

THE ELECTION ISSUE

MEET THE CANDIDATES



2024 Candidate Profiles



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A Neh Motl Special Election Feature

The Neh Motl asked all candidates to introduce themselves to the community by answering three questions.

1. Please introduce yourself by way of family history.
2. What attributes/qualifications would you bring to Tla'amin Nation?
3. What are your top 3-4 priorities for the Tla'amin Government over the next four-year term?

We asked everyone to keep it to 450 words and all candidates answered the call.

Candidate Withdraw- Cathy Galligos

To The Tla'amin Community and Citizens.

Please note that I have respectfully declined in running for the hegus in the Tla'amin 2024 Election. I have withdrawn my name from the running. Thank you, Catherine (Cathy) Galligos.

Three Appeals Received

REVIEW AND APPEAL PANEL HEARING
AUGUST 19, 2024 10AM Governance House & Zoom

Electorate may notice that the official Candidate list posted at <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/tlaamin> does not include nominees for Legislator: Brandi Marriott, Brandon Peters and Alexandra Souch who are featured in this special election issue of the Neh Motl.

Mrs. Marriott, Mr. Peters and Mrs. Souch have appealed the electoral office's decision to the Tla'amin Review and Appeal Panel (RAP).

Under Tla'amin Law, nominees who are in the appeals process shall be considered candidates until such time as the appeal has been heard and a decision rendered.

The Panel will consecutively hear the cases of Mrs. Marriott, Mr. Peters and Mrs. Souch via video conferencing commencing at 10 am on Monday, August 19th, 2024 and these hearings are open to any interested Tla'amin Citizens - for observation only.

Citizens may view the hearings at Tla'amin Governance House, 4779 Klahanie Road, where a video screen will be set up or via zoom from the comfort of home. Advance registration will be required either via the video link or upon attendance at Governance House for the viewing session.

Register at <https://tlaaminnation.com/rap>.



Arnie Courtney

For Office of hegus and Legislator

My name is Arnie Patrick Courtney, and I am a proud citizen of the Tla'amin Nation. I was born in the old hospital that once was near our old village site. It is an honor to be running for the office of Hegus, and Legislator.

My mother is Yvonne Courtney, from Burnaby, my father is George Courtney from Tiskwat (raised in Squirrel Cove). My Grandparents are Lena Courtney (nee Galligos, nee Piccinato) from Tiskwat, my Grandfather is Patrick Courtney from Squirrel Cove. My Great Grandparents are Mary Galligos (nee Adams) from Tiskwat (born in Komox) and my Great Grandfather is Joseph Galligos from Tiskwat (born in Chile).

My wife is Mary, and we have five sons, and 11 grandchildren.

I spent the majority of my adult life living and working in Abbotsford, and later in Chilliwack. I completed a 30-year career in policing with the Abbotsford Police Department. I retired from policing at the rank of Staff Sergeant.

I also served in the Canadian Armed Forces (Army Reserves) as an Infantry Officer. I was with the Royal Westminster Regiment, affectionately known as the "Westies".

I worked for the Nation as your Enforcement Officer for 4 1/2 years protecting our lands, waters and resources, and providing safety and security in our village.

Throughout my profession career, I learned valuable skills in

effective leadership, investigation, organization, and the many aspects of supervision and management that exist within a professional organization. While working for the Nation, I learned so much regarding our history, language and our Ta?ow.

I am always committed to the highest standards of dedication, honesty, integrity and work ethic. I will bring those values to the office of Hegus if elected.

I have no previous experience working for our Nations in a governance position. I know this will be a learning curve if elected. That said, everyone starts somewhere. I will dedicate myself to do the very best I can and to the highest level of competency.

Working in governance is a team effort. That team are our Legislators, CAO, Directors and Managers and who are the subject matter experts for the Nation. The Hegus provides the leadership that is required to help guide the team when conducting the important work for the Nation.

As a candidate for Hegus, I also acknowledge the larger team of the hard working staff and volunteers of the Nation who work tirelessly to make all things happen. Your efforts are always appreciated and respected.

Mary and I would also like to say "thank-you" to everyone for feeling so welcomed by so many in the community in the last 5 years. We are truly one large family, and that is an awesome feeling.

John Hackett

For Office of hegu



My name is John Steven Hackett, my grandparents are Johnny Hackett & Merie Hackett, Steven and Merian Harry. I was raised by my father John Hackett alongside my chi-chia and Kookpa Johnny and Marie. I have been married for 7 years to Jessica Hackett. I was born and raised here in tišosəm

I completed the Natural Resource Technology Program at Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in 2004. From 2006 to 2020 I worked within our Forest company Thichum Forest Products that oversee our Woodlot & Community Forest Tenures.

I have been grateful and honored to represent Tla'amin politically for 18 years. I have witnessed our government structure evolve and mature to what we live under today. Under the Indian Act was hard times with minimal support for programs and services. Funding that was allocated had very narrow scope with little flexibility. This did not meet the needs of our growing community.

Now that we are a self-governing Nation we can engage with the federal, provincial governments on a government-to-Government level.

We are engaging to access funding and support not only for Programs and Services, but we are also accessing money to build much needed infrastructure in our community, Infrastructure to address housing shortages, infrastructure to house the many programs and services for our Nation.

Government to government we have increased our jurisdiction on

Child Family Services, increased our jurisdiction on our territory, closing 17 open pen fish farms within the Discovery passage. We have stood our ground opposing the commercial herring harvest. We have developed a Memorandum of understanding with Western Forest Products opposing Old Growth Harvesting within our Territory.

We have covered a lot of ground since we became a self-Governing Nation, but there is still so much more to carry forward.

- We need to complete our negotiations for our Specific Claim with the Federal Government pertaining to Tiskwat.
- Carry forward our negotiations to take back our former village site Tiskwat
- My goal is to start development plan for Nation Lands located in Westview for economic development to create jobs, and tax base for Tla'amin
- Move forward on construction of the apartment style housing on our Tiskwat Land. The design is complete – we are awaiting the land to be converted to Tla'amin Lands from BC government

I want to express my gratitude for trusting me to hold the Hegus position this past term. I have grown so much as a person with responsibilities, and always do my best to represent Tla'amin Nation proudly.

I would be honored to be reelected and again ask for your trust to vote for me September 14th.

Emote thank you

Clint Williams

For Office of hegus and Legislator



My name is Clint Williams, and I am deeply honored to accept the nomination for Hegus of the Tla'amin Nation. My parents are Esther Williams and Phillip "Moose" Timothy, my maternal grandparents Charlie and Bessie Peters, and my paternal grandparents Jack and Ida Timothy. My own family consists of my wife Angelina and our sons Colton and Kyler.

Throughout my life, I have had the privilege of representing Sliammon/Tla'amin in various capacities. From my days as a dedicated soccer player for our nation's teams to serving on the Treaty Board, Council and as Tla'amin Nation Chief/ Hegus from 2008 to 2020, each role has shaped my commitment to our community.

Since April 5th, 2016, the Tla'amin Nation has operated under our community-developed constitution. This document ensures transparency, accountability, and fair treatment for all our people. It stands as a testament to our collective effort and commitment to governance that serves the interests of every member of our community.

My commitment to firmly believing in fair and equal treatment are the values that I carry to this day. Ensuring that every member of our nation feels heard and supported is important to our relationships with both our people and our dedicated staff. Clear communication and mutual understanding of our programs and services are essential to avoid misunderstandings and foster a cohesive community.

Our lands and resources are vital to our identity and sustenance. Sustainability is paramount as we manage these resources for future

generations. We must ensure that our harvesting practices are responsible, preserving our natural environment while meeting the needs of our community. Similarly, prudent financial management ensures that our nation's assets support our community's well-being today and in the future.

Economic development is key to our prosperity. While celebrating our current successes, we must ensure that our businesses align with our community's values and provide opportunities for job creation, training, and advancement for our citizens. Every member of our community deserves the chance to thrive and contribute to a better future for their families.

Our relationships beyond our borders are equally crucial. Maintaining strong ties with neighboring nations and local elected leaders is essential for our collective well-being. We must navigate any challenges with diplomacy and resolve, standing firm against injustice while seeking peaceful resolutions.

Engagement with our treaty partners, Canada and British Columbia, remains a priority. We must uphold our commitments and ensure our voices are heard at every level of governance. By maintaining open lines of communication and fostering collaborative relationships, we can secure a prosperous future for our nation.

Together, we have achieved much, but our journey continues. I am committed to advancing empowerment, sustainability, and cultural preservation for our people. Che che hat ena patch.



Tiy ap thote Erik Blaney

For Legislator

I was born in tiskwat and raised in the village of tishosum surrounded by culture and teachings from my family and elders.

My grandparents are Chegajemixw Bob Blaney and Elizabeth Francis on my father's side and Mabel Galligos and Ron MacFarlane on my mother's side.

I am blessed with a beautiful wife of 9 years and two children Sofia and Leo. I am honored to be nominated for another term as a Legislator and would like to thank the many notes of encouragement and to those who have faith in my leadership abilities.

I believe that our connection to our culture and our lands are of utmost importance right now as we ground ourselves in self governance and manage our own destiny.

Being the House post lead for Lands and Resources Department has shown me how much work has been done by previous leaders and staff to create such a good foundation for our entry into self Governance and the path forward to what our future generations will need to live sustainably in our territory.

Climate change, overharvesting and colonization of our territory has left us much to recover from and we need a good solid connection to

the land base so that we can assist it in the healing we all need in this reciprocal relationship we have with tums gijeh.

Over the past four years I am most proud of the professional growth the Government has achieved while creating the most tangible housing and community building infrastructure our community has ever seen.

The growth of our language program and access to culture has been another monumental achievement where staff have been given time to participate in cultural activities and language lessons to incorporate into their programs. It really shines through the CNP where the communities vision has been captured and put into a planning document to guide us throughout our term.

I look forward to the next four years of growth and planning for the next 7 generations should I be elected again, and have faith Tla'amin Citizens will vote for those who will keep up the momentum we have gained over these past four years.

Good luck to all the candidates and to the Community in this pivotal election that will determine our destiny into the next steps of self government.



Gloria Francis

For Legislator

To the Elders, Youth, and Community Members of the Tla'amin Nation

I am writing this letter to acknowledge and accept my nomination for a legislator/Executor position.

For those that may not know me, my name is Gloria Francis, and I have had the pleasure to serve the Tla'amin Community as a legislator and member of counsel for twenty-four years.

In my current position as legislator, I have remained dedicated to the members of our community by being a voice and an advocate for all nation members.

Along with being an advocate for community members I have also supported in the following ways:

- By Helping to keep our community safe
- Supporting the Elders Program.
- By helping with job opportunity for nation members
- Helping to put a stop to lateral violence
- Being a support system for those struggling with Housing issues
- Creating sustainable financial stability

- Supporting Youth through sports, (encouraging youth to have a strong desire and determination to achieve their goals, to help them enjoy their sport of choice and motivate them to live a healthy lifestyle.

- By taking part in keeping our language alive, speaking Ai ya ju thum in my daily encounters, with my co-workers and through the immersion program at our local Daycare and Preschool.

- And of utmost importance by supporting Education.

I feel I have the capacity to take on the role as a legislator/executor. Should I be a successful candidate

I will continue to be a voice for all community members and will respond to concerns, suggestions, and/or frustrations in a way that maintains equality and fairness amongst all parties included.

I hope to earn your trust for your vote and would greatly appreciate your continued support,

Please feel free to reach out to me, čëčhaθeč (I thank you)

Tla'amin people will elect one hegus and eight Legislators on September 14th.

To learn about how you can vote and stay up to date with all the latest please visit <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/tlaamin>

Marina Gallagher

For Legislator



I am the eldest child of the late Norm Gallagher and Ann Hackett.

On my father's side, my čičyε was Nora Wilson (Galligos) and great grandparents were Joe Galligos Sr. and Mary Atum (Adams). Mary, also known as "Old Molly" was granny to many.

On my mother's side, my čičyε was Mary Hackett (Wilson) and my kʷɔkʷpə was Timothy Hackett. Johnny Hackett Sr., Agness Hackett (Bob), Moses Wilson Sr. and Annie Wilson (Harry) were my great grandparents.

My fondest memories of growing up in Tla'amin are filled with soccer and baseball. Never, will I forget the grins on the faces of my father and Les Adams when they left for their fishing and hunting trips. Or the joy we shared with the Adams family, on sunny days, swimming and eating hotdogs on the beach at Harwood. My parents were survivors of Indian Residential school. It was their dream that the lives of their children and grandchildren would be better than theirs.

I can honestly say that you must immerse yourself in an unfamiliar world in order to truly understand your own. I had to accept the tools of the mamaŋa's success – education and work experience to build my knowledge and skills.

I am a semi-retired professional with Senior Leadership experience and education in Finance and Human Resources.

Community service has taught me all kinds of skills and increased my confidence. You go out there and

think on your feet, work with others to create something from nothing.

I made significant contributions to the First Nations Health Authority over a period of 10 years. For our community, I was appointed for 2 terms to the TMSLP Boards for Economic Development and Chair of the HR Governance Committee.

I have learned that Respect and Trust is earned, by being Honest, Keeping your Promises, Showing People that you care, Standing Up for what is right, and Admitting when you are wrong.

The Comprehensive Nation Plan (CNP) documents the voices of our people. It speaks of our values and dreams for the community and its citizens living on and off our lands. Governance, (our laws and policies) guide decision making and processes to realizing our vision. Goal #3 Evolve and Mature our Governance provides us the opportunity to refine areas that may be problematic.

Goal #7 Build up Tla'amin people working at all levels in the Tla'amin Nation. Leadership has the responsibility to make sure our current and future generations are ready to take on the opportunities that lie ahead.

To improve the standard of living and well-being of our people, we must have and implement, an Economic Development plan integrated with our Nation's CNP and Health and Wellness Plan.

We have the authority and tools to take control of our future.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Callum Galligos

For Legislator

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For anyone who does not know me well, my name is Callum Galligos. I am the grandson of Mugsī (Margaret Timothy) and Hoss (Randolph Timothy). My parents are Steven and Wendy Galligos. After spending a number of years away from home pursuing careers in construction and quantity surveying, my family and I moved back to tišosəm in December 2019 to raise our čy, Təo Galligos. Since then, I have joined the Nation as Asset Manager in 2021 where I am still employed to this day.

In my spare time I volunteer with the Tla'amin Nation Fire Department as a pump operator and am currently in the process of completing my First Responders Training. As a volunteer firefighter, it is my aim to be well equipped to aid our community in the event of an emergency and promote safety for all our people.

My top priorities for the Tla'amin Government over the next four years are:

1. Preserving Culture and Language by promoting education programs and initiatives within schools and the community.

2. Improving Housing and Infrastructure to help address the housing crisis and provide a space for our urban members to come home to.
3. Improving Economic Development by way of providing more access to training and higher education through better access to funding and scholarships, as well as supporting Tla'amin member entrepreneurship and business development.
4. Improving Social Services and Community Support through enhancing social services, including child welfare, elder care, and family support programs.

In running for Legislator, it is my goal to lead with trust and transparency. I promise that the best interest of the Nation will always be at the forefront. If elected, I will lead with a deep respect for our Elders, our youth, our territory, and our teachings. For me, the longevity and sustainability of Tla'amin Nation are of utmost importance, and I will keep that centered in every decision I make.

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Callum

Tla'amin Law

For more information about the elections timeline and process, please consult the Tla'amin Nation Election Law (Election Law") and the regulations and policies under the Election Law.





Craig D. Galligos

For Legislator

Hello, Tla'amin Nation members (ajuchwut), I have decided to run for a legislator seat as I feel I could assist in representing our Nation in a manner that reflects our people's values and traditions and move forward.

My name is Craig Galligos, my grandparents are Charlie and Elsie Francis and Ernie and Sophie Galligos. My mother is Doreen Galligos and my father is Gerry Galligos. My wife Cathy Galligos and I have three children who are Cedar (Taxemay), Hunter (Opanus) and Chael Galligos (Klathom). Language is tied to our lands and waters which we need to keep going on language revitalization, which I am happy to see happening with all our sister nations including Tla'amin.

I believe I can be useful to the Nation as a political leader because I will make sound decisions based on which ever topic is discussed and not go in favor or not in favor because it's a easy and popular thing to do. I stand my ground and will ensure our peoples voices are heard.

I have worked for different first nation organizations including Tla'amin and believe I can bring experience and knowledge to the table. Working with other Nations shows me how we can do somethings differently and shows how advanced we are in some ways.

Some of my priorities I think need to be looked at are:

Jobs need to be posted and priority needs to be given to Tla'amin Nation members first. This is not happening currently. Our people can be mentored into the upper management positions. We need to believe in our people and give them a chance, and not take the easy route and hire someone from town unless they are going to mentor.

Cultural and language is a priority because without our language we lose our identity as a people. Our language is tied to our lands and territory, spirituality and culture . Basket weaving and carving is important to support, our forest company should be involved more on assisting get us the resources for the people.

I fully support our community and recreation as we need to keep our children busy but also our adults need support as well.

My final point is having to be treat all members equally, with no handpicking and allow members a chance, contract work or any other opportunity we should all be able to have an opportunity to apply.

Our people matter and I do not want use to lose sight of who we are as Tla'min people and our ways of life which make us a diverse as the land (ums gije) we come from.



Leonard Harry

For Legislator

My name is Leonard Harry and I would like to request your support and your vote on Election Day.

ʔətʰ jɛʔajɛ my family

My dad was Peter G Harry and my mom was Maggie Wilson. My grandparents were Jimmy G Harry, Elizabeth Harry, Joe Wilson and Jeannie Wilson. I moved to Tla'amin when I was 9 years old and I was raised by my grandparents. I am a husband, a proud father, a proud papa, a brother, an uncle and most recently, we have been blessed to foster two beautiful children.

ʔəms noʔomɪxʷ from my community

Growing up in Tla'amin, I have been able to build strong relationships with so many jeh jehs especially across our rich legacy in soccer. I have enjoyed an extensive career as a Logger and have learned from so many wise ones and Elders throughout the years. It was not until later in life that I started to embrace our First Nations culture, ceremonies, language and teachings. Today, I'm intentional to offer my time to help support our traditional ways and I love to see my grandchildren learning and experiencing so much at such a young age.

čəhamawɪxʷ church

I would like to acknowledge my unwavering faith and thank the Lord/the Creator for the countless blessings in my life and in my family.

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During the last 2 years as an elected Legislator, I have served with respect, discipline, fairness and kindness. I feel proud about what has been accomplished as a Political Leadership Team, but I recognize that there is still so much more good work to do. My top priorities include: Good Governance, Economic Investments, Health & Wellness and Traditional Foods & Resources. I remain committed to listening, being responsive, to be an advocate and to continue to work towards a better future for our young ones and generations to come. In closing, I would like to wish each and every candidate well during the Election Campaign.

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I thank (honour) you all

Respectfully, Leonard Harry

Is your address current?

Ballots will be prepared and mailed out soon, please update your address by emailing kylie.paul@tn-bc.ca

Doreen Hopkins

For Legislator



Good day, to Tla'amin Community citizens. My name is Doreen Hopkins, a Tla'amin community/ citizenship member of Tla'amin Nation. I am accepting the nomination to run for legislator in 2024

My humble beginnings started with my mother Lily Timothy (Family Name). Grandparents Lasaw and Molly Timothy.

My love for this community brought me back to Tla'amin Nation village. In the twenty plus years I have been in the community I have contributed by participating on several different boards. Two boards that were significant to the nation were the Treaty and Tla'amin Health. I sat as a Treaty board member when treaty passed in 2016. I have been employed with Tla'amin Health since 2000 in various positions. Currently, I am the Tla'amin Elders coordinator.

Prior to returning to Tla'amin, I worked with Insurance Companies for approximately 20 years. In addition to the work history, I do have an associate degree.

I feel that all those years of experience can help to achieve the priorities Tla'amin Nation will have to address over the next four years. There will always be new challenges to face!

I believe with my varied background; I can contribute to working together for solutions that work for the majority.

We are eight years into treaty; we promised when developing treaty for the community that nothing was set in stone. It was a living breathing document that could be reviewed and modified as time went by. If current policies are not working for the community, then we need to review the policy in its entirety. We have spokespersons from each family in our community. Invite the spokesperson from each family to help make decisions that affect our communities.

We are a nation, self-governing, let us utilize that and work as a nation. Remember, we are new at self-governing. We must work together and continue to support one another. Together, we can and are accomplishing important things!

It is time for us to review what we have been able to accomplish and if there are any concerns that need to be discussed.

1. Are we doing what we set out to accomplish?
2. Is it time to rethink our goals?
3. Are we in touch, hearing and honoring the community members?

As a Legislator, my promise to each one of you is to hear your voice and respond in a responsible way.

Remember on election day to vote for : Doreen Hopkins

EMOTE!

toq^wanən Dillon Johnson

For Legislator



ʔaječəpot? (how are you all?) My łaʔamin name is toq^wanən (tokwonon), and my English name is Dillon Levi Johnson. My mother is Jeannie (Paul) Bassett, my father is Gordie Johnson, and my čičiyə? is Elsie Paul and my k^wəkwəpə is the late William (Willie Dave) Paul. I am seeking your support re-election for the office of Legislator.

If elected, it will be my 5th term. I am confident that I have the education, experience, attitude and work ethic that would continue to benefit our Nation's leadership table. Actions speak louder than words, so I've put the following list together to compare what I said before the last election, and what progress has been made in those areas:

My Priorities	What was done
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 40 new housing units, including accessible & Elders housing Emergency housing to prevent homelessness New subdivision that will provide more social / rental housing and opportunities for Citizens to build private homes
"off-Lands" & urban Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher dividends for off-Lands Citizens to account for higher cost of living away Virtual meetings to enable participation Travel support to bring Citizens home for the General Assembly
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Recreation Department New mini-pitch, track and soccer field
Language & Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immersion pilot program for preschool & K-1's Language programming for adults & staff More use of language in Nation materials More support for the canoe journey
Supporting better education outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Tla'amin Education Agreements with SD47 & Assumption New GIJE (traditional skills) program
s.87 tax exemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Treaty to keep s.87 tax exemption
Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Community Safety Law New Community Safety Regulation New Public Safety Department
Land acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 112 acres in łaʔamən New woodlot
Citizenship criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizenship Law updated New Citizenship Regulation and Policy Over 100 Citizenship applications processed

Other highlights which I have pushed for are the tiskwat Specific Claim, reclaiming tiskwat lands, gaining greater control and share of the economy through our territory through agreements, plans and acquisitions.

One of the things I'm most proud of is the amount of Tla'amin people currently employed by the Tla'amin Nation and our businesses, and the number of Tla'amin people who have chosen to move back home to work for our Nation.

I'm not trying to take credit for everything listed above. It has very much been a team effort. It is our staff that do the work. I raise my hands in appreciation of their effort. That said, it is leadership that sets the direction and tone for the Nation, and I believe this leadership team has really raised the bar. With your support, I hope to continue to raise the bar throughout the next term.

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toq^wanən | Dillon Johnson,
BCom, MBA, CAFM

λaʔom Brandon Louie

For Legislator



Hello, my name is Brandon Louie, and I carry the traditional name λaʔom. I am honored to be nominated for the Tla'amin Nation legislative assembly and excited to introduce myself and my platform.

I am the proud son of Susan Dunn and the late Lindsay Louie, and the grandson of Rose and Alec Louie. Guided by my family, culture, and our taʔow, I deeply value hard work, respect, dedication, and community service. Leading with our teachings is of the utmost importance to me, and I am committed to continuing this practice.

My platform focuses on four key areas: housing, education, nation capacity building, and community health. I believe everyone deserves a safe and comfortable home, access to quality education that includes our culture and language, and the support needed to lead healthy lives. I am also committed to responsible spending within the Nation to grow our economy, create meaningful job opportunities for our citizens, and emphasize wellness opportunities through athletics and cultural activities, especially for our youth and elders.

As a project manager and Red Seal trained carpenter, I bring a strong construction background to community development. I've had the privilege of working on numerous projects aimed at enhancing our living spaces and fostering pride among residents. My hands-on experience and technical expertise equip me to manage complex projects that benefit us all.

After years away for education and work. My heart, family, culture, and community brought me back home. Since returning, I have worked for the Nation and served on the Tla'amin Management Services Holdings Board. This role has provided valuable insights into our Nation's businesses and interests. Serving on the Tla'amin Management Services Holdings Board and Operations Board has equipped me with skills and insights essential for effective leadership. This role has deepened my understanding of our Nation's business operations and financials, including entities such as Thi'chum Forest Products, the Lund Hotel, and Select Sand & Gravel. My experience has honed my strategic mindset, conflict resolution abilities, stakeholder engagement, and commitment to good governance. I am confident that I can bring this experience to the legislative assembly to support leading our community effectively.

I am eager to bring my skills, teachings, and dedication to the Tla'amin Nation legislative assembly. I consider myself approachable, hard-working, and willing to listen. I wish to put my community first, and believe that together, we can achieve great things and ensure a prosperous future for our community.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I hope to have your support on September 14, 2024
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Brandon Louie (λaʔom)

Larry Louie

For Legislator



AH JUCH XWUT

Respected Elders and community members both on and off Tla'amin Nation lands. It is an honour to be nominated for Legislature for the third time in our self governing nation. I humbly accept and look forward, if elected to work with a new or returning candidates.

I propose to work towards being part of a government that is viable with the ability to further develop our lands and resources. Additional land development for individuals who are prepared to build their home independent of attached suites. A proposed area would be to extend River Road to develop these lots.

Working together promotes a healthy and prosperous community for all membership. Continuing good governance and transparency will progress well and build confidence for all members.

The past years as a councillor, executive council, then onto legislature has been a very interesting and at times frustrating as an elected official. Upon being elected in the last term, my involvement was limited due to the nation's structure as the Hagus and four Executive Council were the prime decision makers.

Many community members disagree with this system, but a review and discussion is required and needs to take place with involvement from everyone. I personally support this action and welcome a session to discuss our alternatives.

ELDERS and Persons with Disabilities: I fully support our Elders and disabled people who require

assistance whether financial or other personal needs such as hydro.

I know of a First Nation Band who have a registry system set up for seniors to make application, and if approved they submit their hydro bill and it is paid on a regular basis. I believe this would suit the needs of our seniors and disabled persons.

They have needs and they matter!! Additionally, the inability to perform what was once an easy task but are now limited, or have lost their spouse's, this was the person who winterized or cut the grass, cleaned gutters are some minor examples. Their pride is from generations past when help was voluntary. Unfortunately, now all of this comes with a price tag.

There are extra ordinary situations on a daily basis. I believe there should be an Elders Fund created on an annual basis as they are our teachers. They bring forward the truth of our past to assist our leadership to advance our nation whether it is for economic development or recovery of lands.

Community members who reside off our nation lands should also be recognized. I would support the extra curricular activities such as a swimming passes, sports assistance, or an activity of their choice.

I make no promises, but I will represent you and work to make changes. I feel privileged to have represented you in the past, and in seeking another term, I ask for your support and confidence in this upcoming election.

EMOTE



Losa Luaifoa

For Legislator



Brandi Marriott

For Legislator

ʔaječxʷət (how are you),

For those that do not know me, my name is Losa, and I am the eldest child of Patricia and Frank Luaifoa. My Tla'amin čęjetən are the late Joe and Agnes Paul, and my Samoan grandparents are the late Luaifoa and Filipina PaoPao. I am married to Ilaitia and we have a 10-year old daughter, Senibuatoka (Seni).

I've had the opportunity for the past 4 years to serve as a Legislator and I am seeking re-election this term simply because I feel strongly that there must be some continuity and consistency at the table as we enter a new term.

For me, being a leader is somewhat comparable to being a parent. It is hard and comes with its own challenges, you are continuously learning every step of the way, you are always striving to do better no matter how tired and weary you are; the love is unconditional (for your people), and it is without a doubt the most rewarding job you will ever have.

It has been a busy and fulsome 4 years that flew by quickly. A lot of growth in the Nation has occurred yet we have so much more work to accomplish that I would like to be part of continuing with.

I can't promise that I will fix all our housing issues, that I will rid our Nation of drugs or that I will fix all our infrastructure issues, because I am part of a team. Our dedicated staff are part of that team, and we all work together to achieve the goals that have been set for the Nation.

I can promise as a leader that I will do my best always. I promise to continue working hard, leading with integrity and always making the time to listen to what others believe is needed in our community. Some changes you've expressed need to happen may be taking some time to address, but it does not mean that the effort isn't happening behind the scenes or that you are unheard.

There are many initiatives I would like to continue to pursue. The overall wellness of our community is important to me, helping to provide our youth with some of the life tools they need to make good choices regardless of the situations they face. Taking care of our elders is key and always should be prioritized. There are so many competing priorities that it can be overwhelming at times; however, I am fully committed to finding resolutions that help chip away and address the gaps, challenges and issues we face.

It is an honour to work for you and with you; it is a privilege to be part of the decisions that govern us as a Nation, and it is the love for my people and my own, that gives me the strength required to take on this kind of responsibility. I have stated before, it does not matter what role I have in the Nation, I will always do my best.

čęčhaθeč for taking the time to read this if you made it to the end, I do want to say in closing that, to this day, in many parts of the world, people do not have the privilege to vote still. Please take the time to vote.

ʔaječxʷət qayumixʷ ɬaʔəmen ʔətʰ kʷ kʷakʷatəlaq ətʰ qaymixʷ nan, Brandi kʷətʰ maməmatəʔ nan. hekʷ ɬišosəm ʔatʰ tawa. ɬiʔčos hega Easton Marriott tətʰ tigixʷət palnick ʔətʰ tan, pothman ʔətʰ man, tuwa kʷ ʔop, Xwémalhkʷu, hega ɬišosəm, Fred Pallen hega Elizabeth Wilson ʔətʰ čęjetənəʔ hega ɬaxɬaxsoʔ Palnick tuwas kʷ ʔop, Xwémalhkʷu, hega ɬišosəm, Ernest Harry hega Mary Francis hega ʔətʰ čęjetənəʔ hega ɬaxɬaxsoʔ pothman, tuwas kʷ ʔop hega ɬišosəm

Hello my Tla'amin community members, My traditional name is Small Butterfl, and my English name is Brandi Marriott. I am from the Tla'amin Nation. My children are Dion and Easton Marriott. My mother is Dawna Pallen, and my father is Calvin Harry. My grandparents on my mother's side are the late Fred Pallen and Elizabeth Wilson. My grandparents on my father's side are the late Ernest Harry and Mary Francis. They are from Church House, the Homalco Nation and the Tla'amin Nation.

I have played, lived, grown and remained in Tla'amin where I have raised my family in our beautiful community. I have obtained my certificates i

- Early Childhood Education,
- Management Skills for Supervisors, and
- Basic Elements of Bookkeeping.

In 2022, in partnership with my husband, we opened our small home repair and renovation business, Salish Sea Home Services.

I am currently completing my bachelor's degree in education where I plan to continue working in the

Education field supporting our future generations, and adult learners.

Since 2006 I have worked within our community as an Early Childhood Educator in various settings of education.

In 2019 I worked as the Community Wellness Coordinator where I found my passion in providing community services and support for our Tla'amin Nation Members through existing programs and programs coordinated in the community such as the Good Food Box and the weekly food truck. I created and coordinated our own Tla'amin Community Food Bank and a Free Store that sourced small furniture, household items, toys and clothing for children and adults. Through my experiences, I have listened and learned of inconsistencies and inequalities experienced from community members.

There is a need for sourcing additional funds to align the increased cost of living through revisiting, revising and updating policies supporting our community members. The funding allocation being concentrated towards the community needs and filling in the shortfalls to adequately live is another concern being raised.

I would also like to address furthering our journey in Reconciliation to strengthen our community, culture and traditions to reclaim our rights.

I hear those concerns and providing services for the wellbeing of our community members motivates me and I will be a voice for our community members.

I would like to thank you for your consideration in this election, čęčhatənapəč



t^oi?ayi
Jordan
Mitchell
 For Legislator

ʔaʔečχwut ʔaʔamin. My traditional name is t^oi?ayi and my given name is Jordan William Mitchell. My paternal grandparents (who gave me my traditional name) are Joe and Corrine Mitchell (ne'e Wilson) and my father is Gary Mitchell. My maternal grandparents are Willy and Elsie Paul (ne'e Timothy) and my mother is Marlane Paul. I am 41 years old, happily married for 16 years this year to Cindy Mitchell (ne'e Lessard) who is a member of the toq (Klahoose) Nation. I am a father of 3: Emily, Greydan and Sapphire and a proud member of the ʔaʔamin Nation.

The attributes I bring to the Legislator table would be honesty, openness, a solid work ethic, and a willingness to listen. Communication is so important, and it begins with hearing other people's ideas which I feel is a strength of mine. I am very passionate about the revitalization of our culture, language, practices, and teachings. I am also an avid outdoorsman and hunter, and I encourage everyone to get out on our territory and help us re-grow our collective knowledge of our homeland. Knowing where, when and how to harvest, gather, hunt, pick, and dig our traditional resources are keys to our culture and teachings.

If elected as Legislator, one priority that I would like to continue to push forward would be improving on existing infrastructure and housing.

I have seen so much good work in this area in recent years and building on that momentum would be phenomenal. Housing is a perennial topic of discussion, and I am certain there are opportunities and solutions in our future if we continue to aim high.

A second priority I would like to work on is growing our culture and language programming. Leaning into our traditional teachings while working within this modern world we live in can be a tough balance to strike and maintain. But with the right intentions, the right motivations and the right opportunities we can build the right future for our Nation.

A third priority I would like to work towards is economic growth. I was honored to serve our Nation as a Director on the Operations Board for TMS – ʔaʔamin Management Services, formerly our Development Corporation. From that experience, I gained some understanding of what potential we have to tap into in the broader community. I see and feel the support that continues to grow for Indigenous business initiatives. Of course, there is difficult work to be done in this area but I believe helping to shoulder that difficulty as a member of Legislative council would be an honor and a privilege.

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Gladys Tom
Osawamick
 For Legislator

My name is Gladys Tom Osawamick. I am a proud Tla'amin Citizen born in Powell River Hospital which was located on our Nation's original village of Tisqwat. I am a proud mother to Robert Tom and Chichia to Rhys Pool and Tyson Tom. My late parents are Louie and Evelyn Tom (Galligos) and my dad's parents are Alex and Emily Louie and my mom's parents are Joe and Susan Galligos (Timothy) which whom have very strong values for life. I carry the values of hard work, respect for self and others from my late family and ancestors. Although I had some challenges in my life, my journey has given me the opportunity to work for our people.

I'd like to acknowledge and express my gratitude to the past and present leaders who have tirelessly contributed to the growth and development of Tla'amin. Their dedication and vision have paved the way for the progress we see today. I chose to run for legislature because my passion is working with people at all levels while being a voice for our Nation members. I will not promise miracles nor will I use my position to benefit my family or relatives. Instead, I will focus on equality and ensuring that our Nation's policies and laws are followed and communicated clearly. I am driven by an unwavering commitment to our community and its future. I am ready to serve our Tla'amin Nation members to listen and follow-up with members' concerns. I'm willing

to have a positive, open-mind to work together.

I will do my best to promote more cultural and healing gatherings as members have spoken about these services as I believe in equality for all citizens. Those of you who know me understand that I verbally challenge the status quo and ask the tough questions when necessary. I am committed to being a healthy and effective voice for Tla'amin members. I am honored to accept this nomination for the Legislator position for our Nation. As I look ahead to the next four years, my top priorities for the Tla'amin Government are:

1. Addressing the mental health needs of our community by providing accessible and effective services and support.
2. Upholding policies and processes to ensure transparency, fairness, and equality for all members.
3. Promoting and preserving our rich cultural heritage with cultural healing.

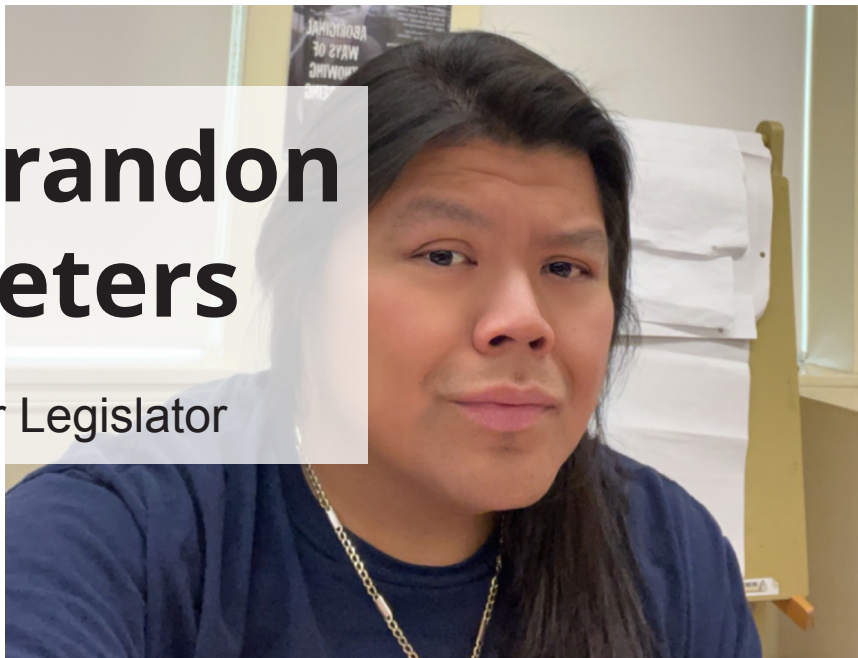
I understand the commitment a four-year term entails and I am ready to serve with integrity. Not everyone will agree with me but it's okay to disagree, as long as we move forward with respect and a shared vision for our Nation's future. Thank you for your support as we work together for the betterment of our community.

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Brandon Peters

For Legislator



I am Brandon Peters, ʔaʔamin is the place I call home. I am seeking re-election in the 2024 ʔaʔamin election, I am proud I was able to be a part of the leadership table.

William and Vivian Peters are my father and mother. Michael Peters, Jack Harry, Mary Peters (nee Charlie), and Mildred Harry (nee Galligos) were my grandfathers and grandmothers.

I started out my career as a teacher in Powell River as an ʔaya juθəm (ʔaʔamin language) teacher in Powell River, I was blessed to have grown up in a household where ʔaya juθəm was a fixture in our house. As a speaker, preserving our language is a sacred and essential task. I have advocated for our language teachers and assistants and have been a voice to help in the creation of a sustainable infrastructure for our immersion program, so our immersion program is sustainable and is able to grow.

In my tenure ʔaʔamin has made strides in establishing our presence in our own territory. One the initiatives was to change the colonial name of the town (Powell River) a town that has grown on our traditional & ancestral lands. I have been an outspoken member of the legislative body and have had to stand up for ʔaʔamin's position as the original people in our own territory, both in person and virtually. I spent a great deal of time participating in the on-going

conversations that have occurred since and continue to occur about why the name matters.

With ʔaʔamin entering a new phase of development, people who had no interest in reconnecting prior to our development are now wanting in. Some of my initiatives have been adopted into our citizenship law, to help protect what we have. We have created a waiting period for estranged people to be able to join us and utilize our services. It gives us a chance to verify facts and that the applicant is wanting enrolment for the right reasons.

Some of our policies need some modification. While we have used settler created conflicts of interest policies I feel like we need adapt them for our fledgling nation to reflect our ta ow societal norms. I also would like to continue to work towards renaming our territory one that is inclusive of our ancient and continued presence on this, the land of our ancestors. I also would like to continue to work with and be a voice for our ʔaʔamin educators. I also would like to continue to advocate for our off-reserve membership.

I am respectfully asking for your vote to continue to speak ʔaʔamin's truth and to be able to come up with innovative and logistical decisions at the leadership table.

čëčəhəθeč (I thank you)
Brandon Peters

qʷayəmtumof Denise Smith

For Legislator



ʔaječxʷot stʰokʷ.

My traditional name is qʷayəmtumof, 'Speaks for Her People'. I was born and raised in ʔišosəm, my parents were David George (Mary Tom and John George), and Irene Francis (Lily Timothy and Gilbert Francis). I was blessed to grow up in this community and had the fortune of being raised by a traditional family – growing up on the land I have developed a deep-rooted care and concern for our environment.

It has never been more important than it is now to know and understand the impacts of our behavior and actions, not just as individuals but as a self-governed Nation. As kymixw people, we are deeply connected to our lands and resources and our way of life is being affected.

We need to have a meaningful role and say in the protection and management of sensitive cultural resources.

I am determined to work towards our say and role in our territory and our desire to have a shared role in governing our territory.

I have previously had the honor of representing the community not only as councillor but as the first woman chief to be elected.

With over 40 years of knowledge and experience working with and for our Nation, and I remain deeply committed to continuing the work of those before us, representing our values, rights, and interests.

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qʷayəmtumof Denise Smith

Four things to know about the Tla'amin General Election

1. The Tla'amin General Election is September 14th, 2024.
2. Voters will elect one hegus and eight Legislators.
3. One Feather is the electoral officer and service provider.
4. Voters may cast their ballot online, by mail or in -person.



čëčhatənapəč, It's an honour to be nominated as a legislator. My traditional name is Thinxskyeʔa, and my English name is Alexandra Souch; I am the granddaughter of Eugene and Linda Louie; my mother is Shelley Felix, and Stan Peters is my late father, my stepdad who raised me is Tim Felix. Additionally, I have three beautiful children with Allen Souch. My family has always been my strong identity that guides my career and work with children and families.

I started in early childhood education and child and youth wellness. Currently, I am working as a civil family mediator. Throughout these roles, I've been able to make my mark by collaborating my

passions and beliefs in supporting youth and families. I see a strong value and belief in the voice of our community, and I would love the opportunity to be a voice at the leadership table. Tla'amin is a progressive nation, and I want our community to have a strong voice in carrying out our inherent right to govern ourselves. As a legislator, I would be a person who would be transparent about the community's voice and ethical practices in the nation. I would have an open-door policy to listen to our people and advocate for the betterment of our community. Please take the time to reflect on my values and beliefs for this upcoming election.

Thank you, Alexandra Souch

ʔəječwət, nənqəm kwətʰ nan, my English name is Tanner Timothy.

I am the youngest son of the late Jackie Timothy, Master Carver of ʔəʔəmen, tiskwat and ʔišosəm. My grandparents were Jack Timothy and Ida Timothy (Nee: Adams), my great-grandparents were Iasa (Jim) Timothy and Molly Timothy (Nee: Bob), my great-great grandparents are Captain William Timothy and qəʔaxstales Annie Assu of We Wai Kai.

One of my earliest teachings, gifted to me by my father, was passed down from his grandfather Iasa (Jim) Timothy. Iasa stated to "Never forget who you are or where you are from, always be proud of who you are and where you are from. Practice our culture, traditions and language because if you don't, it will die." I have always carried this message in my heart, mind and spirit. It gives me strength to ensure that our way of life never ceases to exist and bring justice to our ancestors that endured inconceivable colonization.

Our people are strong, resilient, patient, loving and powerful when we lead ourselves with our təʔaw. As a community, we need to work together to create a Nation that we are all proud to be part of. We need to continue to protect our ʔəms gije as our ancestors have done since time immemorial. I intend on leading myself with a kind heart, strong mind and steady spirit that will work tirelessly towards creating a strong quality of life for our people.

My primary focus will be strengthening our governance and sovereignty so that we can focus on the socio-economic health of our Nation both within and outside ʔišosəm. I hope to foster informed decision making by working within the bounds of our təʔaw, laws and policies.

We need to have a holistic understanding of our way of life that can honour our ancestors' teachings of taking care of one another with respect for all living things. This will ensure we continue to provide a plentiful life for our children, youth, adults, and elders. Therefore, I plan to protect our Heritage Resources, Culture, Traditions and Language, Health, Environment, Marine Habitat, Ecosystems and Natural Resources that honours the stewardship of our ancestors.

It would be a great honor to hold a position as Legislator for the ʔəʔəmen Nation. I would like to kindly ask for your support on September 14th, 2024 for the opportunity to represent our people in the next four year term. I declare to lead with integrity, honesty, transparency, and humility. Together we can make our ancestors proud and leads us on a journey of healing, strength, equality, love, peace, joy and happiness.

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nənqəm
Tanner Timothy

Election Timeline

COUNTDOWN TO NEXT ELECTION

