

My name is Charlene Webb; let me tell you a little about myself.

My Husband Jim Webb (son of the late Betty Webb) we have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

I am presently the Health Director for Kitsumkalum. I have been working in the Health Care Field for the last 20 years. Over the years I had the privilege of playing an active role and engaged in discussion with the Federal and Provincial Government on the now structure of First Nation Health Authority. One of the goals we strived for was accessible, effective and cultural appropriate Health Care Programs that support the health needs of First Nations People.



Why I am running for Council; I am running for Council because one of my goals are to see our community healthy and self sustainable. I am committed to helping our community in every way possible to ensure a better way of life for our future generations.

I have volunteered on the following committee's: Kitsumkalum Community Compressive Plan, Housing, Land Code and I presently sit on the Hall Committee.

I am a big believer in getting things done for the advancement of our community. We now have a community compressive plan that is being referred to. We have a very active Housing Committee that meets monthly. I asked many questions when it came to our Land Code. I needed to promote this Land Code to our membership there for I need to be ready to stand behind my words. The Hall Committee has heard the concerns about the upgrades we need for the Community Hall and with the support of the Band Manager we are actively working to make these changes a reality.

I have heard the concerns of our members who live off reserve, I know that are not forgotten. I too lived off reserve for many years, I know personally the struggles we face with Indigenous Service Canada (ISC) also known as Department of Indian Affairs (DIA).

It is going to take hard work and dedication to hold the Federal Government accountable to their fiduciary responsibility. And also to stop the discrimination to First Nations who live on or off Reserve. We all should be entitled to the same benefits.

What can I do for you as a Council Member? I will commit to be your voice at the Council Table. How can I do that? First of all with the support of technology, creating a space on Kitsumkalum Web page to allow members to log in and share their concern, to ask question or to seek support. Is a good place to start.

I would like to keep moving forward by developing our own: Election Code and Membership Code. Thus, allowing us to moving away from Indigenous Service Canada model. We have started that by having our own Land code.

The concerns I have are the following:

Housing we need to look at our land use plan to ensure we have the capacity to develop lots for more homes, apartment building and recreation area. We need to be able to advocate to Indigenous Service Canada to support the growth of our community.

Environment: I was taught to respect the land, the animas, and the plants. Our Elders know how to sustain our environment and we need to use our traditional knowledge to move us forward and to incorporate the Western way as well. It is better to be at the table engaging in discussion and having a say in the environment.

Education and Training: We will be getting a new school soon and that is very exciting. We need to look at the training opportunity we have at our finger tips and support the trade's program that will benefit our members with lasting employment opportunity.

The youth are our future, setting them up for success starts in the home. The programs we build and strive for are to encourage the youth to continue with their Education and to move on to Post Education. We need to ensure that our children have opportunity to cultural teaching and activities. That building self-esteem and self resilience. There for we are building our youth for the future and a world of opportunities.

Inclusion a vote for me is a strong and transparent voice at the Council Table.