
Chief and Council Nominee Bios

KawKaLatsa – Sam Kelly – Renovation and Maintenance Supervisor (Sumas First Nation)

My name is Sam Kelly and my traditional name is Kwa-Ka-Latsa. I was born and raised here at Sumas. My parents are John Kelly Sr and Maureen Kelly. I am currently working at Sumas as the Maintenance Supervisor. I take pride in the hard work that we do for the community to ensure their needs are taken care of. Some of my hobbies include hunting, fishing and spending time with my 5 granddaughters.

My goals for Sumas are:

- Open door policy for all band members. Your voice matters.
- Work with our own band members – create business and job opportunities for Sumas members.
- 100% transparency for all Sumas members
- Taking care of our elders – working with the elders and community to make sure their voices are heard.
- Cash spending – all large spending is to be voted on by the members. We should know what our money is being spent on.
- Addictions – offering help and support to those suffering from addictions.
- Keeping Sumas safe – supporting the removal of dangerous people from the community that are not members.
- Upholding policies – fairness and equality for all.

In running for council, I am not only seeking to give back to the community that helped shape me into who I am today but also ensure that the next generation has the same opportunities for growth, success and pride in their culture. I believe in the importance of preserving and celebrating our culture while also embracing positive change and development for the future.

Protecting our people. Our land. Our culture.

Vote Samuel James Kelly for Council!