



Hello, my name is Warren Bolton. My father is Allan Bolton and Alex Bolton is my grandfather. As the saying goes it takes a community to raise a child, this was very much so real for me as many of my neighbours, and community members, friends and family all had a hand in helping raise me into the person I am today.

Growing up in Kitsumkalum I have been involved in several different programs and work experiences. I graduated from Na' Aksa Gyilak'yoo school in 2009.

Before gaining my education I was very much involved in different areas of Kitsumkalum community working odd jobs for the band and helping out community members. Also working for Kitsumkalum Tempo. Since then I have gained a lot of experience in Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Wildlife monitoring, swift water rescue, advanced drone pilot, GIS Mapping and Environmental monitor certification which has brought me into my current position working for Kitsumkalum Fish and Wildlife.

Additionally, during my upbringing I was brought on the land and was taught at a young age of the different harvesting seasons in the Tsimshian Territory. For this reason, I strongly believe in protecting the natural resources we do have.

With this life and work experience has taught me so much in terms of the importance of traditional knowledge being integrated into the autonomy of the Tsimshian's culture and future moving forward. Many of the projects Kitsumkalum have dedicated themselves to have shown that many of the teachings from elders are in fact proven through the work we do. Furthermore, this has shown the potential Kitsumkalum has for project development, lands and resources available for the community to rebuild themselves. This what my main focus would be on while being on council. Is to make the space available for more members to come back to community to rebuild our culture and nation which includes more housing developed on the Kitsumkalum reserves.

I am very excited to bring my point of view to the table, and would like to thank Theresa for the nomination and Nicole for the second.