

WWK Nation
Special Edition Newsletter

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Council By-Election

Candidates for Chief

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WORK EXPERIENCE

1980-present Crystal Ventures **Campbell River, BC**

Commercial Fisher

- Owner/operator of the MV "Western Brave"
- Herring and Salmon

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

1985-present We Wai Kai First Nation **Campbell River, BC**

- Councillor for the Nation
- Portfolio includes Fisheries, Economic Development, Housing and Finance

1992-present Pacific Salmon Commission **Vancouver, BC**

- Canadian Alternate member of the Fraser River Panel
- Develop recommendations for Fraser River Sockeye and Pink fisheries
- **2014 - present.** Appointed as Canadian Commissioner

1995-present Laich-Kwil-Tach Treaty Society **Campbell River, BC**

- Board of Director (2009-present, Chair Person)
- Society currently represents 3 First Nations including We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum and Kwiakah First Nations

1999-present A-Tlegay Fisheries Society **Campbell River, BC**

- Chair Person
- Society currently represents 5 First Nations including We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, Kwiakah, Komox and Tlowitsis First Nations

2002-present BC Hydro **Vancouver, BC**

- Chair Person of Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program
- Review and approval of applications on projects that restore fish and wildlife resources that have been adversely affected by the original footprint
- Development of hydroelectric facilities

2006-present Area B Committe **Vancouver, BC**

- Elected representative for Area B seine fishers

2012-present Aboriginal Business & Investment Council **Victoria, BC**

- Councillor (BC Government Appointment)
- Work with Aboriginal communities in BC and private sector to improve Aboriginal peoples' participation in the economy and economic development

I would like to express my gratitude to those who have voted for me in previous elections, allowing me the privilege to make a positive and ongoing contribution to our membership, and also to those who chose to continue to support me by nominating me to run for Chief in the 2016 election. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and Staff for a successful term within which we have collectively made good progress over the past 3 years.

I would also like to thank our Elders who recognize the importance of ensuring the education of our members, especially our youth, and also for identifying the opportunity that was created for our Nation to participate in the Treaty process. We have been afforded the opportunity through Treaty negotiations to determine our own destiny as not only a community, but as a Nation.

I have been fortunate to have been either elected or appointed to the above noted committees and boards which I currently serve on, directly as a result of my understanding of business, Aboriginal cultures, relationship building and successful business models.

I feel that I have made several important contributions to our members while serving on council. I have participated in the negotiations with the Province to acquire 42 acres of Nursery property adjacent to IR 12. Conditional approval-in-principle was given by AANDC on Nov 13, 2015 for the addition to reserve proposal. This property has great potential for future housing development as services are readily available.

I have also been involved with A-Tlegay in negotiating a PICFI (Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative) Agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The Agreement has provided opportunities to our members for training and the ability to access licenses from a new source aside from the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy. The five member nations of A-Tlegay have formed a new business partnership within the PICFI Agreement which will provide a variety of benefits to our community and members.

I was involved in the negotiations with BC Hydro which created a new opportunity in relation to the John Hart project. We Wai Kai and We Wai Kum entered into a partnership to administer contracts for BC Hydro under the Laich Kwil Tach Environmental Assessments LP. It is expected that the contracts will be for a duration of 10 years with an approximate value of 10 million dollars.

There are several ongoing economic development opportunities which I have been involved with as a council member during the past 3 years. In my opinion, it is important for our council to focus on economic development to create jobs for our members, to create an ongoing revenue base to be used for education, health, land development and other areas, and to continue to guarantee financial independence and self sufficiency well into the future.

We Wai Kai is one of the most progressive Nations in Canada and I wish to see our Nation become one of the strongest leading Nations into the future. We have always maintained stability due to strong leadership and values. This comes directly as a result of communication between council and membership. Ultimately, I believe we can foster an even stronger sense of identity and community by implementing strategic modifications to our Election Code, By-laws, Communication plans and by creating an Economic Development Commission to include community members.

Further, if I am elected as Chief, it is my intention to continue to work with council to obtain an assessment of both of our communities needs in sports and recreation. An initial assessment has been prepared for the Quinsam Reserve and council is in the process of obtaining the required assessment for the Cape Mudge Reserve. Once this has been completed council will be able to develop an action plan to address costs and implementation. I believe that the opportunity exists to raise funds privately through business contacts to establish both new and improved recreational facilities in the Quinsam and the Cape for our youth and Elders to enjoy.

Sincerely,



Brian Assu

ELECT GLENN ASSU

For Positive Change



Born in Richmond and raised on the Quinsam Reserve. I am 38 years old and have been married to my wife Louelle for the past 6 years. Between us we have 9 children and 4 grandchildren. My parents are Harvey & Leanne Assu, Grandmother is Mitzi Assu (Roberts) & late Grandfather Herb Assu. The late Chief Bill Roberts is my Great Grandfather and his Great Grandfather was Chief Wamish. Herb's parents were Dan Assu & Lily (Quatell) and his Grandfather and Grandmother were Chief Billy Assu & Mary (Naknakim).

I will commit to work for the people of our Nation energetically and loyally and know the business acumen I've acquired working with the public while managing a multi faceted operation will be of tremendous value in doing so. Today I ask for your support if you want the positive change we deserve.

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

- To be an effective team builder and leader
- The balance between managing and inspiring people is to first listen to them
- Utilizing subject experts when needed and weigh their input
- How to make decisions based on the available data and be held accountable
- Meet the needs of all parties in negotiations in an open and honest manner
- Always think about the cost-benefit for both short-term and long-term
- In order to optimize effectiveness as a leader you must first earn respect

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM ME

- I will serve the interests of ALL Band members and families equally
- Treat ALL questions & concerns of Band members with dignity and respect and commit to providing answers in a timely manner
- Provide current snapshot of our financial position – including all Band owned and operated businesses
- Listen to, and seek advice from our Elders so we go forward in the proper way
- Capitalize on the strong relationships I've built in the business community
- Find a solution to the infrastructure deficiencies at Cape Mudge Village
- Represent OUR people with passion, transparency and integrity

VOTE

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Administration Building at Cape Mudge

OR

Administration Building at Quinsam

Your Vote is your Voice!



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Robin Carmel (Maksymetz)

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Candidate for Chief Councillor for the WeWaiKai Nation

Political Platform:

My decision to seek the Chief Councilors position is based upon a desire to provide a more balanced perspective on the future goals of the WeWaiKai People and the investments of the Cape Mudge Band. The needs and interests of the Elders, the Young, and the people within the Band that carry on the day to day business of our Nation whether within the Traditional Territory or outside of it are all equally important. The Elders have with an unwavering dedication to their task brought us this far and the energy, determination and vision of our young adults will drive the Nation's future. The Chief Councilor and Council's primary objective is to provide a safe and secure environment for all of our people to grow and prosper in no matter what their age. A commitment to the needs and comfort of our elders is, in my opinion, of utmost importance as it addresses their physical and spiritual well-being – and we are all ageing.

Furthermore, assisting the youth in any post secondary endeavor will help in providing a springboard for their future success. Canadian Universities are the cultural, economic and research centers for Canadian society: the non-Native version of the Long House. They propagate and establish the laws, norms and changes within Canada as an independent yet integral entity of the world system. Our youth need guidance and direction when entering and during their tenure in University to ensure their success in their given program. At the same time, they need to know how to protect and cherish their own cultural heritage. We need to train professionals in the field of education to help guarantee our students a greater success rate at post secondary institutions. During my time in University I was asked to speak on behalf of First Nation issues to students taking First Nations studies and to act as a consultant to the University on First Nations cultural needs to ensure their gradual and successful assimilation into the Canadian post secondary system. Unless a person has successfully been through the

* Each candidate was allowed ¹ 2 pages. Robin had 5 pages, there will be copies available at the Band office!

Canadian Post secondary system it is difficult for them to provide any useful guidance to our youth. In other words, you wouldn't ask a logger to train a fisherman.

The Cape Mudge Band Investment portfolio is of particular interest to me in that it needs to be separated from Council. This may sound strange to many people but an economic advisory board needs to be established that is comprised of industry and business professionals. They may all be First Nations professionals or they may be a mix of people best suited for the task. The Economic Advisory Board will examine and determine which investments are best suited to our needs as a business entity and then report their findings and recommendations to Council. Chief and Council then in turn report their recommendations to Membership. Councilors are elected by Membership to govern our Nation while an Economic Advisory Board is established to provide sound guidance for our Nation's business investments.

Many social programs are not financially beneficial on the outset. However, social housing and education are cost effective when the well-being of the individual and the ultimate well-being of our Nation are concerned. A healthy people in mind, body, and spirit are able to accomplish more and withstand more in strenuous times. The World around us is changing at an immense pace and so are the agendas of Governments as they attempt to stave-off economic and societal disaster. If we rely too much on the largesse of the Federal Government and not on ourselves, we place our Nation's future in the hands of those individuals whose primary concerns do not center on First Nation's interests.

Furthermore, management of our affairs whether in business development, housing, education, social programs, or self-government should remain in-house for as much as is possible and be managed for the benefit of our people and the WeWaiKai Nation. If we find that we do not possess the expertise that is required to complete the task at hand then we should either train personnel or bring in professionals to work alongside the person or people most qualified for the task. Our Nation is growing and so is our responsibility to conduct our affairs within the public sector and at home with the utmost integrity and attention to duty.

Moreover, I support maintaining our Elders Council and if possible expanding their duties to include being opposition critics on Council Member portfolios. The Elders Council are our ambassadors of heritage and culture. They represent and interpret who we are as a People past and present to the multitudes that surround us. They are our

To the Cape Mudge Band Members

My name is William Hazen Duff and I am running for Chief Councillor of our Band. I believe with my past experiences and my background in the United Steelworkers Union Local 9347 as Treasurer, Shop Steward and Negotiations Team member that I possess the necessary skills and mental attitude to help ensure our nations place in the future. We as members deserve the right to a fair and balanced council to be there for us. My goal is to bring us together so we can stand as one and continue on our journey with confidence, leaving no one behind. Our elders have been there for us constantly guiding us through the good and the bad times and we are all better for it. It is time we take care of our own and deliver our youth into the future with the skills needed to succeed in life. We cannot just idle along expecting things to go our way, we have to continue to drive forward and reach for our goals. Our membership should be in the papers with proud accomplishments and positive stories, not ones that harm us. It is our right to walk these lands with our heads held high and continue our families traditions with pride. I am proud of who I have become and I owe it to certain members of this band. It's time for me to pay back for all the guidance and morals handed down to me. My path through life has led me here and if elected I will stand strong, proud and with integrity.

Thank you sincerely

William Hazen Duff

Dec 14 - 2015

Violet Grey for Chief Platform

Many of you know me and I am pleased to announce fully my candidacy for Chief.

As you all know I am a resident of this Nation and have maintained so since birth.

My mother was a member of this Nation. Her Family started with Paddy Grey senior of the Cape Mudge Band. My mother had 12 children the eldest Carol Dalton to the youngest Shirley Berg-Knott. The Grey family were fisherman, loggers and construction workers'. I am retired and raised four children on my own without help. They all graduated high school. They make me proud. I last worked for BC Hydro until 1993.

As we know I am related to many families and would like your support.

I am running for Chief because I am tired and frustrated with the lack of care taken of our Elders. Many fall by the wayside and die alone and without their loved ones with them. Our homes are elderly and in a state of disrepair. Many wander the street in an alcoholic stupor because they look for a means to get thru the day without facing the world.

We can do better. The primary objective at *present* is to create a bank account for the Band. This is well and good, but there is more that can be done.

Let me give you some basic examples.

Expand our natural resources such as forestry. Hire a superintendant to show us how to log and make use of the opportunity the government has offered us to make real money in the logging industry.

Use our land to develop more tenancy and add to our income. Alternatively build a motel. This will not only employ our people, train our people but will be competitive to all other businesses locally.

A family restaurant would also be part of this motel and employ our people.

A Mini storage in this town is always a money maker.

I cannot list all that I would like to see here, but I will be a fair and honest Chief, considerate of all our needs.

Walter J. Grey

For Consideration of the Position of Chief

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Alvin Jack Scow and I am running for the position of Chief of the Cape Mudge Band .

I am the third oldest son of the late Alvin Scow Sr., my mother is Alice Scow (nee Chickite) I reside on the Quinsam Reserve with my wife Helen. I have one daughter Nicole (Klee-la-week and her second name is Na-galeesum-ga) these are both her great grandmothers names. And my grandson Rylan who has yet to receive a name. My Ancestral name from my great grandfather, the late Chief Billy Assu is Hai-yah-kin.

I served 2 terms on council where i learned a lot of the old school politics. I believe the greatest contribution at that time was moving the motion to fix the drainage problem at the Quinsam. Had that not been done the new subdivision would not have materialized. We would not have been able to welcome band members up on the Reserve back then. There is 96 homes up on the Quinsam and 66 on Cape Mudge Reserve.

I served on many boards and committees. The biggest one was out of Vancouver at AtBC which was an Aboriginal Tourism organization. I was co-chair with the late Richard Krentz. I volunteered at Maritime Heritage Centre as Board Member for a number of years. I was approached by Gordon Lang in the beginning to help facilitate a meeting with Daybreak Building Society and the late Allen Chickite to bring the infamous BCP45 home from Vancouver. I was very privileged to be asked by Allen Chickite to participate in bringing her home to Campbell River along with Andy Dick and Bob Assu. Andy Dick and Allen Chickite were on the BCP45 when the picture was taken and was shown on the Canadian five dollar bill. Bob Assu was representing his father the late Mel Assu who was skipper in 1958 when the picture was taken. I was representing Chief Johnny Scow who was the first skipper and Oly Chickite was the last skipper.

Daybreak asked me if I was interested in putting together a video of the journey which I said I would be honoured. It took two months to put this together which played on and off on CRTV. We called it the BCP45 - the journey home. I tried to make it a historical video for the youth.

I was a commercial fisherman for years but due to a health issue I had to change occupations and now I have been guiding for the Oak Bay Marine Group at Painters for the last 15 years. It was an easy transition for me. My best year was putting seven Tyee in the boat. I work out of a 17 ft. Boston Whaler which to me was a great job as I could still be out on the water and I am home every day.

I have always loved politics. With Justin Trudeau leading a majority party in Ottawa we are all hopeful he will be on track with dealing with Aboriginal First Nations in Canada.

I would like to congratulate Jody Wilson-Raybould for her appointment as Justice Minister. My family wish her well in her endeavours. I was very close with her late grandmother Ethel Pearson who my parents were very close to. We visited her often in Comox and had the privilege of videoing her potlatch in Comox as well as taped interviews with her. She was a high ranking lady in the Musgamagw and one of our last elders who knew our history.

I knew long ago that video taping our elders and potlatches was a very important key to help to sustain our history. I have a very large collection of potlatch video's of elders to pass on to our younger and future generations.

If elected I will be approachable to all members and I will do the best job of my ability for all band members. I am an honest and hardworking member of our community. I would like to close with this native prayer:

O Great Spirit
Whose voice I hear in the wind
Whose breath gives life to all the world
Hear me I am small and weak
I need your strength and wisdom
to make me wise
so that I may understand the things
you have taught my people.
Treat the earth well
We do not inherit the earth
from our Ancestors
We borrow it from our Children.

Opin' Baw' Scow.

Candidates for Councillor



Good day everyone,

My name is Bob Andersen, and I am running as a candidate for Councillor. By way of background, I come from the Lewis Family. My Mom is Joy (Lewis) Andersen and my grandparents were Oscar Lewis and Mary (Wilson) Lewis. I and my family (wife Shauna and children Beth and Kurt) have lived on the Quinsam reserve since July 2000. I am running for Band Council as I feel this is a fine opportunity to give back to the community that I love living in. This letter will provide some background on who I am.

I am university educated (2 degrees) and am currently enrolling to become a Certified Internal Auditor (to be completed by the end of March of next year). I have over 15 years' experience in management, including my current occupation in Band Management. I have had the pleasure of being a Director of the following organizations: North Island Employment Foundations Society (NIEFS), First Nations Technology Council (FNTC) and the B.C. Aboriginal Human Resources Council (BCAHRC). I have conducted two First Nations studies, one dealing with Aboriginals and the criminal justice system (1993, Native Counselling Services of Alberta) and the other dealing with We Wai Kai Elders and housing (2015, Makola Group of Companies). I have facilitated workshops, chaired meetings and spoken to large groups of people. I also have experience in developing and implementing strategic plans, goals and objectives, as well as writing policy and procedures for different organizations. I have worked with and understand the Federal government department of Aboriginal Affairs, and know how they operate.

If elected, my primary goal in the immediate future would be to learn the specifics of our Band's business. If assigned a portfolio my goal would be to read up and familiarize myself with the issues at hand. In the future, I would hope to add my experience and insight (where possible) into council discussions, and maintain proper decorum and respect for fellow Councillors. As stated above, my reason for running for council is to give something back to my home community. I do not enter this election with any agenda nor axe to grind, but to do whatever I can to aid council in progressive, transparent, consensus based decision making, and in the end, to make Cape Mudge and Quinsam better places to live.

Gilakasla,

Bob Andersen

December 16, 2015

Ronnie Chickite
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Re: By-Election - We Wai Kai First Nation

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for those who have voiced their support of me running for a seat on Council. I believe wholeheartedly that I am well suited for the position and am confident that I have the necessary abilities to meet the responsibilities that come with being in a decision making role.

As demonstrated by my progression from eager child to boat owner, skipper and employer I have the tools and versatility to learn and succeed at something new and know I will bring that same skill set, work ethic and integrity to my position if chosen to be on Council.

Reflecting over the past couple of years, we simply have not made the economic advancement that we as a Band are capable of and I believe it is time for my generation to start taking a more active leadership role while following the traditional and core values of generations past.

It is ingrained in me to be a leader you must stand up for what's right, take the initiative if no one else will and give back to the community - not take from it.

I believe my late uncle Ollie Chickite's words express the historical family values that I so firmly identify with and he so eloquently spoke, *'I've never looked to money as my wealth - I've looked to my people as my wealth.'*

In my view, the key to our success as a Band going forward is to capitalize on our economic development potential with the focus on creating employment for our members.

Having fresh ideas, a united community and a clear vision for the future is vital to our future generations' long term prosperity.

Thank you for taking the time to consider me as a candidate and I can assure you that I am worthy of your trust.

Yours very truly,

Ronnie Chickite



December 15, 2015

RE: Application for seat on council

My name is Rae French , granddaughter of Daisy and Thomas Price Jr. My parents are Rita Price and Ernest Maksymetz. I have two children Darren Sampson and Jennifer Sampson and my three grandchildren. My brother Robin Carmel and sister Sharon Maksymetz.

I believe that having a position on council means putting our members first, by hiring people with the right qualifications, equal opportunity and rights to all our members. I have a strong voice and will speak up for everyone. Being a professional I know how important it is to be able to mediate and work towards our common goal. Where our community can prosper and be proud of our accomplishments. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Education

Business Administration

Work History

25 + years management in the hospitality industry

- Hired, trained as many as 60 + staff in different departments
- Implemented new policies
- Auditing which includes spreadsheets, accounts payable, accounts, receivable, ect
- Marketing
- Cost Control
- Creating 3-5 year Projection

Other Employment

Auditor- Sears Canada

Accounts Payable – Johnston Terminals

Provincial Government – Purchasing Commission

Owner & Operator – Drapery Store

Member of Chamber of Commerce- 15 years

GILAKAS'LA

GODFREY PRICE

I would appreciate the honor of being elected to the position of Councillor in our upcoming election. I reside in our village of Cape Mudge here on Quadra Island. Many of my family and community members are located on reserve and off reserve. I hope to represent you all.

I remain active in Health promotion and sit as Chairman on the Community Health Committee as a volunteer. I am involved as a Health Advisory Committee Representative with the KDC and have over the years brought many of our health concerns forward.

I have been attending our community meetings, treaty meetings and community programs as a volunteer for a number of years. I enjoy meeting with everyone and hope to bring your concerns forward.

I can be reached at 250-285-3814 if you have any questions.

Gilakasla,

Godfrey Price Sr.

My name is K'esuqwilakw and English name Audrey Wilson, I am the daughter of William Duncan and Violet Quocksister, my grandparents on my mother side is John Quocksister and Susan Assu, my grandparents on my dad side is Tom Duncan and Sarah Kamano.

I am married to Albert Wilson Jr and have three children Raymond, Jason and Jeremy and have two beautiful granddaughters Tyanne and Isabelle.

The big question that everyone asks is why do you want to be on Council?
My goal is to make a difference, ask questions and make best decision for the all the citizens of the We Wei Kai Nation members and keeping in mind our future generations who will be effected on changes that are made by leaders of our community today.

I worked for my community for 20 years as Social Development worker, where I had the opportunity to obtain my Bach of Social Work degree through distant education with support of Chief and Council and Administration. Then I made the decision to move on and work for a non-profit organization (LFLS) that I help create for the last 18 years as Executive Director. I bring experience in planning& development, listening to community needs and financial planning.

If anyone has questions of me, please don't hesitate to email me at audreyw@shawbiz.ca. Thank you for the opportunity to run for a council position.

I would like to wish We Wai Kai Nation members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gilaskas'la

Audrey Wilson