

# SARAH McNEIL

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

My name is Sarah McNeil a member born and raised on Sq'ewqel and very proud mother of two. As a child I attended many leadership meetings with my dad and was raised to be able to use my voice and as equally important to listen and learn. Being raised and guided by strong matriarchs and deep cultural values I've always recognized the importance of family and continuing cultural connection.

Now having my own children I am even more dedicated to family, culture, language, education, youth and elders advocacy, and helping create opportunities for families to thrive. Since becoming a mother these instilled values have become even more important in the hope to continue to pass on these teachings.

For the last five years I've been involved and volunteering with many sports on and off seabird. I've managed and coached for soccer, lacrosse and more. I value these moments because it gave me the opportunity to promote a positive environment for many youth to thrive both on and off the field. For three of those same five years I was also the president of Lalme' Iwesawtexw's parents committee. This gave me the space and seat to advocate for the children, our school and community with the guidance of elders.

I am committed to working collaboratively, listening to all community voices and supporting the well-being of all members of Seabird Island with equal value. I believe in everyone having a voice and using a shared knowledge to help shape a strong, and connected community for all.



Through a council position I hope to continue to contribute inclusive, strong and positive leadership to aid in continuing a healthy, supportive and thriving future for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity and feel free to reach out!