



Evan Cook

Why are you running for council after all of these years of not being involved in band politics?

Thank you for that question! I have to admit, I expected it. After many years of running my company I thought I wanted to retire. After one week I was climbing the walls with boredom! I have always been interested in band politics and observed things from the outside and never missed an opportunity to cast my vote whenever there were elections. Last year, a few family members and friends suggested I run for council in the next band election. So, after talking to my wife and praying about it, I decided it was my next obvious step in life. I have always had a heart for the people in our community and I think the fact that I have not been involved with the inside of politics gives me a fresh perspective.

Should you be elected, what would you bring to the table?

I bring my experience of being an entrepreneur and a philanthropist. I have experience with managing 30 to 40 employees, government regulations, payroll, advertising, customer service, conflict resolution and many other talents that are only grown through challenges. I have also helped others start their own businesses and follow their own dreams in the process of doing it myself.

What would you do to benefit the band and all its members?

I would like to see our band diversify and see us move into the future with more in our portfolio than just forestry, fisheries and parks.

OK Evan, what would you like to see happen?

First and foremost I'd like to see our band become more philanthropic. We need to seek to promote the welfare of others and help them help themselves. For example, recognizing talents and gifts in others and helping them grow in their gifts and using their talents to become more successful and self-sufficient. In the process I believe that we will foster a more caring and benevolent community to pass on to our children and grandchildren. I have a plethora of other ideas for example: real estate, starting small businesses, and being more involved in our local communities, just to name a few.

Has there been anything specific over the last few years that has really made you want to be on the other side and get involved?

Yes, in fact there was something. It might seem small to someone else, but to me it just gave me a heavy heart. I believe that when a band member passes away, the last thing their family should have to worry about is the cost and expense of a funeral and burial. As a band we should cover the costs like we did in years past. We need to simply start caring about each other the way I remember our parents and grandparents did. It's things like this that build a community and keep us together. In this day and age of social media, smart phones and such there is less face-to-face contact. I would like to see more of us having real conversations and caring about each other.

Why is your name on the ballot "Ronald Evan Cook?"

That's my legal name, but you all know me as Evan because that's what my mom chose to call me growing up.

I hope I can count on your vote. It's time for a fresh perspective!

Thank you and God bless.