
Chief and Council Nominee Bios

Derek Silver

My name is Derek Silver (Iyoleweleq), I was born and raised in Sumas first nation. My Mother is Dena Silver, and I got to live my younger years with my Grandparents, Herman and Barb Silver.

I Graduated high school at Yale Secondary, and then went to UCFV where I took the Aboriginal Culture Language Support Work course. For my work-life, I started off at Abbotsford School District and now am working with Correctional Services of Canada as an Indigenous Liaison Officer.

Outside of work is where I feel like I thrive. At this time, I run Men's group for Sumas FN, I'm also the skipper for the Sema:th Warriors' canoe club and a member of our Longhouse. Doing all this keeps me sober year-round, however, the youth are the biggest reason to stay free of drugs and alcohol, as I believe that if the youth see me drinking or other similar things, it would tell them that it is ok to do these things. I have never really wanted to be a politician, but I think I always knew that this would end up being part of my destiny as I have often been put into a leadership position in various aspects of my life.

I believe that I am not just a part of a single family, but am a part of everyone in the community, as everyone from the community is family on and off reserve. If elected, I recognize that it would not make me any higher than any other person but would require me to do my absolute best to serve the people of Sema:th.