



Thomas Blank for Council

Hi, my name is Thomas Blank my mother was Carol Jules, my father was Roger Blank, and my Grandmother was Maria Jules. I have been primarily involved in community protection and wildfire prevention throughout my working career where I gained an array of other skills that will provide focus, determination, and dedication to being on Council. I am currently enrolled in TRU for a BA of Arts with a focus on Environmental studies and Geology but I've taken time off from classes to run for council.

My focus will be:

- An Elders facility in conjunction with a multi use Cultural centre where youth can interact with the Elders in language, drumming, life skills and support.
- The upcoming membership code is important in that it allows Tk'emlups to determine who has membership with Tk'emlups te Sewepemc.
- Work with Aboriginal Training Employment Program and other organizations for skills training for jobs within the Mount Paul Industrial Park and beyond. These issues are for the youth and unemployed is a high priority.
- Ongoing issues that I will be dedicated to are; Community development, Douglas Reserve Initiative and protecting our resources and enforcing our title and rights.
- I would like to say that I believe in treating our membership, the staff, clients, consultants and external organizations with integrity, respect, fairness and honesty. I will ensure open and honest communication with all.

I look forward to discussing these and the many more issues that will require the Councils attention in more detail in person anytime.

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