

Dear Klahoose First Nation,

My name is Johnny Hanuse and I am running for a councillor position. There have been many times in my life I have worked for the nation. In many capacities there was always opportunities to learn more. Each job, or each lesson, gave me the opportunity to create more leverage to better serve the community. Whether it was working on the website documenting events for the community to see online, information gathering for the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) or working with the board of directors for QXMC.

I knew that work, in some way or another, was building a stronger nation.

I am currently studying at UVic majoring in political science. The knowledge that I learn in school can be both emotionally and academically challenging. However, each time I complete a course I walk away with the ability to read further into policy, leadership, and governance structures in Canada and around the world. Like the world around us, Klahoose, is going through changes. Klahoose is making strides in investments, policy development, cultural reconnection, records information management, and tourism. My studies have been complementary in understanding how to make the best use of these exciting ventures in creating a brighter future for the Klahoose First Nation.

As councillor, I would work in unison with Chief and Council to ensure there is strong communication between the members and leadership. I would continue to develop the records information management between departments for efficiency and more open access. As the pandemic has taught us, although not ideal, but we can work with technology to stay connected for the time being. Reaching out to the community works in many ways. It would be an honour to step into a leadership role to work for the community. There will always work to be done in creating a stronger, connected nation, but there needs to be fun and creative outlets for our people to enjoy as well. Let us stride together with respect, integrity, flexibility, and optimism. Success is never completed alone. Emote.

Sincerely,

Johnny Hanuse, Councillor Candidate