

SALLY HOPE

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL



My name is Sally Hope, and my traditional name is Quetitse. I am the daughter of Catherine Hope and the late Richard Hope, with roots carried by my grandparents Lena and Alfred Hope, and my grandmother Elsie Charlie of Yale. I live in community with my husband, and together we share a blended family. I am a proud mother of five, three daughters and two sons, and a grandmother to three, each one a reminder of why I dedicate to this work.

I was raised in the Fraser Canyon alongside my siblings, grounded in a fishing way of life that shaped my understanding of responsibility, humility, and care. Our summers were spent at fish camp, working together to harvest, prepare, and preserve salmon for the seasons ahead. Receiving these teachings, passed down through generations, taught me the values of taking care of family and responsibility to community through tradition, hard work, and coming together as one. Those months taught me discipline, patience, and gratitude, lessons in every jar we filled, every fish we hung, and every meal we shared. We lived and learned from the land: fishing, hunting, gardening, and trading with neighboring communities. From this, I appreciated the importance of taking only what is needed, to respect and honour the land, the gifts it provided, and to ensure that no one goes without.

These teachings continue to guide and drive me. They are the foundation of my deep belief in our people, in the strength of our culture, in the quiet importance of humility, and in the true meaning of service.

For the past 19 years, I have worked in Indigenous rights and resource management, and in more recent years, within First Nations Lands Management. In my current responsibilities, I carry portfolios in Inter-Governmental Affairs, Administration, SqDC, and Education, always guided by the understanding

that leadership is a responsibility to our people and to the generations yet to come, our grandchildren. It is about preserving and asserting who we are in all spaces and upholding our connection to the land.

I believe strongly that culture lives through us when we lift one another up. Our strength is found in inclusivity, in recognizing and honoring the gifts each person brings.

It is in our young people that I see how strong our future will be; in the way they carry the drum, in their songs and dances, the desire to learn our traditional ways, the respect to our elders and in their pride. They remind me that our role as leaders is to create space for them to stand strong in their identity confident in who they are.

My commitment is to serve with humility, guided by our teachings and traditions, and to support a community where every member feels seen, valued, and cared for, residing both at home and away.

I believe in Seabird as a place of strength, where leadership stability is grounded in culture and where our collective well-being comes first.

Through this, we continue to build a future that honors our past, asserts a future where Seabird Stands Strong.

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