

PAUL ANDREW

CANDIDATE FOR Chief

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Squamthom tel skwix. Telitsel kw'e Sq'ewqel.

My name is Paul Andrew. I am from right here in Seabird Island, where I live with my wife, Jennifer Andrew. We have raised 3 beautiful girls Hillary, Tamara and Miya and have also been blessed with two grandchildren, Rosey and Emerson.

I'm putting my name forward for Chief because I see an opportunity for our council to do more for our people. Our people deserve leadership that grows with the community: leadership that is rooted in who we are. I believe in growth that lifts our families, strengthens our community, and honours future generations.

Since 1991, I've served 26 years for our community at our leadership table, as well as at regional and provincial tables. Everything I've done has been guided by the teachings of my mother, Mary Lou Andrew (Bull): *To always work for our children, our grandchildren, and the ones still coming. She also taught me how to fish, and that family comes first.*

In terms of education, I hold AFOA designations in Aboriginal Professional Administration and Certified Indigenous Leadership, and I bring many years of experience in finance, governance, and project management.

If I'm given the honour to serve as Chief, I will work with Council to lift up the following areas as shared priorities, guided by the strengths and voices of our community:

1. Leadership Building: Strengthening governance through a establishing a Youth Council, Elders Council, dedicated Council training, and exploring full-time Chief and Council roles.

2. Community-First Leadership:

Strengthening accountability and oversight to ensure our administration truly serves our people and stays grounded in the guidance provided by leadership.

3. Rebuilding trust starts with

openness: Opening our finances with published yearly budgets and reports for band revenue, so everyone can see how funds are used and help shape community investments.

4. Wellness Rooted in Who We Are: Evolving our programs, services, policies, and governance to reflect our culture, values, and identity.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my vision, it is meant to be my understanding of community priorities and can continue to grow with your guidance. I'm ready to work alongside you to strengthen our community for the generations still coming, while honouring the work of the people who came before that made today possible, and I'm prepared to give this work the focus and commitment it deserves.

Respectfully,

Paul Andrew | Squa:thom
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