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**Mount Currie Band
Elections**

Election Day

Saturday March 7, 2009

Mount Currie 2009 Elections

Elections for Mount Currie will be held on March 7th 2009.

As such, we would like to remind all **On and Off Reserve voters** to ensure their mailing address and contact information is up to date with our Membership office.

You can update your information by phone at 604-894-1733, by email at Janice.Pierre@lilwat.ca or by post at PO Box 484, Mt. Currie BC V0N 2K0.

Please take the time to be aware of election mail and Public Notices and call the Membership office if you have any questions or concerns.

**Notice is hereby given to the electors of the
Mount Currie Indian Band
that a poll will be held to elect a
Chief and twelve (12) Councillors on**

**Saturday the 7th day of March, 2009
from nine o'clock (9:00) a.m. until eight o'clock(8:00) p.m.
at the following location:**

**Xit'olacw Community School Gymnasium
200 Black Bear Road, Mount Currie, B.C**

**The votes will be counted at the close of Polls at the
Xit'olacw Community School Gymnasium on the 7th day of March, 2009**

The results will be declared immediately following the count.

See the following page for a complete list of official nominees

List of Candidates for General Election

March 7, 2009

CHIEF

	NAME
1	ANDREW, LEONARD
2	EDMONDS, BRUCE NATHAN
3	JOSEPH, LOIS
4	LEO, LYLE J. R.
5	PETERS, LEONARD SR.
6	WELLS, CHRISTOPHER

NOTE; THE CANDIDATES MAY BE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY
WITHDRAWAL BY MARCH 7, 2009



F.P Schiffner

Electoral Officer

COUNCIL

	NAME		COUNCIL CONTINUED
1	ABRAHAM, MARIE ROSALEE	24	PETERS, KYLE LEO
2	ANDERSON, JOSHUA RYAN	25	PETERS, THERESA (TAT7USH)
3	ANDY, MAUREEN INEZ	26	PIERRE, DION ISSAC
4	DAN, LINDA	27	PIERRE, MARTINA
5	DICK, RUTH	28	PIERRE, RAYMOND
6	EDMONDS, BRUCE NATHAN	29	RITCHIE, WILLIAM
7	GABRIEL, MARK	30	SAM, ROSALIN
8	GABRIEL, VAUGHAN	31	SMITH, TARA
9	IRVING, CHRISTOPHER G.	32	STAGER, ROSEMARY
10	JIM, ERNEST (PALA-TENA7)	33	WALLACE, FRANK CAMERON
11	JIM, FRANKIE	34	WALLACE, GLORIA
12	JOE, EVA MARIA	35	WALLACE, KATHY
13	JOHN, JOANNE	36	WALLACE, R. LUCY
14	JOHNNY, LUKE	37	WARD, CAROLYN
15	JOSEPH, LOIS	38	WELLS, ALEXANDER
16	JOSEPH, MAXINE	39	WELLS, CHRISTOPHER
17	LEO, CHRISTINA	40	WELLS, R. MORGAN
18	LEPINE, LINDA (LINDY)	41	WHONNOCK, LILLY
19	NARCISSE, MARY ANN	42	WILLIAMS, MELANIE
20	NELSON, GEORGINA FAY	43	WILLIAMS, PATRICIA
21	NELSON, FELICITE (FLEE)	44	WILLIAMS, TANINA ROSE
22	PASCAL, LORETTA F.	45	WILSON, CONNIE
23	PASCAL, NADINE		

Leonard Andrew

Candidate for Chief



I had been thinking about whether or not I will run again for this very important position - Kukwpi7/Chief. I made up my mind about a week before the nominations that I will.

At the February nominations, I thank Nicholas Louie for nominating me and Marie Abraham for seconding it.

Congratulations and good luck to all the other Nominees for Chief and for Council.

Almost six years ago I decided to come back and run again for Chief, because I knew at that time there had to be change. That change has happened because we created that needed change. To not be part of what we have initiated would be unfulfilling.

I have been on Council for a total of 22 years now, 14 of those years as your Chief. I want one more term. I have said it before and will say it again that we ALL need to be part of what we want our community to be. It cannot happen overnight. It has taken 6 years of hard work to get back to where we are today.

Here are some of the changes that I would like to see happen in the next 2 years:

1. A change in our system of Governing ourselves. A Traditional type of system would work better. We are a rapidly growing community. We are the Lil'wat Nation, not just the Mount Currie Indian Band. A two Chief system would work, one Community and one Political, one Council. It would be up to you.
2. More By-Laws. We finally have a Dog By-Law. We need more, Financial, Lands, Housing, Alcohol and Drugs bylaws, to name a few.
3. Planning. What do you want your Community to look like in 1 year, 2 years, 5 years, 10 years and so forth? A Plan is a Plan only; you have to take action to make it work.
4. Elders. We started one Phase of the Elders Centre, let's get on with the next 2 Phases. The Elders know what is needed, let's help them get it.
5. Youth. You indicated that a Youth Centre must be part of Xit'olacw. Do they want it? If they do, let's get on with it.
6. New Hall. The Old Hall needs to go, let's build a new one. Will the New Gym be adequate for our Community needs? I doubt it.
7. User Fees. If the majority of our people don't want user fees, let's get rid of it. We have funds - Capital and Revenue Funds in Ottawa to replace it with.
8. Olympics. We went to you for a referendum and you passed that we be fully involved in one of the major agreements. Let's see it through. There have been a lot of jobs created and opportunities made.
9. Traditional Territory. What is our next step? It takes a lot of hard work to attain what we really want. It is our Land.
10. Lillooet Lake Road. We are just starting to negotiate it and we need your input.

I want to point out that I have always campaigned my own views on what I think is the Best for Lil'wat. I have not dwelled on other's faults or weaknesses. If there is any incidence, it is coincidental.

If we take care of these issues for starters, then I can spend at least half my time in the community, if I am re-elected.

Kukwstumchacw.

Taya, Kukwpi7.

Bruce Edmonds

Candidate for Chief



I have been on chief and council now for approximately twelve years, eight years prior to taking four years off to take care of my own personal health and wellness. Now I have been back on council for four years since returning, thanks to all who put their faith and confidence into me!

I believe we are coming into very growing times as a community, with the new facilities such as the supermarket and community complex! We have the opportunity to advertise anything that we wish to and I would hope that we can use it to promote healthy lifestyles and wellness in the community!

One thing that I have learned right away being part of chief and council, is not to take anything personally. By doing this it allows one to see the issues or problems clearly. By seeing things clearly it allows you to make decisions more easily.

I have had different opportunities to be the acting chief in the recent year, at general assemblies and such. I believe that I can do a good job as your chief! I have chaired council meetings as well as been the timekeeper, at times was a trying task but did well.

If we are wanting change let's make it positive!

Thank you all for coming out to the speech day, it was a very encouraging day!

Come out and vote on march 7th, I will be looking forward to your vote as chief or council!

Sincerely Bruce Edmonds.

Lois Joseph

Candidate for Chief



K'ahwá7alap snukwnúkwa, áma sqit, áma st'eqlápa. Éntsas Mamáya7, Albert muta sGeorgina i slalíl'tma. Hello everyone, good afternoon. I am glad you have all come here today. Mamáya7 is my ancestral name which means mother of all; Lois Joseph is my given name.

I first of all want to thank Maria Joe and Clara John for nominating me for Chief. I know that I can do a good job if you choose to put me there. I am an understanding person, I am caring, and I am a hard worker, most of all I am a good listener and I care for my people. I will be there for you, if you are there for me.

It is essential that we believe who are as L'il'wat7úl. We are indigenous, we are connected to our land, our language, our community, and we must know and understand our history.

I am a strong advocate for our Líl'wat language, culture and traditions. Knowing our language, culture and history we will know who we are and thus be able to live in harmony with all that we encounter.

It is essential that we continue to follow the strategic plan that was developed by you at the community workshop. We will revisit the plan and follow it to guide us to the best of our ability as we are doing today. It has helped us build a strong working relationship with you, with our administration, the departments and with outside relationships.

We are a rich people, we have land, we have our language, and we are a strong people in many ways. Working as a team and having a strong administration has helped us grow. We are out of the remedial management plan (RMP) in 4 out of 7 years that we were given. The result of this we are building a store a gym and have two beautiful Culture Centers. This is all for you.

Having a healthy community is our goal. We started a task force team developing a healthier path for our children, youth and community. The meetings are held every two weeks. It would be great to have more of you on this team.

As a community we are expanding our thinking to outside the box of this reserve; learning about our Territory and the ways of others developing around us; to work together.

I am involved in the 4HFNs initiative and the 2010 initiative. The band is retaining funds to enhance our Culture and Recreation programs. This involves working with the main stream society and keeping up with the changes. Visit our departments to ask questions. No information is secret. It is for you to know and understand.

Holding the position as Chief is a big job. I often helped Chief Leonard with his work, when he couldn't be in two places at once. I commend Leonard for all his hard work. As Chief and council we work as team and make our decisions with you the people in mind. I support the two phase approach, to have a community and a political Chief; a family head system, as the work is tremendous.

Congratulations to all the candidates. I wish you all the best!

Kukstúmckalap

“Oh, may the best ... woman win!”

Christopher Wells

Candidate for Chief



My ancestral name is Qaqwam my English name is Christopher Thomas Wells and I'm proud to be Lil'wat

My mother is Eleanor Miles and my father is Jim Gordon

My maternal grandmother is Cora Wells and my maternal grandfather is Daniel Wells

My paternal Grandmother is Rosie Gordon my paternal Grandfather is Arnold Gordon

Elders, youth and community, I'm standing in front of you today because I am running for Chief of the Lil'wat Nation. It is time for a change. You all now I will be a great Chief for Lil'wat because I will lead from my heart. I'm a very respectful, humble and honest person. I will be here for the Lil'wat community I won't walk in front of you, I won't walk behind you,

and I will walk beside each and every one of you.

I want to thank our ancestors for going through their struggles and hardship so that we can be here today. We have gone through big changes from the past to the present. It is time that the community learns to work together and not against one another. We have to build a healthy community by changing the long cycle of drugs and alcohol because this is what I believe weakens Lil'wat.

We have to start looking at the positive things that have happened and what we have in the community. We have a Community school, Health center, Gas station, Tribal police, Lands department, Employment Centre, Corporations, Wellness center, a new grocery store, a new gym, a new band office, Post office, Cultural center, SLCC, Ts'zil learning center.

We need to increase academic standing of all Lil'wat graduates. We need to implement and explore new educational options for students in grades 10 to 12 to Increase student retention.

We need to revise membership code, develop custom code and improve Chief Council communication with the community. Financial administration. Develop protocol agreements with local and regional governments

We need to increase housing opportunities and get affordable housing for the whole community

Strategize for corporation profits to benefit the community. Create a land development strategy for 1.200 acres in Pemberton Valley. Maximize economic impact of 2010. Support the development of the off/ on reserve land agriculture.

I'm apart of the Drug and alcohol task force to monitor, control and address our concerns of the drugs and alcoholism and drug dealers and boot-leggers. We need to promote programs to strengthen families and raise our Community standards in regards to raising our children here in Lil'wat if they are our future.

We need to stand up all the youth of Lil'wat and give them a voice so they can tell us what they want.

We need to get them a place to call their own such as a drop in center in the new site. And let the youth decide what they want in their youth center.

Imagine a community that dreams and plans together to put children first.

Imagine a community where children are valued and celebrated along with their parents and all those that look after them. This is my dream for Lil'wat.

CHRIS WELLS FOR CHIEF OF THE LIL'WAT NATION. YOU ALL KNOW THAT I WALK THE RED ROAD, AM CULTURAL AND SPIRITUALLY STRONG, RESPECTFUL, HUMBLE AND TRUSTWORTHY AND YOU ALL KNOW I WILL BE A GREAT CHIEF - VOTE FOR CHRIS WELLS AS CHIEF OF LIL'WAT

NATION.

Marie Abraham

Candidate for Council

Entsa sAmatsin, Statimckan.

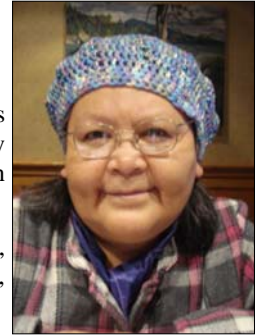
Skuzat Rosie mutat Joe Joseph.

I graduated from Pemberton Secondary School in 1970. Then moved to Vancouver to further education in arts and education. In 1984, I earned a bachelors degree from Simon Fraser University and in 1985 earned my Professional Teachers Certificate. In year 2000, I earned a First Nations Proficiency Certificate from Simon Fraser University. I currently work for the Southern St'at'imx Health Society as their NNADAP Counsellor.

My work in the past were researcher, teaching and curriculum development of the St'alt'imx language, interviewing elders and residential school survivors. Over the past I have volunteered in many different areas, such as youth summer camp counsellor and teaching our language to local schools.

Hobbies include reading, photography and transcribing and translating our language. I enjoy reading and watching documentaries based on history, stories and legends. Main focus being local legends and stories.

If elected to Chief and Council, my goal is to assist with current issues involving the Lil'wat nation and work with our people to bring our language and culture to the fore front.



Ernie (Pala-Tena) Jim

Candidate for Council

Hello everyone my name is pala tena {Ernie Jim }

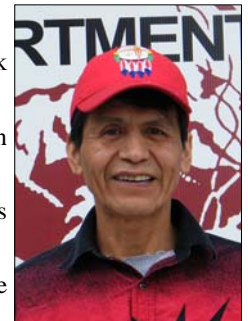
I have been working for the band for just over fourteen years in forestry, watershed, and fisheries stock assessment. I have enjoyed working for the people and I wish to continue working to better our livelihood.

I grew up hearing my language every day. Also my Dad, Eddy Paul Jim, was a Head Watchman, who has shown me the many things that were done for our people and why things were done that way .

If voted in as a councillor, I promise that my efforts will not be unnoticed. Each and everyone of us has something to offer and each of us has needs that must be looked after.

Together we can make a difference. Together we can move forward in a healthy way. For a better way of life for the all of the community.

Thank you all. See you all at the polling station.



Joanne John

Candidate for Council

Kalhwaacw snuknukwa entsas Nukw aylh, ti n sama skwatsits Joanne John.

VISION – if we don't know where we are going how will we know if we are getting there.

The Lil'wat Nation developed a 5-year Strategic Plan – how is that plan being rolled out? If it is being followed and used as a means of creating our well-being Physically, Mentally, Emotionally & Spiritually – what then is the reason for the turnover of 15+ staff over the past two years? 'Capacity Building' was initiated to bring our own members up to 100% in all areas of Band Administration. Our Health Services – do they reflect the aspects of the Strategic Plan – are we fitted with Community Services that meet the needs of the community? Self-governance/sustainability – we have the ability to generate wealth and have a thriving economic base – we can prosper – success takes planning – fail to plan – plan to fail. FEAR can keep us where we are at or can move us forward. ANGER is an emotion that tells you all is not right in your world. Allow your anger to give you the courage to take the risk to step out of your comfort zone and speak to what concerns you.. My main goals are 'community based' – we must get prepared at home so that we can endure all that which is yet to come. The results of your votes will speak volumes as to where we will be heading in the next two years.

BE courageous – BE a risk taker! Kukstumkalap!



Luke Johnny

Candidate for Council

My name Luke Johnny and I am a proud member of the Lil'wat nation. I can see all the different changes our community has gone through the many years I have been living here. All these changes were positive and were made to better the community. Another change we could experience is leadership because in recent times the community has been voicing that we need new leadership. Times have changed when we would go to our elders for direction, but times have not changed that much and this is your time to step up. Lil'wat Nation, vote and put your X on the future.

I believe I am a well liked person in the community. I am an advocate for families with special needs, the biggest reason being that our elders and special needs play a major role in our lives. I see all the challenges and experiences special needs face every day, and how far they go to accomplish and overcome their setbacks. Our elders have faced so many things in their lives and having services close to home means a lot to them. Services such as Physiotherapy. When I heard my dearest friend Anita Samuals was let go, I was very upset. Anita has followed my son Mason since he was born, going on 15 years. She has become a part of our family. I see her hard work and dedication and just know that someone cares.

All in all we have so many needs for services here in our community, where are we going wrong to not be able to employ the necessary qualified people? I have seen and I think I speak on behalf of a lot of members that there has been a gradual decline in the Mount Currie band services, mostly in the health department. If you vote for me for council I will re-evaluate and examine all our service that need improvement for the health and well being of Lil'wat nation. Thank you and lets all think Change when we go to the polls next month.



Lois Joseph

Candidate for Council

I have been on council for sixteen years, since my youngest son Jojo was in Nursery school. I thank all of you that chose to continue my seat on council. Thank you to Theresa Zurowski and Cindy Peters for nominating me for council this term. I have gained a lot of knowledge and understanding of who we are as L'il'wat7úl. It has been a pleasure being able to work on projects as a team with the main stream society. I have witnessed much positive change. It is a job that cannot be accomplished without our people behind us and without a strong relationship with administration. Chief and Council works hand in hand with administration.

My portfolio is Education. I have a strong passion for Education, especially in our Culture area and for children and youth. Jurisdiction of Education is one of the areas we are working on. I believe that all our portfolios work hand in hand and that working as a team to make changes is the most positive way to grow.

I will be happy to sit on Council for another term.

Kukstúmckalap!



Maxine Joseph-Bruce

Candidate for Council

Hi, I'm Maxine Joseph-Bruce

Thanks for nominating me. Thanks to the Council, the Staff, the Advisory Groups for all you give to our community, your vision, commitment, and abilities. Thanks to the Bingo Committee/the Clubs; your events bring families together, and assists many. Congratulations to the newly appointed L'il'wat Cultural Heritage Language Authority, I promise you'll enjoy your term.

I will be honored to serve the L'il'wat Nation as Band Councillor for the next 2 years. I'll work honestly and diligently; strive for solutions, for wellness, for our community. Great healing must take place. Change from within, a pro-active approach through community development to address issues around the justice system, housing, education, our children, economy and health. Management of our resources is our responsibility.

My approach for the next 2 years as Band Councillor will be as an Ucwalmicw. This way, I will be assured that I will be with my family, in my community, living a quality of life we all appreciate. A guarantee that I will give back, I am here for the long-haul.

We must prepare, the world will be here, they must know that they are in L'il'wat Territory. Let's seize the opportunities and celebrate. Kukstumckalap



Christina Leo

Candidate for Council

I left the speeches feeling like I needed to defend the staff at the Mount Currie Health Center. I have the opportunity to work with the staff each and every day and I can attest to the fact that most days they go above and beyond the call of duty.

I would like to take this opportunity to honor the staff of the Mount Currie Health Center for all their hard work and commitment to providing services to the community. The MCHC has seen two Health Directors come and go, numerous staff leave for various reasons, and they still don't have stability.

But what they do have is perseverance and dedication to providing quality services to the children not yet born, the elderly and everyone in between. These wonderful staff members are a shining example of people who give from the heart and I think they deserve the recognition and respect of this community. If you haven't been to the Health Center lately, come on in and see the changes in action. We are fortunate to have so many awesome people working at the MCHC. Thank you to the staff for your commitment and dedication in the midst of adversity.

Sincerely,

Christina Leo



Mary Ann Narcisse

Candidate for Council

I am running for council because I want to make sure that the community is more informed.

Elders are coming to me asking questions and telling me about their situation.

Housing is a problem, people are being evicted and informed by a letter. These things should be explained in person. People don't understand the letters.

Health is an issue. Elders are not being looked after.

We need someone to take care of these things and communicate to the people.

I want to do that for the people, for the Elders.



Georgina Fay Nelson

Candidate for Council

This is what I stand for and I will do my best to stand in the Gap to be a voice to retrieve your "Divided Inheritance!"

- Land: Gate Keeping – taking authority and responsibility for our land
Reach and Inform all our people of our land title ship/stewardship
- History of our people: Assimilation policy's – Knowledge net work of Pro's & Con's of the Indian Act
Residential Schools – Necessary Healing needed
- Social Issues: Respect - Traditional Values and Protocol, sense of family and community
Youth – Provide a way for youth to find their a true identity
Single Parents – Encourage support groups
Substance abuse –Help people to understand root issues to substance abuse
- Recreation: Rodeo – Promote the benefits of community fun and togetherness by developing a strategic plan
Barrel Racing – Promote a Provincial annual event that will bring unity to our community

My life experiences have given me the understanding of all these issue that I stand for, if you wish to further discuss these issues, please contact me via email: faynelson@hotmail.com or home #604-894-6498 and ask for me.



Loretta Pascal

Candidate for Council

Entsa , sLahalus, Lil'watul lhcan. Snek'wnuk'wa, elders, friends and relatives. Welcome and thank you for your interest and patience. Fellow candidates for council and chieftainship, I wish you well.

My portfolio on council for the past two years has been, Lands and resources. During this time, my roles, tasks and responsibilities included sitting on the boards of Creekside, RBV and the Pemberton Region Airport Authority. I have participated in several working committees including the Lil'wat Nation Land Use Plan which saw the protection of Ml'welts. Ure Creek is now protected from IPP or mineral development. I have worked on the Land Law, the Community Land Use Plan, the Soo Valley Agreement and many other projects. The Lands and Resource staff and technical support are commended for their hard work and expertise.

I have many interests including culture, Ucwalmicts our language, for learning and speaking, basket weaving, community and Cultural activities, drumming, singing and dancing.

Being a mother of six children, grandmother and great grandmother, family time is important to me.

I am an advocate for Lil'wat Child Care and protection, education for the care and protection of our environment and resources; our Lil'wat territory and inherent rights. The need for education on Treaties, how it can effect and impact our nation. We must always keep in mind, "integrity and honesty" and who we are! Kukstemulh kalap. All my relations!



Theresa (Tat7ush) Peters

Candidate for Council

I do not believe in the modern day Treaty system. Modern day treaty negotiations have been set up, not to benefit us, but to benefit the Government and mainstream society. I believe in compromise instead. Land swaps, economic deals; and Band owned businesses that balance environmental concerns are a better economic decision for us.

Community members need to be trained to work in Band Administration so that we can keep jobs within the community instead of out-sourcing them. This can work if proper policies and procedures are set up to review job performance on a regular basis, to ensure that the community's best interests are being met by Band employees.

I believe in accountability and clear communication between Chief, Council, Band Administration, and the community. Misunderstanding can lead to lateral-violence. *Lateral violence* happens when people who are oppressed by mainstream society turn on each other instead of fighting for a common goal.

In order to move forward, we need to heal from the past in terms of substance abuse, lateral-violence, and other community and individual dysfunctions that have kept us in a social and economic rut for years.

I would appreciate the opportunity to become a member of Band Council so that we can work toward this common goal. Thank you.



Dion Pierre

Candidate for Council

Hello Lil'wat; my name is Dion Pierre.

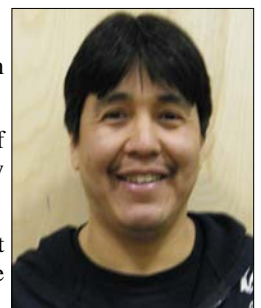
I have been in the Mount Currie Board of Education for eight years now and thank you for supporting me in those years. I am running for council but if its Lil'wats wish I will remain in the School Board.

There are many issues that the band faces today and I know that any new councilors will have plenty of homework and catching up. As some of you know our Language and Culture is the main focus in my family and a goal we share is to be fluent in Lil'wat.

I have been employed for twenty plus years in various fields and with different employers. I see the Mount Currie band as a business and like any business or venture there will be trial and error. We need to recognize the mistakes, learn from them and ensure that they are never made again.

We as Lil'wat must think of the positive changes and not focus on things that will stop us from moving forward

Kukwstumulhkalap sneknukwa7a



Martina Pierre

Candidate for Council

Snuwlap nsnukw'nukw'a7. Entsa7s Martina Pierre. Kukwstumcas kws Taya sna7entsasa muta7 kws Jerry Henry. An'was i nskwatsitsa7 lhak lhel i nslalitma.

'Ayqs' lhel ti nkwekwa7, Rosalie Smith,muta7 Sawt lhak lhel sAdam James. Kan t'u7 wa xzums iz ku skwatsists. Nilh iz nkekla7.

The elders have shown us a simple humble life style. The central part of their will to survive was their faith in the Great Creator. Nothing was taken for granted. Everyone and everything is a gift for us to use and take care of for future generations. They honored one and all. When one falls it is felt by everyone.

We are entering into the 21st century with many opportunities in creating employment and business. However we must enter into the partnerships with strategies that guide our membership to growth, empowerment, and a capacity to develop an honorable lifestyle so that we can build a future for our children with the teachings of our ancestors. Our traditions guide us to uphold the value systems and beliefs important for continuing our unique Lil'watemc nt'akmen. How can we become ourselves if we continue to be programmed by the system that made us wards in our own land. Let us find a process that will keep us focused on our mission to being Lil'wat while we still have to rely on government funds. Build Pride, Live a Healthy Life style. Elect leaders that honor the truth and integrity of being a Lil'watemc. I believe C&C must abide by a Code of Ethics. If Lil'wat are to survive than each member must focus on making a difference to a better life style.



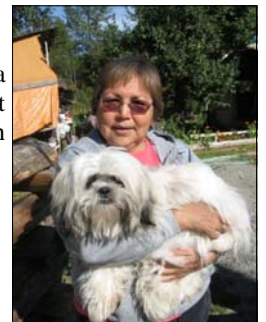
Rosalin Sam

Candidate for Council

I have committed myself to you the Lil'wat people in running for council.

It is time to take back the pride that Lil'wat was once known for and be proud to be Lil'wat once again. If it is a change that you really want then once you have made it and you are ready to accept the change then great things can happen for all, not just of the selected few. Setting aside all of the negative and replacing it with positive is that change, only then will you see and be part of that change.

My name is Rosalin Sam, Lil'watool of the St'at'imc Territory.... Rosalin Sam X



Kathy Wallace

Candidate for Council

I have served one term as Councillor and two terms as Chief.

I understand that the Council must work together as one and for the benefit of all of our people. It is important for the Council to create a climate of positive mutual regard for each other, and between and among all of our people.

If I were to be elected, I would serve and dedicate my efforts for the greater good of all of us.

I believe it is now time for our Nation to begin to create our Lil'wat Nation Constitution. This would be a living document that contains our laws that govern how we live on the land and in the world. By going through this process we will increase our awareness of our strengths, weaknesses and the obstacles that we face to building a strong, healthy and prosperous people.

Thank you,

Kathy Wallace



R. Lucy (Neekiki) Wallace

Candidate for Council

Valuable strengths: being positive, neutral, attentive, straight-forward, compassionate but stand firm to my beliefs; 21 yrs experience working with Aboriginal organizations servicing children & families would be very beneficial.

The wellness of our front-line workers, our children & elders urgently needs to be addressed. As Lil'wat people we need to look after our culture & traditions for our future. Our land & housing issues must be always in our focus to keep updated as it becomes part of our history. We need to empower our people once again to confront their problems head on & overcome any fears that have been a set back till now. Doing away but learning from the negative things in life is the only way to move forward; change is good as well as being honest with one's self.

My strong leadership trainers are my grandparents & others that have gone on to the Spirit world, their teachings live on if you pass them on to others to carry on. This is what we need to learn together is how to help each other without having to expect anything in return all the time.

LET'S MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER AS A NATION!



Carolyn Ward

Candidate for Council

I am an active member of Lil'wat and have represented the community in many capacities over the years, they include:

- Volunteer Emergency Social Service Director.
- Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police board member.
- Councillor for Mount Currie Band. Portfolios were: Band Membership Code, Finance Committee, Land Management Board.
- Social Worker for Mount Currie Band and oversaw the Homemakers (Elder Care) Program.
- Assistant Controller for the Mount Currie Band.
- Lands & Resources Administrative Assistant for the Mount Currie Band.

I have proven to be very diligent in reading all documents that are provided to me and I do not hesitate to ask questions. I am not afraid to speak out when I suspect wrongdoings, I am very honest, and always truthful.



Morgan Wells

Candidate for Council

The past & The Future. The change begins with you/us.

The strength of the Community is our Language, Culture and Traditions, as well as unity. As our ancestors had foreseen for us. We have generations ahead of us to think about and work for. We need to look way beyond the Olympics which is going to be for only a short time. What we do toward that goal, we need you as the people along side the Chief and Council.

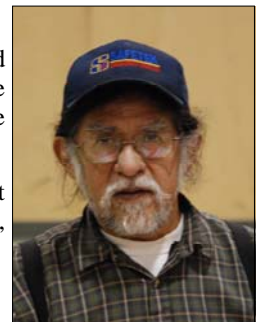
Opportunities & Economy: We have come a long way, just look at what we have. Lets now work for what would benefit us all into the future. Technology; we have to use it while continuing to do our Traditional ways, the singing, drumming, arts and crafts, Language and the Old ways.

I look forward to be working for you another term, I have been here nine terms now.

I will build on my strengths and work on my weaknesses.

"Sovereignty is not enough; It is one thing to have power; It is another to use it effectively."

"If you anticipate a lot you'll be disappointed (at getting less)."



Lilly Whonnock

Candidate for Council

My Name is Lilly Whonnock and I am running for council.

I believe that I can help in the health area for the people of Lil'wat.

I have 23 years of work experience in Alert Bay, doing many different duties, and helping in any way that I could, from drug and alcohol to Palliative care.

Should you choose to elect me as council then I will do the best job that I can for you as Lil'wat.

Lilly Whonnock X

Melanie Williams

Candidate for Council

I would like to thank the community of Mt. Currie for this opportunity.

I was glad to see so many people out for the speeches, it was a great learning experience for me and I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

As I stated in my speech I promise to continue to work as hard as possible for the people of Lil'wat. I believe that we have accomplished a lot as a community to date, but also feel that we have so much more to do. There were many important issues named at the speeches and the hard work that lies ahead of us is at times daunting, but if support each other and work together we will achieve these mutual goals as a community for the community.

In closing, I wish luck to the candidates and strength to those chosen.



Patricia Williams

Candidate for Council

I was given the name "Celh celh Syaqtas", by my late friend Marie Leo. She said I was a hardworking woman, that worked for everyone. I am very proud of that name. I am also Sa'ma' ki'ka to many people, that's ok too!

The Community Complex and the New Site Store-are projects financed by ourselves. This summer we will be getting 12 new homes at IR # 6. Employment at LCA, Callaghan, and Fitzsimmons has raised our standard of living.

I believe that Chief and Council must be "role models". A role model is respectful of themselves and others, is honest, trustworthy, hard working and does not engage in gossip, does not drink or hurt others.

I have brought to the Council table, twice, the need for a Community Chief. Times have changed and Lil'wat must be represented in the outside political arena but we still need leadership here at home. The draft "Membership Code" is in the community and review is very serious, as people's lives are affected.

In closing I can assure you that my work ethics, and life ethics, are those of a person that lives as a true Lil'wat'ul, even one that is proud to have a become a Lil'wat'ul in 1965.



Tanina Rose Williams

Candidate for Council

Hi my name is **Tanina Rose Williams** my Parents are Burt Paul Williams and Tanina Lucille Joseph. I have one sibling Thomas Lindsay Williams. The newest edition to my life is Michael David Lee. He comes from Toronto and has family on the North Shore. Our Wedding Date is October 30, 2009 and everyone is welcome to come and join in on this special occasion.

I work at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre.

My education:

- Three years at Key-Way-Tin Bible Institute: Biblical studies
- 2 ½ 's at Prairie Bible College: Theatre Arts
- Capilano College: First Nations Tourism Management Co-op Program

I've worked for the Xit'olacw Community School for 5 ½ years and for the Mt. Currie Health Centre off and on in different capacities.

My heart is to serve the people in what ever capacity that is made available. I care about the people and know any portfolio I am given I will make a difference. My hope and prayer is that who ever is on the new Chief and Council will do the best that they can. Thank You.

Connie Wilson

Candidate for Council

My name is Connie Wilson. My ucwalmicwts name is Kicya7.

I am proud to be Lil'wat. To me this means "Pelpala7wit i ucwalmicwa muta7 ti tmicwa". " The People and the land are one". We only take from the land what we need whether it be plants, wood, medicines, food, etc. I am striving to be holistic. This means healing physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

I was born when our home was called "Creekside". I have many fond memories about the elders then. My mother Adeline Nelson nee Joe and Stager played a major part in influencing me about the values we lived by, sharing and caring. My Grandmother as well, Maggie Dan nee Nelson and Saul. There was prayer in our language, traditional drumming, singing and dancing. I remember going up Owl Mountain to pick huckleberries, down the lake to fish, to the garden to plant, weed, and harvest.

I go help at graveyard cleaning, pay my respects at gatherings, and work in the community as a frontline worker. I believe I have experience and awareness to be a good Mount Currie Band Councillor. Health and Education are my priorities. Education is of utmost importance, whether it is learning through Culture and Traditions or by attending school from daycare to university. We once learned of becoming young women and men, how to act in public as children, and or entering into a relationship or marriage. Health and Education were not separate in our culture, traditions, and heritage.

I thank you for your support. Entsas Kicya7, Connie Wilson.



Don't forget to VOTE!

Saturday March 7th, 2009

Xit'olacw Community School

See you at the Polls!



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Please consider these additional candidates as you make your decision.

Joshua Anderson, Candidate for Council

Maureen Inez Andy, Candidate for Council

Linda Dan, Candidate for Council

Ruth Dick, Candidate for Council

Mark Gabriel, Candidate for Council

Vaughn Gabriel, Candidate for Council

Christopher Irving, Candidate for Council

Frankie Jim, Candidate for Council

Eva Maria Joe, Candidate for Council

Lyle Leo, Candidate for Chief

Linda Lepine, Candidate for Council

Felicity Nelson, Candidate for Council

Nadine Pascal, Candidate for Council

Kyle Peters, Candidate for Council

Leonard Peters Sr., Candidate for Chief

Raymond Pierre, Candidate for Council

William Ritchie, Candidate for Council

Tara Smith, Candidate for Council

Rosemary Stager, Candidate for Council

Frank Wallace, Candidate for Council

Gloria Wallace, Candidate for Council

Alexander Wells, Candidate for Council

Note: All Candidates were invited to submit content to this newsletter. Those whose submissions were received as of the deadline have been included.