

May 23, 2018



To the Wei Wai Kum First Nation Community,

For those of you that may not know me, my name is Dean Drake. I am a proud son of our late father Douglas Drake and mother Dorothy Drake.

I am honored and humbled to have been nominated and to be given the opportunity to participate in the upcoming bi-election on June 11, 2018 for the vacant seat on Council.

I have previously served on Council for 4 consecutive terms. Through the 16 years of experience, I have had the opportunity to serve with some great mentors of Chief and Council; I even had the chance to serve alongside my father for a short period of time.

Having the opportunity to sit with fellow Chief and Council past and present, I was to be able to engage in all levels of governments from local to provincial and negotiate on behalf of our community. I have held portfolios that have consisted of other types of engagements such as the Elders representative and Cultural Food Harvesting. I have worked on Housing, Infrastructure, Roads and Maintenance is some of the other highlights from my time served on Council.

I have lived on the Wei Wai Kum First Nation reserve all my life and have witnessed a lot of changes over the years in our community. Mainly changes for betterment of our Wei Wai Kum people with a lot of movement into the future to pave the way for the next generation.

One of my main passions is assisting our children with the understanding of what it takes to provide for the community and especially our elders in regards to the harvesting of Deer, Elk, Fish and Prawns, to keep those aspects from our history alive for years to come. To be able to see the smiles of our elders and to the combine perseverance, from start to finish with all generations in this learning process.

On a personal component that is near and dear to my heart, is the time I have spent with current and past elders, learning about our culture, history and what it takes to be able to host an event in our community and in the big house. Everything comes down to the main fulfilment that I feel respectful for, is the need of your family and your community to prosper for the future development of all.

These traits that I am speaking about are valued lessons that were passed on to me from our past and present elders and my father, with his utmost famous saying to his children and all the children with the eagerness to learn was "Who's going to do it when I am Gone".

I am looking to you, the membership once again for your support in the opportunity to serve our community, as your Councillor in this upcoming bi-election on June 11, 2018. I thank you in advance for your encouragement and support.

Sincerely,
Dean Drake