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BROCK PETERS

Kwa'stan'axan

I'm honored and humbled to be a candidate for chief of Samahquam. A decision I made after being approached by respected elders and after discussions with my family. I decided to run because I fear the loss of our sense of family within Samahquam. I believe that our political differences should not be allowed to divide us, whether we live at home, or away and I commit my term in office to this.

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Ensas Kwa'stan'axan.

Sama7 sqwatsits Brock Peters

My wife Janice and our family live in Lil'wat, where I was raised by my mom Shirley Wallace, daughter of the late Chief Henry Peters. My mother Georgina passed away a number of years ago. Her father was the late Chief Jacob Peters, elder brother of Henry. Shirley served many years on the Lil'wat council before her passing.

I enjoy the outdoors, especially in our territory. I've been a backcountry guide, operated my own drywall company. My first big break in forestry was with Lil'wat Forestry Ventures and now I work now for LSTC as Forestry Crew Leader. I plan to continue my employment there as long as issues of conflict don't arise.

I believe that we need a "Strategic Plan." This will be our roadmap that sets our course for self-government. It will also be our yardstick to measure progress.

I believe that tradition and culture are the bedrock of good governance and so, if elected I will ask the hereditary chiefs to meet regularly to advise council.

I believe that experience is key, and so I will ask all of our former chiefs to meet with council regularly to offer their advice.

The Chief and Council's main responsibility, under the *Indian Act* is safety and well-being of members who live at home. At the same time we must provide opportunities for all of our people, where ever they live, to be nurtured and supported as part of a safe and healthy community.



I agree with the Oversight Committee letter that says the chief and council cannot be their own employer and so, if elected, I will ask OC to draft appropriate policies for a decision of the whole of SNG, and not just chief and council.

I believe that it's time that the role of SNG, including the roles of the chief and council and elders council on SNG are reviewed.

I believe we must review the elders council term of office and their selection process.

I believe that true accountability requires informed consent of the governed, and so regular reports must be made by chief and council, SNG, the administrator, and to underscore the importance of creating an economy, the economic development officer.

The past year has shown me that our peoples' health and well-being are more important than the issues that too often cause us to choose sides.

This past year we have seen the passing of so many of our people. I think we must ask ourselves what 'our' legacy will be?

I believe it's time for a new beginning, and hope that you'll agree.

I look forward to walking with you into our future.

(Kuk'stum'kalap')