

TYRONE McNEIL

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

Tyrone McNeil is Stó:lō and a member of Seabird Island Band. He has over 20 years' experience working to advance First Nations languages and education, collaborating with First Nations across the country, and developing national policies, agreements and partnerships with First Nations and with governments.

As President of First Nation Education Steering Committee and AFN Chiefs Committee on Education representative for BC for over 20 years, Tyrone spearheaded national First Nation languages policy as well as updating Indian Control of Indian Education to reflect the growth in First Nations. Tyrone has been actively involved in and signatory to every BC First Nation education agreement including BC School Act amendments to better recognize First Nation Rights and legislative and funding changes for on reserve institutes such as Seabird College.

Since Aug 4, 2012, Tyrone has been senior manager of Stqoya Construction, a First Nation owned company that employs up to 50 mostly First Nation men and women, with expertise in Operational Health & Safety, safety audits, human resources management, operations & budgeting in civil construction and pipeline industries.

Tyrone works closely with the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC) for the Trans Mountain Expansion and Existing Pipeline, including as a member of several leadership and sub-committees, driving changes to improve practices of regulators to better align with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and to advance reconciliation.

As Chair of the Emergency Planning Secretariat, Tyrone is leading 31 mainland Coast Salish communities on an all hazards action plan based on Sendai DRR, UNDRIP, case law and Coast Salish world view that factors in climate adaptation and promoting salmon habitat and biodiversity.

Tyrone collaborated and co-led with the province of BC the BC Flood Strategy which is now doing work on implementing the strategy. This included extracting gravel out of the Fraser River to improve salmon and sturgeon habitat and limit erosion. Tyrone is also lead negotiator for BC First Nations negotiating authority over multilateral emergency management with British Columbia and Canada.

He holds numerous leadership positions, including President & Tribal Chief of the Stó:lō Tribal Council, President of First Nation Education Steering Committee, AFN Chiefs Committee on Education representative for BC, AFN Chiefs Committee on Emergency Management for BC and Chair of the Indigenous. Tyrone is Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Canada Energy Regulator. He is past Chair of Seabird College, past founding chair of the First Nation Early Childhood Council, past President of the First Nation Technology Council and past President of Sqewqel Development Corporation . He has also been past Chair of the First Peoples' Culture & Heritage Council.

Tyrone is an active dry racker and was a self employed plumbing contractor for over 20 years and has two granboys and two grangirls.





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Tyrone McNeil humbly seeks your support in running for Council on Seabird Island.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank past leadership for all their contributions over the years. The success we see in Seabird has been decades in the making and I would like to be part of the continued positive growth of our community.

I have over 25 years in senior political experience locally, provincially and nationally. It's time to bring that leadership experience home to help with good governance of Seabird and mentor younger leaders. I have noticed changes in Seabird that I have not liked, including how when Seabird members reach out for help there is no reply from Council. I understand the Council Executive seems to have more power than Council. I feel strongly my experience will assist in correcting these and go forward with good governing practices aligned with Seabird's Strategic Plan.

Why Leadership Matters

Strong Council leadership ensures: Accountable governance; Protection of rights and lands; Community driven priorities; A resilient, self governing future; and an Administration supporting our citizens.

Our governance. Our land. Our responsibility.

S'olh Temexw ikwelo. Xyolhmethet kwe mekw stam it kwelát

(This is our land and we have to look after what is ours)

Seabird is of the Teit Tribe, Stolo and Coast Salish Nation. We need to lever those family connections and rights to have most of Council protecting and advancing our rights to all our land and resources to look after and utilize as we see fit. We have at hand, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Sec 35 and case law to help. For example, case law such as Tsilhqot'in Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) recognizes we as a collective have title over S'olh Temexw (our lands) and Sparrow SCC recognizes our fishery is only after conservation and comes before recreational or commercial fishers.

It is my hope to contribute to the leadership at Seabird to ensure a Chief and Council are active in protecting our rights, while holding Administration accountable.

Though my work has taken me away from Seabird for years, I have lived on Seabird with my partner Kristy Johnson, three daughters, two granboys and two grangirls. I hope to help to continue making their, and all children of Seabird's lives better in the future. A future that is rich in family, fishing traditions, culture, ceremony and Halq'eméylem. **Xyolhmethetset kwe xwil mi ey staxwelh** (we have to look after future generations)

**I would be happy to participate in all candidates forums before the election
so you could hear more from my.**

Xyolhmethetcpap (you all take care)