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**"A Stronger Nation"**

Hello All,

I'd like to take this opportunity to reach out for your consideration of electing me to the Councilor Position of the upcoming Campbell River First Nation By Election in June 2018.

I have carefully taken into account the discussions I have had with CRIB members over the past months and also taken into consideration the recent political changes that have transpired within our leadership positions and I feel that I can be effective and bring to the table of discussions a broader approach to community vision and planning that is needed to effectively move forward with ideas and initiatives of our community.

I feel over the past number of years we have wasted time and have put very little effort into developing a succession plan for the CRIB and our companies, businesses and entities; that would of strengthened our financial position to reinvest in to ourselves and to develop practices and policies that will further support our Nation from being corrupted and taken advantage of.

As we are in the midst of establishing boundaries within our administration and our governance system as a result of the years of mistrust and ill fated guidance where we had established Policy's for our Chief and Council and Administration Staff to operate under, but they were NOT policed by our leadership in the past, or to date.

I intend on working to help develop a structure that is consistent of what the message has been from our membership that will allow for more community involvement in **ALL** fields of political and non political discussions and priorities that benefit the community both present and in the future.

I feel very strongly that we don't need to reach out any further than we already have when it comes to land management and economic development, this nation has built and acquired parcels of land over the last 20 years and we have yet to reach a solid conclusion as to what to do with it. This nations administration has been misguided and undermined from our political leadership and we have made zero economical, social and ceremonial gains with our lands and resources; meanwhile the Asset and Stock of the CRIBCO holdings have not made our members any money for 2 decades, only the companies surrounding the nation and it's employees.

This is very disappointing to say the very least and this can be said about the:

- 9 Acre Site
- E.R.T and Dryland Sort Lands
- Discovery Harbour Foreshore and Adjacent Lands
- Cruise Ship Terminal Lands and the Cruise Ship Terminal
- 200 Acres
- Discovery Harbour Shopping Center
- CRIB Netloft and Sheetwall

I also share a lot of concerns as other members of the CRIB when it comes to the efficiency and operations of the businesses of the Nation and the lack of consistency and transparency when it comes to the way we manage not only the businesses/companies but also ourselves as a membership.

Over the last 2 decades there has been absolutely NO developments or proposed plans when it comes to anything to do with the Marine resources and harvesting these species as well.

This is unacceptable and unsettling to say the least for such a once strong Nation attached to its resources and how we made a living for many years and several decades. Instead we have put our so called political effort and representation into A-tlegay Fisheries Organization and this is **wrong**, As we will never advance ourselves as a nation to rightfully manage and harvest the many marine resources in our traditional territory when a Government funded organization that hands out food fish permits and leases licenses at the Privilege of DFO. Many of you as Members of the CRIB don't even know that this nation has already established it's own Fishery Act, with bylaws and rules to help regulate fisheries in our territories, already created (1986), and we have yet to properly manage ANY of our fisheries to this documentation.

I have many ideas and suggested approaches for our nation and members that would be beneficial to our nation as a whole; where **our Inherent Rights and Title** and **our traditional ways** will help guide us in the direction that we need and must take today, and in the future using the tools and ways of the past. Ideas that also have today's modern influences of planning and social make up of how to collectively assert fishery plans within our own fishermen and nobody else in our traditional fishing and harvesting territories.

SO, how can we go forward from here as the Campbell River Indian Band, with what we already have developed or built by our Nation's people; for our Nation's people?

It would have to start at the Top of the Nation's Constitution; which is the Chief and Council and followed by the CRIB's Administration, where more focus will be on Policing and enforcing the Policy's and Rules and regulations of Chief and Council and the Administration Staff. And, where there needs to be changes made that will not allow for any further overlap or abuse of power to be fulfilled by Individual(s), and followed by disciplinary action that will reflect the values of our businesses and overall goals as Modern First Nation.

Another approach I am suggesting in my campaign is that the CRIB takes to task the establishment of adequate and proper communication between membership and elected officials and representatives in proposed Community forums and strategy discussions. As in the past, the CRIB membership has continually addressed concerns and frustration in Band Meeting after Band meeting with little or NO response or official reply. Not only with our community membership, but also inviting our off reserve membership to participate in our community lead sessions. These sessions would be budgeted for accordingly to allow for members who don't live in our traditional lands to come back and help in the vision and proposed initiatives of the CRIB.

During these community forums and sessions we would be able to elaborate on plans such as distribution of:

- Food fish of all available and harvestable resources
- Funds generated from the CRIBCO shares for annual dividends
- Education Funding for our Children
- Taxation Funds
- Traditional Leadership and Roles within our community
- Advisory Committees of the Community members

I would also like to see a Vision be established within our membership that reflects our status as a nation today, and what we will need to accomplish in a short and long term plan utilizing everything we as a nation have built and are planning to build on our land and waters.

I am also committed to work in developing with the others on Council, A Mission Statement from the Chief and Council; that will help guide our political direction and bring meaningful discussions to all the tables we will sit at and represent the CRIB and it's membership, so we can achieve our newly established vision of the Campbell River Indian Band; created by our membership.

I ask not for not just a vote in this election, but for support that in moving forward as a representative of the Campbell River Indian Band, that I would dedicate and elaborate my time in seeing thru some things and initiatives we, as a nation, have already started years and decades ago.