



HAISLA NATION COUNCIL

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To: Haisla Band Members

Please find enclosed Platforms from the Candidates of the Haisla Nation Council election to be held on June 3, 2019.

An offer was sent out to all candidates to have their platforms to me by yesterday at noon. The ones attached are the ones that I had received by that deadline. Please note that these are double sided!

Any questions or comments can be directed to the candidates themselves.

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Thank you and have a nice day,

Trish Grant

Yowtz! He'mas, Musmagilth, Gukaloot my name is Dayna Grant and I am running for Haisla Nation Council. My interest and my goals are simple; to ensure that our Membership has information, has education in issues that affect all of us and that we are caring for our Elders, Youth and our Land.

I was born and raised in Haisla; I am the daughter of Corrina Wilson & James Grant; Grandparents are Bernice (late) & Bill Wilson and Esther & Godfrey (late) Grant. I attended Mount Elizabeth Secondary School where I graduated in 2008. In 2011, in order to acquire a better education, I moved to Vancouver, BC where I obtained my Certificate in Family & Community Counselling in 2013. In 2017 I attended Stenberg College where I obtained my diploma in Community Mental Health & Addictions. Today, I am working towards my Bachelors of Social Work at Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT). I am also working as a Mental Health worker with the Portland Hotel Society, working in Supportive Housing in many buildings located in the downtown eastside. I am also a Youth Worker at Directions Youth Safe house (Vancouver, BC). My love and concern for our First Nations people is what drew me to this field and has guided my efforts in my employment. I believe that everyone deserves support, understanding and to be heard.

I am truly thankful for the opportunities that this entails and have accepted this nomination for many reasons. I have always made effort to attend all HNC meetings here in Vancouver and feel the need for our involvement in Haisla Nation issues, especially with all the activity that is rapidly taking place in our Nation. It is my belief that our voice (those residing off reserve) is important and the need to be involved in our Nations future is a necessity not an option.

If elected my goals are to ensure that our 'off reserve' membership are aware of our Nations activity as well as knowledge of decisions being made on our behalf. I am not afraid to ask questions or to voice my concern regarding HNC issues and I always ensure my own clarity on items of concern.

Our future is now and the younger generation should get involved, have their voices heard and lead the way for future generations. I am willing to help our Nation make a difference.

Thank you for your confidence,

Dayna Grant



RE-ELECT: WILLARD GRANT

My name is Willard Grant. I am looking for your vote to be re-elected as a Council member for the upcoming term for the Haisla people. I have been on Council for six years and would love to serve my Nation again this term. I still am a very community orientated person.

During my past term on Council I was part of the Stakeholder Relations Committee and on the Land Code Committee. I also worked on the Forest Range Agreement when I was the chair of the Stakeholder Relations Committee. I have attended Council meetings and Committee updates to the community to support my fellow Council members. I am still a volunteer with the Grave Diggers. We dig the graves when our community suffers a loss as well as give the family the option of using the outer boxes and the cross, which we make ourselves.

I am part of the Haisla Nation Volunteer Fire Department and have been doing this for a couple of years now. I assist the Fire department when called out to ambulance calls, or emergencies here in the community.

If re-elected to council I will continue to do my best to attend all council meetings and as well to be accountable, transparent and honest in everything I do for you the Haisla people. I look forward to seeing you all out to vote on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Haisla Recreation Centre and hope that you cast one of your votes for me. Don't forget to request a mail in ballot if you are unable to attend in person at the polling station.

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X GREEN, RAYMOND(SONNY) CHARLES DUNCAN



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Hemaas, Musmugilth, Gukalout, Ungwa.

Raymond kelasu nugwa. My name is Raymond Charles Duncan Green, I am the son of Sheila Duncan and Raymond Green Jr. Grandson of Charles and Mildred Duncan (d) and Ray Sr. (d) and Mary Green.

I would like to say thank you to all of those who invested their trust and confidence in me over this last four (4) years. I not only appreciated the vote of confidence to elect me back in 2015, but I took it to heart that you, the

Nation allowed me to learn first-hand, what it is to be on Council as part of your elected leadership.

When I first ran for Council, I stated that it was up to the next generation to learn, understand and take part in governance in our Nation, and for the last four years, I have been committed to just that. While I learned a lot, I feel the issues our Nation faces needs different views, perspectives to be shared, and I have not shied away from sharing my views on issues at the table. I am fortunate and grateful as well, that I have been a part of a "team" of 11, who all work together for 1800+ members

This has definitely been a learning curve, but I am thankful for the opportunity, experience and growth this has provided me. Over these last four years I have been an active part of:

- Capacity Development Committee (2015-2017)
- Communications Committee (2015-2017)
- Executive Committee (2017-2019)

I have attended almost every meeting, community event meeting updates where I could, and with the exception of two or three meetings, (where I was sick or attending to my studies). I am more than comfortable talking to our members in large group settings and took the opportunity where I could to engage in informal group discussions (with Post Sec group in Vancouver for example). I can honestly say I was present and engaged in the duties that come with being an elected Councillor for the entire four years.

Some of the highlights I appreciated most over this time:

- Providing my input and feedback as to how to make the capacity/education department policies more cohesive, or user friendly for our membership, as well as fair.
- Policy changes to housing, health and patient travel.
- Being a part of the first ever Council strategic planning session in 2017.

- Participating in the first ever development of Council Terms of Reference (policies that govern your elected Council, your government).
- The recommendation and now support of our much needed culture programs- I took the initiative to visit the cultural center at Westbank, BC (I was attending University in Kelowna then) and Kamloops, to view their cultural sensitivity training they offer for staff, municipalities, industry, government, School districts, etc. I see the potential and value and will continue to support and advocate for continued growth and attention to all cultural initiatives.
- I have always seen the importance of our community being inclusive, accepting of all members; and I felt strongly about promoting the first ever LGBTQ+ crosswalk; truly demonstrating the acceptance and recognition of our LGBTQ+ members and guests. I would like to thank my fellow councilors and administration for supporting this recommendation, as this is just a start of how we can truly demonstrate the diversity, acceptance and pride we have in all of our members.
- Housing issues and concerns; I have recognized the need for affordable housing as an on-going issue and supported the initiatives that would help our administration address this.

There has definitely been a lot to learn over the years, and I feel I am more than committed. I feel I have proven my commitment by not just saying, but by actually "doing"; I participate in all training that is beneficial to my role as elected leader; and 2 years ago, I enrolled in Okanagan School of Business in Kelowna, to pursue my Bachelor of Business Administration (I also hold an ECE/Social Service certificate from College of New Caledonia). I have been successful in all of my work and education related endeavors, as I believe as leadership, we need to model what we promote; and although I have been a full time student, I have made still made almost every meeting via skype as well as in person, to meet our membership when able.

The opportunity to learn from those involved is now; and I once again ask for your support via your vote on June 3rd so that I may continue to advocate and learn, so that our generation of today is represented; and I will continue to commit to hands on learning and then passing on the knowledge, experience and support to those that come with me, and after me.

Once again, it has been an honor serving our Nation for the past four years. Should I be re elected, I will continue to commit with the same intention; represent the Nation to the best of my ability and ensure that we always promote, passing of knowledge, experience and lessons to those who come after us.

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Raymond Charles Duncan Green, Candidate June 2019

Yowitz,

I am Trevor Martin, and I am seeking re-election for Council. My mother is Cookies, also known as Liza Martin (nee Williams) and my Grandfather was Fred Williams. I live in Surrey, BC and have for almost 15 years now. I was born in Vancouver and have lived in Metro Vancouver for most of my life.

I was elected to Council in June 2015. When I started, I took some time to "learn the ropes" and see how things were done. After a few months, I joined the Stake Holders Relations Committee and became a full-time councillor. I was also designated as the council lead on our Joint Venture partners, and attended many meetings with our JV partners, major projects and learned about the business development opportunities that are available in the Haisla Territory.

I learned about Aboriginal Rights & Title, and how we leverage that to ensure we have a share and a say in projects in our territory. I was there with the Chief Councillor when lot 305/306 was signed over to Haisla Nation. I attended meetings with the First Nations Summit, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, the BC Assembly of First Nations, as well as attended the BC Cabinet and First Nations Leaders Gatherings (when cabinet members of the BC Government met with First Nations Leaders).

As time went on, things changed. One Chief Councillor left, a new one was elected. Council decided we no longer required a "council lead" on JV Partners. We had an election in 2017 and had a new councillor join council. It was at this time that we re-structured council from various committees to just the two committees we have today, and also reduced how many councillors were working full-time and put them on stipend. We now have 8 stipend councillors, 2 full-time councillors that chair the two committees, as well as our chief councillor.

In August 2017 I became a stipend councillor. I had to go back to work full time in order to support my family, as the monthly stipend payment is not designed or intended to be able to support someone, let alone a family.

Rather than go back to my previous position with the Federal Government, I decided get my Real Estate License and become a Realtor. This has been a challenging process, but has allowed me flexibility in my schedule to attend Committee & Council meetings, as well as others when my time and schedule permit.

Where do we go from here? There are some huge challenges coming up, and I would like to be on council to participate and put my voice forward to ensure decisions are made with membership in mind.

What I would like to see from our next council, and what I will speak for is:

1. Accountability and Transparency – I have felt that recently these have become buzz words for council, and that by stating them when making a decision does not in itself make the decision accountable to membership, nor does it make it transparent as to why the decision has been made. Communication and explanation ensure accountability, and I feel that Communication within council and from council to membership can be improved.

2. Cedar LNG – If you have seen me at a Vancouver event within the last year, you have heard me speak of Cedar LNG. If you haven't heard me talk about it, then here is my view: Cedar LNG is the biggest opportunity for Haisla Nation in regards to opportunity, revenue and profit for the Nation. The opportunity for Haisla Nation to be a large partner with another company to create Cedar LNG and utilize capacity on the Coastal Gas Link pipeline could mean over \$100 million per year to the nation for the next 40 years. If Cedar is successful with this first phase, there are other LNG pipelines or projects that Cedar could participate in and that number could grow. Time frames for Cedar LNG to be created is

tight, and if not done on time, there would be no utilization of the capacity on the pipeline, no Cedar LNG & then none of the benefits. I am concerned about the progress of the project and the limited communication council receives. I would continue to push for more regular updates, and more investment of funds to ensure we have the necessary resources allocated to the project to ensure its success.

3. By concentrating on business and revenue creating activities, HNC then has funds that it can allocate to HNC administration to deliver programs and services to membership. By concentrating on our Joint Venture partners, we ensure that we have funds coming in to pay for our Per Capita Distribution. I have been a huge advocate for PCD payments during my time on council. I have disliked the fact that minors have been left out of payments for years by calling them "Cost of Living Adjustments" or COLA. As a councillor, we have a fiduciary duty to look out for the interests of ALL members, not just those of voting age. I am pleased that the most recent payment in December 2018 was a PCD payment and hopefully all future payments will continue to be PCD's. I also support initiatives to support language and culture. I am thrilled to see a Vancouver language group to give the opportunity for urban Haisla members to connect. I am focused on furthering Haisla's financial endeavors to ensure stable funding for cultural initiatives in the future.

4. More Full-Time Councillors – Did you know that we reduced the number of full-time councillors due to "accountability and transparency"? I believe that our council now with two full-time councillors is less transparent and less accountable than when we had close to half of council working as full-time councillors. Councillors working full-time on council work allows them to attend industry & government meetings, as well as First Nation organizations gatherings, being informed on the issues in order to make knowledgeable decisions at the council table. The decision to limit full-time councillors to two positions limits the contributions and quality of decisions from non full-time councillors who must rely on second hand information to make decisions.

I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve the last four years on council. I am hoping to serve for another term to continue the work we are doing. I feel I have made valuable contributions; I am not afraid to speak up and challenge the status quo or to facilitate discussions to make better decisions. We have some important work to do with tight deadlines and need to ensure they are met to secure a better financial future for our members and generations to come.

I appreciate your support. Wa.

Trevor Martin



Yowitz, my name is **Arthur Renwick**, and I have accepted a nomination to run for Council in this next Haisla Nation Election.

Currently, people know me as a local musician and entertainer who was based in Toronto for many years. What most people don't know is that prior to being an entertainer, I worked as a full time Professor at Ontario Universities for 13 years, and prior to being a Professor, I worked as a full time Art Curator at a museum in Ottawa, and at an Art Gallery in Toronto. I am also an artist who has represented Canada in various National and International Art Exhibitions, and my art work has been collected by numerous art galleries across Canada, including the National Gallery of Canada, in Ottawa. All of the art I created and curated was informed by Indigenous history, politics, and identity. These experiences have provided me with an incredible wealth of important professional knowledge and life skills.

The Haisla people and culture have always been close to my heart. My mom, Ella Renwick (Amos) was raised by her parents, Edgar Amos, and Ada Amos (Duncan). When Ada died when mom was a child, mom was adopted by Ella Grant (Amos), who was a respected elder and leader in our community. They shared the same birthday, (August 5th) so we would always celebrate their birthdays together every year with extended family. Ella Grant always stressed the importance of understanding our language, our culture, & our history, and she always emphasized the importance of keeping our families together. It is one of those teachings that never leaves you.

When I first moved away from Haisla to further my education, I always made a point of coming home every year, to spend time with family and friends. Summers were always spent harvesting seafood, and sharing stories. Laughter and good spirited teasing was always our way of communicating. Much of this was done while speaking the Haisla language. I made the choice, last summer, to move back home permanently and spend time with immediate family, to write and perform music, and to help with seafood harvest. I can honestly say, I am happy to be home again amongst our people, and I am truly excited about the prospect of contributing back to a community that has always provided me with much love and support over my life time. I want to give back.

The Haisla Nation Council has a wide breadth of responsibilities, and they make their best effort to deal with all the topics that the community has identified as priority. The main areas that the community has listed as important are: Housing, Language & Culture, Youth, Education, Economic Development, Elders, Environment, Health & Well Being, Community Safety.

If I were to be elected to Council, I will make my best effort to focus on the areas that I see as important to our future as a Nation and as a Culture. I always had the vision that the Haisla Nation needs a thriving Cultural Centre. From the experience I have gained as a Professor and a Curator, and as an Artist, I recognize we need a place for us to learn through Ceremony, Respect & through the Sharing of Knowledge. We need a place to learn and teach protocol, which is important to us as a Nation & a Culture. We need a Big House that can incorporate numerous spaces to create cultural development and growth. For example: a Big House with the capacity for Drummers, Dancers and Singers to rehearse and perform around a fire; a living museum where we could display all the ancient art (that people have stored away in their homes that no one else sees); Develop a program for local artists to replicate the ancient art on display, and give it back to the family of origin; build an art gallery to professionally exhibit Haisla artists; a gift shop to display and sell local artisan's work; a learning space for local carvers and designers to share their knowledge; a carving shed outside for our artists to mentor our youth; set up sponsorship programs where we can bring artists up from Vancouver (or elsewhere), and have them set up an exhibition of their current art work; and all the other cultural benefits that would branch out from all of these activities.

There is no where else on Earth where the Haisla Language is spoken. It has been listed as one of the many languages on Earth that will become extinct in the next 20 years. Without Haisla Language & Art... there is no Haisla Culture. We have to create this living space for our language, & our culture, because nobody will do it for us. These are my thoughts.

Wah!

14 May 2019

Yawc Gyu-kwa-loot:

I am Gya-yu-stees (Joe Starr) I am the eldest son of Josephine Duncan. The name Gya-yu-stees was passed on to me from my grandfather Sampson Ross. I carried out and completed what was required in order that I can legitimately wear this name.

I have a Bachelor of Education (Elementary) from University of British Columbia. I am a retired teacher. I taught 2 years in Iskut, BC (Tahltan), 2 years in Kitimat, BC (Coast Mountain School District), and 17 years in Bella Bella, BC (Heiltsuk). I have taught grades 12 down to grade 3 during my teaching career. I am currently working toward my last 9 credits I need in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts at Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC). My reason for returning to post secondary studies was to tighten my academic writing, with plans of enrolling in the Masters Program (Education) at Vancouver Island University. My research topic will be the history of schooling/education of the Haisla, from the past to where the Haisla are today (university degrees and trades training- Red Seal).

Since the Haisla became involved in the LNG industry, the Haisla are now traveling on a road that we have never journeyed on before. There was Alcan and Eurocan, but how did the Haisla benefit economically as a nation? I would like to acknowledge the previous elected leaders for guiding the Haisla on this economic journey. I view the Haisla as a have nation and that the Haisla will be researched in the years to come. The HNC, I feel, will need to pay close attention to intellectual/knowledge copyright. When the Haisla are researched, who will own the information/data that will be collected. As it stands, the HNC does not have a policy and procedures document in place should a Haisla or some outside agency approach HNC to conduct research.

For all Haisla, it is important for all of us to stay informed as to developments that are and may be happening in the future within our traditional territories. As I stated earlier, we are journeying on a new and unfamiliar road and it is important for all of us to ask questions. Yes, bureaucracy can be frustrating to navigate through (at all levels), but we must be persistent.

I feel it is important to document our history from our point of view and not always through the eyes of external researchers. How much history are we aware of with regards to Alcan and Eurocan when they moved in and established themselves? How has the Haisla benefited from resource extraction within our territory, specifically, forestry? This information I feel will be important for our future generations.

Only recently have the off-reserve population been given the *right* to run for elected office as well as voting in band council elections. Thanks to the Corbiere Supreme Court decision. Approximately 60 % of Indigenous population in Canada reside off-reserve. Any major decision on initiatives that HNC may undertake in the future, the off-reserve vote will be crucial.

I am interested in learning how our Haisla children are progressing in the public schools in Kitimat townsite as well as in our Haisla Community School. Coast Mountain School District receives a large amount of money for our children to attend these schools. If our children are not succeeding, we the Haisla need to start asking questions as to what remedies are being initiated to ensure that our children succeed, and are progressing at grade level (minimum). We need to look at the results of assessments that our children are required to participate in, from First Nations Schools Association as well as Ministry of Education. The school has an important part, and just as importantly, parents involvement in their child's education journey.

Wuh Ayxs Gwelas



Harold Stewart for councillor



Many of you know me as Tubby, which is a nickname I grew up with. My name is Harold Stewart. I was born and raised in Kitimaat. My parents are Belva and Norman Stewart. I have been married to Elaine for 30 years, and we have 3 daughters and 1 son; 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

I have been nominated for the position of Councillor for Haisla Nation Council.

I graduated Grade 12 from Cloverdale, BC. After working in Alcan for a few years, I went back to school for my welding certificate. I am a welder, by trade and I have worked as a foreman for Zanron & Kitimat Iron and Demex for 34 years in total.

I am an avid fisherman and hunter. Approximately 17 years ago, I was elected onto Council; at the same time I coached the Jr Boys team for a few years until one of my daughters got sick; I stepped down from both to focus on my daughter's health. My family values are very high, but I always had interest in community issues.

I have accepted the nomination as councillor because I would like to work on behalf of the Haisla Nation. I am strong willed, and will fight for what I believe in. There are many issues for on and off reserve Haisla, these are my interests: the Elders, youth/education, environment and health care/patient travel.

- The Haisla Elder's need a voice to carry out their concerns at the political level.
- I am a strong believer that it is a parent's responsibility to enforce education and training to their children/grandchildren. It is HNC responsibility to ensure that there is funding available for the youth to pursue their educational/ training goals after graduation.
- As an avid fisherman and hunter, we need to protect the environment at all cost, so our children and grandchildren can enjoy our traditional foods for many years to come.
- Health care/patient travel issues for on and off reserve Haisla.

On Monday June 3, please vote for me, Harold "Tubby" Stewart and I will do my best to represent Haisla Nation interest at all levels. Don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any issues.