

## **Bio for Matthew Bartlett:**

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Matthew Bartlett, I am a resident and member of the Wolf Clan, Laxgyibuu, of Kitsum Kalum. I am a father of three beautiful daughters who I am proud to be raising in this community, the community that I was raised in by my mother and father, Ron and Birgitte Bartlett. My wife and I and our children recently moved back to Kitsum Kalum in February of 2019, after spending six years in Chetwynd, BC. I was eager to move back into the community where I can fish and hunt on our Traditional land and allow my children to explore and learn their culture.



I have always believed in the power of community, but that belief was enforced when I moved to Chetwynd. I was the manager of All West Glass Chetwynd, a volunteer firefighter, and the President of the Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce. I worked hard to make the All-West Glass a successful business in a small town and enjoyed giving back to the community as a volunteer firefighter. During my term on the Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce I learned the importance of a community that works together, what makes a community strong and how each person can make an impact.

When I was in my teens, I was able to utilize many youth programs such as learning to scuba dive. I had the opportunity to be the one of youngest scuba diving instructors in Canada thanks to the hard work of community making this dream a reality for me. This program made a huge difference in my life; mentally, physically, and financially and I would like to see the youth of today continue to have opportunity's like this and more. I hope we as a community can encourage our youth to work hard to achieve the life they deserve, and I believe by doing so they will in turn take care of our elders and members of our community that need the support.

I believe we have a duty to protect our resources, that have sustained us here for generations so that we can grow and become more independent and self sufficient. This will help us leave a bright future for generations to come.

If I am given the opportunity to serve Kitsum Kalum as a Councillor I will work with Chief and Council for the benefit of our community and each member to make sure we are able to flourish and thrive. I look forward to learning more about our culture and being more involved in our community.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to run as a Councillor, to serve the community.