



Kitsumkalum Chief and Council Election 2021 Herb Spalding for Councillor

*“Stand for what’s right. Make your life beautiful.
Make your life meaningful.” - Maxime Lagacé*

My full name is Herbert Edward Spalding, son of Ed and Arlene Spalding. I have lived in Kitsumkalum for 36 years. I am married with three children. My oldest son currently works at Kitsumkalum Tempo. My oldest daughter has had the opportunity to work as a summer student for the Kitsumkalum Summer Reading Program and my youngest daughter attends Gila Kyew Nluulk.

I first started working as a summer student, employed by the band. Afterwards, I worked for Kitsumkalum Tempo Gas Bar. During this time, I also attended the Northwest Community College. I studied a wide range of areas, from English to Philosophy, Psychology, Computer Science, Political Science, and Film Studies. From 2007-2010 I worked as a volunteer firefighter for the Thornhill Volunteer Fire Department. On February 12, 2015, I completed the first year of Millwright. On April 25, 2016, I completed the Class 1 driver’s course. I am currently working in the Kalum Quarry, as a rock crusher. I enjoy spending time with my family, hunting, kayaking and riding motorcycles.

My platform is based on our economy, education, housing, and helping our elders. I am proud to be apart of a community that supports all members within each household, providing plenty of opportunity for them to grow and flourish. Sustainability of our economy is important to the future of Kitsumkalum. The future of Kalum is with our children and their education. Helping our kids at all levels of education is important for our people because we will need them to improve on what we have started. Education is not only higher learning but trades as well. Having trade certified workers gives us options on how to expand our economy. Our economy and education go hand in hand and are both equally important to the future.

Our elders are our link to the past, to the history of our people. I believe that they should be protected as a valuable resource. I worry that some elders living on fixed incomes have different struggles and need some form of further assistance from time to time. I hope to find resolution to this.

If elected, I will continue to support resources that help benefit our families, from our youngest to our eldest. It is important to me that everyone within our community continues to be presented with the same opportunity. As well as, given the same resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Good luck to all other candidates.