

“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

Education

The future of our community depends on leadership ensuring that our children, youth and community members obtain both formal education and trades to support the growth of our community.

Education and trades are key to stabilizing future developments. Along with this, TIB members should be paid fairly and on par with all other Canadians. By not paying people fairly, we are discriminating against our own.

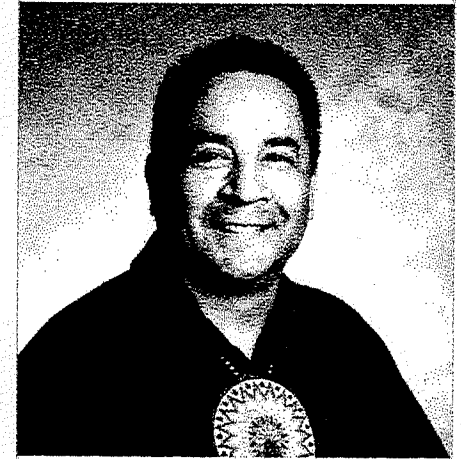


Culture and Language

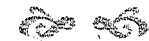
I am a strong advocate in the continued implementation and use of Secwepemctsin. I believe that understanding who we are is embodied in our language, songs and dances. Our worldviews, beliefs and culture are defined through our language.

Our language and culture is what makes us unique from other Canadians. It proves we are not assimilated.

Council Candidate



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About Me

I have been a contributing member of our community for most of my adult life. My career has primarily centered on education. I have worked as a school principal, teacher and university instructor for over 35 years.

As a child, I grew up learning our songs and dances. Today, I teach other Secwepemc communities about the ones I had learned. In addition, I strongly encourage and support people interested in Secwepemctsin.

Growing up in a rodeo/ranching family has taught me to be a hard

worker. I continue to have a tie to the land as a rancher.

My parents were involved in many of the political movements to try to resolve the many issues we face as Native people today. I continue to be involved for our grandchildren and their rights.

I believe we can have a healthy, strong community if we work together. We have many well-educated, trained, hard-working people in TIB that we should rely on. I look forward to bringing this experience to our council.

Issues I want to focus on.

- Education
- Language
- Culture
- Employment
- Pay equity
- Community Wellness
- Governance
- Policy Development
- Youth Involvement
- Elders Participation
- Social Issues
- Health
- Rights & Title