

LOLLY ANDREW

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

To our Seabird Island Membership

I would like to introduce myself from our traditional teachings. My grandparents are: Lilly Francis from Tl'amin (formerly known as Sliammon, which is on the Sunshine Coast just outside of Powell River), William Phillips is from Sts'ailes and Nancy Joe from TzeacWihten. My father is Reg Phillips who currently resides in Scowlitz and is a member there. My mom is from Tl'amin and she passed away in 1998.

I have strong roots from my family tree and I am proud of my ancestry and who I am. Our teachings tell us to know who you are, where you come from and who you belong to.

I have worked for our band for the past twelve years and my time here working for our people has been good, challenging and rewarding. I was a family counselor, Program manager for our wellness services, health and social development director and currently interim housing director. I have also in this past year been doing some elder/knowledge keeper work with Corrections Canada, Fraser Valley Aboriginal Child and Family Services and University of the Fraser Valley.

I am ready to move in a new direction at this time in my career and I am following where the Creator leads me. I truly believe in our Sto:lo ways and the traditions and culture that our ancestors passed onto us. I believe we have to be balanced in mind, body and spirit. To be letse'mot – One heart and one mind. These teachings will help us do what is needed for our people in our community. My passion is around healing, wellness, and using the two-eyed seeing approach to live a healthy lifestyle.

All of my life experiences both professionally and personally have led me to where I am today. I give thanks to the Creator for all those experiences which have helped me to heal from past hurts and to move into the strong matriarch I am today.

I share with others how we can heal and have a healthy life if we truly want it.

I am putting my name forward to be a councillor for our community this term. I know all of my experiences from working for our people will help me on the council team. I love our community, our people and will do my best for all of us.

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