

AL MARCHAND

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

Ey'swayel mekw'ewat Smoqw'emel tel skwix teli chel kw'e Sqew'qel

Good day everyone, my name is Smoqw'emel (my English given name is Al Marchand) and I am from Sqew'qel.

I am introducing myself today because I have made the decision to run for councillor in this year's election. I care deeply for Sqew'qel and believe our members deserve more. Not to be just taken care of; they need a sense of belonging, a strong sense of community, and leadership that can bring all of us together. Leadership that can work with our administration through positive and strong decision-making. Working together taking care of today, and strong planning for tomorrow.

Who we are as xwelmexw (people) is very important, and we need to continue rebuilding who we are. Our ancestors fought to keep our way of life alive during very hard times, and now it is our responsibility to continue that work and pass it down to our next generations.

I am a very cultural and traditional man, and I will bring this balance to our Chief and Council table. I will work to bring more collective culture into our community, because we as a people are stronger together.

I have worked for Sqew'qel for the last 10 to 15 years in various contracted positions. I have experience working with Chief and Council as a member of our Land Advisory Committee during a very important time when we were developing our Land Code and various laws to protect our lands.

I am dedicated to Sqew'qel and want to work for the membership, Chief and Council, and our future.

