Together, Transformation, and Transparency. With decades of expertise in land management, economic development, and community leadership, Amy stands ready as a Vote for Change, mending the heart of the Nation while building a brighter future for generations to come.

Platform Highlights.

1. Together: Amy believes in the strength of collective voices and community unity. Her commitment is to uphold the will of the people, ensuring elected representatives follow their mandate to serve the community's priorities—

not their own agendas. Collaboration and guidance from members and Elders will form the foundation of every decision she makes.

2. Transformation: Economic reconciliation lies at the core of Amy's platform. She envisions transformative projects that reclaim the land and unlock their full potential, ensuring economic benefits are equitably shared. By focusing on intergenerational healing and drawing strength from the wisdom of ancestors, Amy is committed to restoring hope and opportunity across the Nation.

3. Transparency: Amy is devoted to re-establishing trust and accountability by advocating for the return of the Nation's Constitution, reflecting the People's collective voice. She emphasizes open governance, where decisions and resources are managed transparently ensuring fairness and progress for all members.

Top Priorities:

- Reclaiming and restoring the land.
- Reviving the Nation's constitution in alignment with the community's will.
- Advancing economic reconciliation that addresses food security, basic needs, and generational healing.
- Strengthening governance to ensure elected officials represent and honour the voice of the people.

Amy recognizes that the heart of the nation is fractured, but with humility and dedication, she is ready to do her part in mending what has been broken. She sees this service as an opportunity to uplift every member of the Squamish Nation, especially the most vulnerable, while building lasting prosperity for future generations.

"It would be my honour to serve as your representative, to listen, to lead, and to work alongside you in building a united and thriving Squamish Nation. Together, we can achieve greatness for our people."



Paul Roy Natrall

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Biography

Paul Natrall is 41 years of age, he was born and raised in North Vancouver BC on Mission Reserve. Paul is a successful business owner, specializing in tourism, and food & beverage. He is a founding member and current Chair of a National Culinary Non Profit ICAN, and past board member of Indigenous Tourism BC. In addition, Paul has held leadership roles with organizations and companies such as, Indigenous Culinary Ambassador (Sodexo Canada), Advocate (Indian College Fund- USA), Past President GIB (Communities around Vancouver) just to name a few. His dedication to the industry has not gone unnoticed, as is evident through his many awards and media features. Paul is now looking ahead, and has the goal of carrying the knowledge he has acquired, and the momentum he has obtained, to help the Squamish Nation tackle issues like community maintenance and engagement, public safety, work with the Elders to continue to preserve our culture, and to increase supports for the youth who are the future for our Nation.

With 15 plus years of experience in hospitality, Paul has had the opportunity to partner with some great organizations and has created lasting partnerships, through his travels across turtle island and work with many executives in several organizations. Paul has enjoyed working with leaders in our communities, knowledge keepers, Elders and youth, to share cultural foods, drumming and singing, all with a focus on keeping the work positive and within protocols. Now he will bring these business and life skills to our community, with a focus on building a stronger tomorrow.

Paul will bring his past experiences to help the Squamish Nation people and organizations they work with, with a goal of expanding and finding new relationships that can further benefit the community.

He has taken great honour in being able to assist in various culinary ventures, tourism, and business partnerships, starting out local but then expanding across Canada and the USA. Sharing stories, a hard work ethic, and participating in cultural events have all contributed to his success at work, as well his ability to connect with people of various backgrounds. Lastly, Paul takes great pride in the time he spends listening to Elders and knowledge keepers, soaking up their knowledge and wisdom with a focus on transferring to the youth and further generations to come.

If I am elected for Chief & Council, I will bring additional experience and knowledge to the team that is selected. Creating positive and long lasting success for our people of all ages, young families, Elders and youth. Having equal benefits across the board for members on reserve and off reserve. It is my vision to make our Elders proud and create a future our kids and grandkids can look forward to.

Nominee Election Statement

My name is Paul Roy Natrall, and I am honoured to be a candidate for the Chief & Council at Squamish Nation. I currently serve as Chair of National Culinary Non-profit ICAN, where I have had the privilege of advocating for Indigenous foods, Indigenous chefs and small businesses across the country. I get to travel Turtle Island, sharing my life's work & style of Indigenous foods, sharing stories and memories of my grandparents who are also Squamish Nation.

I have always been passionate about ICAN and its mission to share and showcase Indigenous foods culture. My journey with the organization began 6 years ago when I first joined as Founding Member.



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

Over the years, I have been actively involved in a director position and now as Chair, both of which have deepened my understanding and commitment to our community.

With 15 years of experience in Business, Tourism & Hospitality, I have developed a deep understanding of how to create partnerships, while working with other organizations and creating lasting success. My career has included roles such as Head Chef, Brand Ambassador, Guest Speaker, and Advocate, where I was responsible for overseeing all food productions, event management, event promotions, public speaking, media liaison and various other spoke person duties. My involvement has included traveling coast to coast in both Canada and the USA, allowing me to gain insights into various operations and staff and customer needs. All these experiences have equipped me with the skills needed to make a positive impact as Squamish Nation Councillor.

I am known for my good energy, and boots on the ground work ethic, and I am committed to bringing these values to my role as part of Chief & Council. My approach is to always show up and work hard, and never ask someone to do something that I myself am not prepared to do as well, which I believe is essential for fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment.

If elected, my primary goals are to find successful strategies that bring positive outcomes in community safety, enhancing partnerships and creating more revenues to help our people in both the short and long term. I believe that by focusing on business, tourism and community needs, we can achieve significant progress and continue to grow as a community. I am particularly focused on addressing revenue streams affecting the growth of our Nation, and I have a plan to find ways to collaboratively work with new and old partners.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I am excited about the opportunity to serve on Chief & Council and to work together towards a prosperous future. I look forward to the possibility of contributing my skills and passion to our shared success. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Sxwchálten Kevin Rivers

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Biography

My name is Sxwchálten Kevin Rivers. My parents are the late Tiyáltelut-t Audrey Rivers (née Paull) and Frank Rivers Sr. My grandparents are the late Xwechtáal-t iy Xwupúkinem-t Andrew Paull and Josephine Paull (née Lackett-Joe), and the late Dennis Rivers and Sarah Jane Rivers (née Longcake). I am the proud father of Sxwchálten iy Khelsilem Dustin Rivers and Tiyáltelut Kristen Rivers, and grandfather to Sadie Rivers. I have experience in archaeology, cultural preservation, and community service, and founded Kevin Rivers Catering over 30 years ago to provide the Nation with reliable and culturally respectful catering.

Nominee Election Statement

I am honoured to accept this nomination for Squamish Nation Council, and I offer myself to serve our people with humility, respect, and dedication. My life's work has been rooted in protecting our culture, our lands, and our community. Whether through cultural preservation, environmental stewardship, or direct service to our Elders and families, I have always been guided by the teachings of our ancestors and a commitment to the well-being of our Nation.

One of the contributions I am most proud of is my longstanding commitment through Kevin Rivers Catering, which I founded over 30 years ago. It has been my honour to provide reliable catering services for countless Nation events, including ceremonies, celebrations, funerals, and memorials. I have always made it a priority to give back by donating my time and services whenever I could to support community gatherings.

Through my catering, I've not only provided meals but helped uphold our cultural food practices and created job opportunities for Squamish members looking to gain skills and experience. Serving our community in this way has kept me grounded in the importance of tradition, respect, and showing up for one another.

I also serve on the Xwí7ski Elders Project Action Team, where I work with fellow Elders to ensure our knowledge and teachings guide the development of programs that serve our people. We've contributed to the creation of the Elder's Program Plan and continue to advocate for the needs and voices of our Elders, who are the heart of our Nation.

As a Residential School Survivor Advisor, I contributed to the sensitive and important work around St. Paul's Residential School, ensuring that survivors' knowledge is heard, preserved, and respected. Additionally, my work on the Se'ákw Cultural Advisory Committee helped ensure that our land is honoured and our cultural identity reflected in the Se'ákw development. On the Membership Committee, I help uphold the integrity of our membership process, ensuring fairness and transparency.

If elected, I will bring this same dedication to Council. I believe in governance that is transparent, accountable, and culturally grounded. I will work hard to protect our lands, strengthen our language and traditions, and create opportunities for our youth, families, and Elders to thrive. I believe unity, respect, and open dialogue are the keys to building a strong future for the Squamish Nation.

I humbly ask for your support in this election. I offer my knowledge, my experience, and my commitment to serve with integrity for the benefit of our Nation today and for the generations yet to come.



Hart Schorneck

Biography

My name is Hart Jr. Schorneck and my grandparents, were the late Alfred (Tnaxín) and Lena (Kwitelut) Jacobs nee Band. My mother is Sharon Schorneck (Xwemilut). My family comes from a line of Chiefs who've served on Council. I graduated from SDSS in 1978 and worked as a Longshoreman for 44.5 years. I was also a trainer for several equipment on the waterfront. I've been married for over 34 years and we have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Nominee Election Statement

I would be proud to be an elected Councillor for the Squamish Nation. I come from a line of Hereditary Chiefs and believe my maturity and knowledge would benefit our Nation. I'd like our Nation to be more transparent and forthright with our financial statements as an example. I've attended and participated in general band meetings, peoples' meetings, and now annual general meetings. I'm not scared to speak up on important issues and have recently submitted a resolution to increase distribution with the support of my daughters, Kyla and Jenna. Many, many more important decisions are going to be made in the future and I feel I'm up to the task.

Our culture and who and where we come from are also dear to me. I need the members' support and would thus greatly appreciate serving the Squamish Nation's Chief and Council.

Yours sincerely, Hart Jr. Schorneck,

Huy Chexw



Nick Seschillie

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Biography

My name is Nicholas Seschillie. I am from the George family. My great-grandmother is Emily Isaac, and my grandfather is Harry George, who lived in Slhá7an', Mission Reserve. Hilda A. Duerden George is my grandmother.

I have a strong educational background and experience in the technology industry. I was able to work in large enterprise companies where projects require a large group of staff working together, delivering reliable solutions with professionalism and accountability. I hold many respected technology industry certifications, and am currently self-funding my Technology Management degree at BCIT. I know automation, artificial intelligence, and robotics. I have education in Project Management, and was able to start my own business in the technology industry.

I bring leadership, business insight, and technical knowledge together to support modern, efficient, and people-focused operations. I understand how to manage responsibility, make informed decisions, and lead with confidence. Qualities I'm ready to apply in service of our Nation.

Huy Chexw

Nominee Election Statement

Our Strategic Plan lays out a clear vision for moving forward: wellness, safety, and empowered intergenerational participation. Whether you are a beginning learner or have deep experience with our Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), there is a place for you.

This is an opportunity for off-reserve members to have an essential voice—to be seen as valuable and important.

We must be guided by the teachings of Wenáxws (respect), Nexwniw' (upbringing), and Texwólám' Ns7eyx (genuine care). Fiscal responsibility and sustainable financial decisions are essential to ensure long-term success.

The Strategic Plan 2022-2026 outlines a powerful vision:

- For the People: A Nation where wellness, safety, intergenerational opportunity, and culture thrive.
- For Our Government: Accountable leadership rooted in respect, transparency, and service.
- For Our Lands and Waters: Stewardship guided by ancestral responsibility.
- For External Relations: Partnerships that honour our title, rights, and priorities.

In meetings with members on-reserve, many issues have been raised about the past administration, including (but not limited to):

- Housing challenges (favouritism, family/single housing needs, waitlists, maintenance)
- Community concerns (drug use, overdoses, messy housing, trespassing, misuse of National lands)
- Leadership accountability (trust, honesty, engagement with members and Elders, responsibility)
- Off-reserve engagement and inclusion
- Healing and wellness supports
- Improved customer service and communication
- Opportunities for members (status for children, revenue growth, territorial expansion through land purchases)
- Our own source revenue



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

We must be fiscally and financially responsible to ensure sustainability considerations in our organizational structure, business and financial decision making and voicing our communities' concerns where appropriate.

Transparency is critical. We are committed to open communication and supporting all members throughout the administration. We will continue to strengthen, expand, and generate revenue for our members in the Squamish Nation in our next administration.

Huy chexw



Grant (Salish) Shaver

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Biography

I'm Grant Shaver, proud Squamish Nation member and grandson of Elenor Bro. First cousin to Harvey Gonzales. Second cousin to Jackie Gonzales, Janine Salsimiya Gonzales, Stewart Sempúlyan Gonzales, Norma Brooks. Mother, Juanita Wells, Aunties Bea Wells, Elaine Wells, uncles Tommy Wells and Monty Bro. My brother is John Wells. My first cousins are Michelle Morissette, Randy Storjeoff, Casey Storjeoff.

Though I was raised off-reserve, disconnected by the 60s scoop, I found healing through family, culture, sport, and service. A national athlete turned federal Indigenous Liaison, I've dedicated my life to empowering our people—on and off-reserve—through truth, opportunity, and unity. With deep roots in governance, community relations, and cultural entrepreneurship. I currently serve as a Premium Concierge Host for major sports teams, connecting daily with leaders and citizens. I stand ready to serve on Council—grounded in spirit, guided by values, and committed to all generations of Squamish.

Nominee Election Statement

I am running for Council to meet the needs of our members—with Elders as my top priority. Our Elders deserve improved services, from home care to meaningful companionship. I propose the development of an Elder Care Centre, staffed by certified and trained Nation members and families, to ensure the ongoing health and wellbeing of our cherished Elders.

Housing: I will advocate for the rights of all members – on and off reserve – to have safe, affordable housing. As MST projects create new homes, I'll ensure Squamish Nation members receive equal allocation alongside partner Nations. I support alternative builds (e.g. shipping containers, 3D-printed homes) to accelerate housing on unused or underutilized lands. I also propose a home maintenance program for existing Nation properties, with regular inspections, minor repairs, and upgrades to ensure safety, comfort, and code compliance.

Safety: I will review and implement enforceable safety policies, with proper training for community Safety Patrol staff—covering de-escalation, violence prevention and community engagement. I propose guarded entrance checkpoints for high-risk areas, stronger partnerships with police and community organizations, and removal of known illegal activity sites on Nation lands. Let's empower block watch programs that foster connection and accountability: know your neighbours, protect your community.

Youth: Every youth deserves to grow in a safe, rich environment rooted in Squamish culture. I will champion education, trades, arts, sports, and life skills—developing summer work programs, post-secondary internships, and partnerships with both government and private sectors. I propose hiring youth for summer home maintenance crews and supporting tourism collaborations to showcase Squamish culture. We can organize sports tournaments, camps with pro teams, and mentorship programs focused on personal growth and empowerment.

Arts & Culture: I'm passionate about showcasing our culture across our traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands. I will advocate for more opportunities for our artists—both emerging and established—to be featured in community and international settings. We must support cultural and economic exchanges through tourism and partnerships with government and businesses. The world comes to our lands to experience who we are. Let's rise to meet them.



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

Membership: I believe we must revisit our membership policies. Our Nation's numbers have declined, and we risk losing strength for future generations. If Indian Affairs approves your status and you carry a 555 card, you should be a recognized member-period. We are missing out on incredible family members with deep cultural roots, educational backgrounds and skilled trades. Blood is thicker than water-I will advocate to bring our people and children home.

Administration: I will review all Nation programs and services for quality, efficiency, and integrity. This includes job descriptions, qualifications, certifications, training, and budgets. I will educate myself and listen to our people to improve service delivery. We must prioritize hiring qualified Squamish members-many of whom have applied in the past and bring value post-secondary and trades skills. Let's invest in our people to build a strong future for our children.



Jenna Vocal (Schorneck Williams)

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Biography

My name is Jenna Vocal. I come from the Schorneck, Jacobs, Williams, and Lewis families. My parents are Hart and Angie Schorneck (nee Williams). My background is in the trades and the service industries, working as a Piledriver and manager. Through my work, I helped create space for women in the Piledriving trade, including training and leadership roles. Though I've spent most of my life off-reserve, I've remained rooted in our community on the North Shore. I hope to advocate for women, families and off-reserve members if elected.

Nominee Election Statement

To be elected as a Councillor for our Nation is more than just a role, it is a profound honour, a responsibility, and a commitment to serve with integrity. I do not take this lightly.

If chosen by our people, I will work to uplift the voices that are often left out: the voices of women, families, off reserve members, and my generation.

I stand with and for our people. I will work hard to ensure that everyone is heard, respected, and meaningfully represented in the decisions that shape our future.

If elected, I would prioritize housing, an Elders Lodge and new opportunities for youth, the ones coming behind us.

I know that not all our members have always felt heard by past Councils. I want to help change that and bring greater inclusion, transparency, and unity to how we lead.

To me, leadership means more listening than speaking. It means being steady when issues arise. I am committed to being a voice and a resource for our Nation. I will listen, speak up, and act in the best interest of all our members.



Syw̱wáliya Ann Whonnock

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Biography

Late Mom Barbara Charlie, Grandparents Dominic Charlie and Josephine (nee Antone). My children are Jojo Whonnock and late Son Max Whonnock and I have three grandchildren Gavin Baker, Kirsten, and Jordan Whonnock.

Longhouse Elder & Cultural Knowledge Carrier. Leadership experience from current Council term, 2021-2025 & previous terms of Council. Continued non-political work as Elder Advisor with Indigenous, Non- Indigenous, Provincial & Federal organizations.

Strengths: Administration, management & financial skills, analytical and negotiation abilities. 2021 SFU Masters Business Administration Degree- Indigenous Business & leadership, 2013 Capilano University Bachelors Business Administration Degree, Capilano University 2013 Strategic Human Resources Management Diploma.

Wa chexw yuu (You take care)

Syw̱wáliya Ann Whonnock

Nominee Election Statement

I will continue to represent, negotiate, protect Sḵw̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) Rights & Title and work as hard as I have always done for the Sḵw̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw using my education skills, experience and Cultural Nexwníw (Teachings) for Present & Future Generations as Taught by my Siiywxwa-chet (Our Elders, Old People), my Late Grandparents, late Elders & my Mom, so that we remain to be the Sḵw̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw & Sḵw̱wú7mesh Stélmexw (People).



Amanda Williams

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Biography

My name is Amanda Williams, I am the daughter of the late hereditary Chief Richard 'Dick' Williams Xwélxwelacha-tsiyam and Violet Maureen (nee: Underwood). I was born and raised on the Capilano reserve with my siblings Ellen & Dick Williams. We have roots in Yekw'ápssem, Ruby Creek, Cheakamus, Anderson Lake, Tsawout and Cowichan. With over 15 years serving the Squamish Nation, I've been guided by strong Indigenous women mentors who took me under their wing and taught me what I know today. I started as a receptionist, worked my way to manager and took a grassroots approach to community engagement projects.

Nominee Election Statement

My name is Sḱuálhḱamaat Amanda Kaye Williams. I am proud to stand for Council because I care deeply about our Squamish people, our lands, and our future. It is our sacred duty to stand as protectors to safeguard our lands, lift our languages and carry our cultures forward with pride and strength for the generations yet to come.

I will make sure our laws include our Squamish values, protocols, and ways of being. I want us to solve challenges like public safety without blaming or fighting, but by working together and finding real solutions.

When I was a child, our community felt safe. We didn't even lock our doors. I want to help bring back that feeling of safety for all of us. I plan to work with other leaders to make sure decisions are driven by the community, by family, and not just by business, colonial, or corporate ways.

I believe in protecting and supporting everyone in our Nation; regardless if you live on or off reserve, young, old and in between. I will focus on helping our most vulnerable people. No one should have their home taken over, taken away, or be preyed upon.

I also want to honour my late father, and continue his work:

- Protecting our salmon and seafood so they last for generations.
- Watching over the Capilano and Squamish Rivers through the Guardian Program.
- Supporting our negotiators with history and guidance to protect our rights.
- Standing up for our traditional lands and helping preserve them through agreements and consultation.
- Sharing the stories and history of our territories so we all remember who we are and where we come from.
- Making decisions based on the best interests of the tribe as a whole.

Another important part of our identity is sports and recreation. Legacies such as: North Shore Indians lacrosse, hockey, canoe, softball and soccer are all a part of who we are as Squamish people. I want our youth to continue these legacies with pride. We need to keep and improve spaces for our recreation, and create opportunities to host sports events, soccer tournaments, lacrosse tournaments, and canoe races right here on our lands. These activities bring us together, teach our youth discipline and culture, and strengthen our community spirit.



Jonny Williams

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Biography

My name is Jonathan Richard Williams. I'm Squamish through my mother and come from the Lewis and Williams families. I was raised by Charlene Williams and Delmar Joseph. I completed the Squamish Language Proficiency Program and have been involved in our Nation's political life from a young age, helping at general meetings alongside my grandma, Linda Williams. I've served a term on the Electoral Commission and now sit on the Constitution Committee. I work to carry forward our language, culture, and teachings, guided by many Elders and teachers from the Squamish Valley, and I'm committed to serving our people.

Nominee Election Statement

My name is Jonathan Richard Williams, and I am proud to stand for election as Councillor for the Squamish Nation. I come from the Lewis and Williams families, and was raised by Charlene Williams and Delmar Joseph. I carry the teachings of my ancestors and the hopes of our future generations with me. I am running because I believe in responsible, accountable, and culturally grounded governance—governance that strengthens our Nation from within and prepares us for the future.

I am proud to be what many call a “community kid”—a child raised by the community, shaped by the teachings, care, and encouragement of our Elders, families, and neighbours. I believe in the teaching that it takes a community to raise a child, and I carry that spirit into every part of my work.

I've had the honour of serving our Nation in multiple roles. I worked within the Squamish Nation Rights and Title Department as both an Archaeology, Culture, and Environment (ACE) Technician and a Cultural Heritage Advisor. In these roles, I supported the protection of our sacred sites, contributed to development reviews, and worked alongside Elders and Knowledge Holders to uphold our laws, land-based teachings, and values. I've also served on the Electoral Commission and participated in the Constitution Committee, deepening my understanding of our governance systems and the responsibilities we hold to one another.

As a younger Member of our Nation, I bring a different perspective—one shaped by both tradition and lived experience navigating two worlds: the feather and the pen. I believe there is wisdom, strength, and opportunity to be gained from both. I am committed to upholding and supporting the Squamish Nation employees who work every day to meet the needs of our communities. I also believe in working toward equity across the Nation, including for Members and families living in the Squamish Valley, to ensure we all have fair access to resources, services, and decision-making.

If elected, I will focus on the following priorities:

- Protecting our land and waters while advancing sustainable development that benefits our Members
- Strengthening cultural revitalization through language, ceremonies, and intergenerational teaching
- Creating pathways for youth involvement in governance and leadership
- Improving transparency and accountability, ensuring our Members are always informed and included
- Focusing on housing, wellness, and economic opportunities that meet the real needs of our People



(Continued) Nominee Election Statement

- Honouring and caring for our Elders, ensuring they are properly supported, respected, and included in our planning
- Evaluating and improving our Nation's programs and services through benchmarking and community feedback to improve accessibility and effectiveness
- Planning for the next seven generations, safeguarding our environment and Nation's resources for the future

I believe our ancestors laid a foundation of strength.

Now, it is our turn to build upon it with humility, courage, and unity. I am committed to leading with honesty and heart. I respectfully ask for your support and trust as we walk this path together.

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Squamish Nation

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How to Vote

You have a right to vote. We want to make sure you get to exercise your rights, and have your say in Squamish Nation Governance.

There are several ways to vote:



Online

Open September 15, 2025 @ 9am -
September 28, 2025 @ 9pm
squamishnation.simplyvoting.com/

- To register to Vote Online:
- No pin required
- Just your Band Number and Birthdate.



In Person Voting Day

Sunday, September 28 2025,
9 am to 9 pm at:

- Chief Joe Mathias Centre 100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver
- Totem Hall 1380 Stawamus Road, Squamish



Mail in Ballot

Request your mail in ballot by phone or email by **September 15, 2025**. For mail in ballots, you can contact Sharleen Pike at 604-616-9489 or sharleen_pike@squamish.net

Mail-in ballots must be received at the Squamish Nation (PO Box 86131 North Vancouver, BC V7L 4J5) or to Member Services (6-380 Welch St. West Vancouver, V7P 0A7) by September 26, 2025, 4:30 PM

Or you can drop it off at Chief Joe Mathias Centre or Totem Hall on Voting Day, Sunday, September 28.



Assisted Voting is available on Voting Day, September 28, 2025.

- For people in special or medical circumstances, please request assistance to vote.

Contact information for assisted voting:

- 236-308-9715

To learn more about how to vote, please visit:
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- loretta@petelambert.ca
- Phone number: 1-844-343-7383

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