

Kimberley MacDonald for Councilor

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Professional Background:

- Currently works for Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government Office (~ 3 years) as the Travel & Events Booking Clerk. Previous roles include Assistant to the EDO and Executive Assistant to Ha'wiih & Chief Council
- Previous work experience in forestry from shakeblocking (cedar salvage), shake and shingle mills and scaling (4+ years)
- Previous work experience in fish farming with Englewood packing to dockside monitoring of commercial vessels with Archipelago Marine Research (4+ years)
- Previous work experience in customer service and sales at Alberni Colour Corner (5 years)

Skills/Training:

- Currently training in PCP (Primary Care Paramedics) with Justice Institute of BC
- Obtained Emergency Medical Responder Paramedics in 2018 and licensed with BC Emergency Health Services and spent 6 years on the Port McNeill Fire Department
- OFA 3 (Occupational First Aid) for 8 years
- Obtained many other certificates over the last few years including SVOP (Small Vessel Operator Proficiency), Marine First Aid, Marine Radio Operator Control (ROC-M), Wilderness First Aid Training, Cultural Tourism, World Host, Train the Trainer and Law of Attraction
- Graduated from Ballenas Secondary School 1997/98 (Dogwood Certificate)

Volunteer:

- First Responder for the Alberni Valley Regatta (Sproat Lake Boat Races) for 3 years
- Provide continuous help with the Alberni Motocross Association (5 years)
- Host a large Christmas dinner in Port Alberni with a group of good Samaritans every 2 years for locals who are homeless/low-income
- Enjoy volunteer work especially when it is for first aid coverage

What's important to me:

- The well-being of our Elders: health, activity and utilizing their knowledge and history
- Maintaining and sustaining a healthy, prosperous future for all of Huu-ay-aht First Nations (citizens/government/businesses)

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- Further enhancing the first response system in Anacla/Bamfield and to highlight the importance of preparedness and safety in an event of emergency
- Enhancing health and wellness for our citizens and find more resources that will be beneficial to our people
- Forestry, lands, water and wildlife sustainability
- Education support to all citizen regardless of age

Changes I want to see and want to help achieve:

- Language and culture prioritized and available for all citizens to have access to (revitalization)
- Identify the changes that are needed financially to ensure a bright future for all of Huu-ay-aht
- Prioritization of our Elders: they are our knowledge holders and have so much to offer younger generations. Assisting in fundraising and activities geared at learning from the wisdom of our elders

Family Background:

My mother is Marilyn Cote (nee Clappis). Born in Sarita, she is the youngest daughter to my late grandmother Annie Clappis (Williams – House of ʔ'amahuus – area: Klanawa). Our ha'wiltth for this house is Wiihiʔakčik (pronounced - we hay uk chick)(Christopher Williams). My father is late William (Bill) MacDonald who was born in Port Alberni and brought up in Coombs, where my two sisters and I were raised in the Whiskey Creek/Coombs area.

My late grandfather is Andrew Clappis (House of Kuuksw'iis – area: Sarita), our Ha'wiltth to our house is Ciicaacistuł (see cha chish tooth) (Andy Clappis). I have two career-driven older sisters: Cheryl currently works for Huu-ay-aht as the Assistant to the Economic Development Officer and Valerie has her own business, Alberni Colour Corner and is on the Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Board.

I currently reside between Port Alberni and Anacla. My son Tristan will be graduating this June 2019, he will also be 18. Tristan is already signed up to start college in September and will be studying for a future in Natural Resources. He has worked for HFN, Meridian and LGL Limited.

My partner of 9 years (as of June 2019) Nathan is an amazing red seal electrician and father figure to Tristan. He is very familiar with our West Coast area as his parents ran a kayak lodge (Sechart) and his sister Lisa currently resides in the Bamfield area. He has supported me through all my first responders and paramedics training and my transition from one job to my current position with Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

Words to live by:

ʔiisaak (greater respect), ʔuuʔałuk (taking care of..), Hišuk ma č'awak (everything is one)

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